



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

31st in Times Higher Education world rankings (2013)

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								
	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
9:00 - 12:00	Class A	Class A	Class A FINAL EXAM	Class B FINAL EXAM				
13:30 - 16:30	Class B	Class B		Farewell Luncheon (12:00-14:00)				
Evening								
								Aug-18
								Check-out 11:00 Airport Drop Off*

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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