



# 2015 Vancouver Summer Program



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# An Introduction to the VSP

The **Vancouver Summer Program (VSP)** is a four week academic program offered by various Faculties at the University of British Columbia, Canada for cohorts of students from partner universities

The program provides the opportunity to take two academic courses while learning about Canadian practices and culture



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# VSP Program Benefits

**Study** at a world-renowned university

**Meet** students from other universities and Canadian students through socio-cultural activities

**Improve** your English skills

**Learn** about Canadian culture and society



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# About Vancouver

Vancouver is located in the southwest corner of British Columbia – one of Canada's 10 provinces and 3 territories

40 minutes away from the United States border

Population 2.1 million



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# About Vancouver

Consistently rated as one of the best places to live in the world in terms of quality of life, opportunities, cultural diversity, political stability, and a healthy environment

Host to the 2010 Winter Olympics



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# University of British Columbia

Canada's education ranks amongst  
the best in the world

UBC is Canada's third largest  
university and a leader in research

18 faculties and 13 schools offer a  
wide range of study options



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# UBC at a Glance

**58,284** students (Vancouver: 49,896; Okanagan: 8,388)

**10,181** international students from 149 countries

**12,010** degrees granted in 2013

**300,000** alumni in 120 countries

**15,171** faculty and staff

**\$2 billion** annual operating budget

**\$564 million** per year in research funding for 8,442 projects

**158** companies spun off from UBC research

**\$12.7 billion** in economic impact

**7** Nobel prize winners among current or former faculty and alumni

**31<sup>st</sup>** in Times Higher Education world rankings (2013)

[www.ubc.ca/facts](http://www.ubc.ca/facts)



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# UBC Campus

The UBC campus is a 20-minute drive from downtown Vancouver

The 1000-acre campus is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean with snow-capped mountains in the distance



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# VSP Course Packages

There are two courses in each package

Each course is about 39 hours of class time

Classes are interactive and often include group work and discussions

Evaluation may include assignments, group projects, papers, exams, and participation marks

Courses do not receive UBC credit but credit may be granted by the student's home university (at its discretion)



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# VSP Program Packages

## *July 18 to August 18, 2015*

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# Sample VSP Schedule

Sample 2015 VSP Class and Social Schedule									
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
						Jul-18	Jul-19		
						Airport Pickup* Check-in	City Tour		
	Jul-20	Jul-21	Jul-22	Jul-23	Jul-24	Jul-25	Jul-26		
9:00 - 12:00	UBC Welcome, Faculty Orientation and Campus Tour	Class A	Class A	Class A	Intercultural Communication Class	Whistler or Victoria Day Trip (optional)			
13:30 - 16:30		Class B	Class B	Class B					
Evening					*Granville Island + Market				
	Jul-27	Jul-28	Jul-29	Jul-30	Jul-31	Aug-01	Aug-02		
9:00 - 12:00	Class A	Class A	Class A	Class A		Grouse Mountain (optional)			
13:30 - 16:30	Class B	Class B	Class B	Class B					
Evening		*Vancouver Art Gallery			*Richmond Night Market				
	Aug-03	Aug-04	Aug-05	Aug-06	Aug-07	Aug-08	Aug-09		
9:00 - 12:00	BC Day Statutory Holiday	Class A	Class A	Class A		Whistler or Victoria Day Trip (optional)			
13:30 - 16:30		Class B	Class B	Class B					
Evening		*Museum of Anthropology	Mini Grad Fair (17:00-19:00)						
	Aug-10	Aug-11	Aug-12	Aug-13	Aug-14	Aug-15	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-18
9:00 - 12:00	Class A	Class A	Class A FINAL EXAM	Class B FINAL EXAM					Check-out 11:00 Airport Drop Off*
13:30 - 16:30	Class B	Class B		Farewell Luncheon (12:00-14:00)					
Evening									

Legend
Free
Under \$10
\$50+

Note: Schedules for each of the individual packages will be finalized closer to the program dates.

\*Activities listed are examples only. Actual activities will vary by package.

\*Individuals arriving outside of group flights and regular hours will be expected to make their own way to UBC campus.



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# VSP Accommodation

Accommodation on campus

Easy access to classrooms, recreation and campus amenities

Free Wifi in lobby; wired high speed Internet in guest rooms

Laundry on site



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Shared apartments (4 to 6 bedrooms)



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# VSP Program Fee

The packaged fee per student for the 2015 program is \$4200 CAD and it includes:

Medical insurance

Group airport transfer and city tour

Shared accommodation for 31 nights

Orientation and farewell events

Course materials

Social activities

(optional trips may require an additional fee)



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