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# Hay Ch Qa' Sii'em Siye'yu Mukw Mustimuxw

We acknowledge and thank the Snuneymuxw, Tla'Amin, Snaw-naw-as and the Quw'utsun' First Nations where VIU campuses are located for allowing us to share educational experiences on their traditional territories. We also acknowledge the three language groups on Vancouver Island: Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth and Kwakwak'wakw, and their respective communities, as well as Métis Nations and Aboriginal organizations on Vancouver Island.

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## Get ready for university

Going to university is a big step in life. It takes time, money and a lot of effort to get through. You might wonder where it's going to lead or what you'll get out of it. That's normal.

At VIU, we work hard to create a learning environment that empowers you to get the most out of your education. Our goal is to set you up for success.

Find a path to a future career or further studies. Learn and practice skills that will last a lifetime and transfer to a career. Develop your passion and interests into great future opportunities. Even if where you're going isn't 100% clear right now, it's still worth it.

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# VIU quick facts

## Our core values

Understanding

Connection

Commitment



**120+** programs

**273**

student work-op  
positions on campus

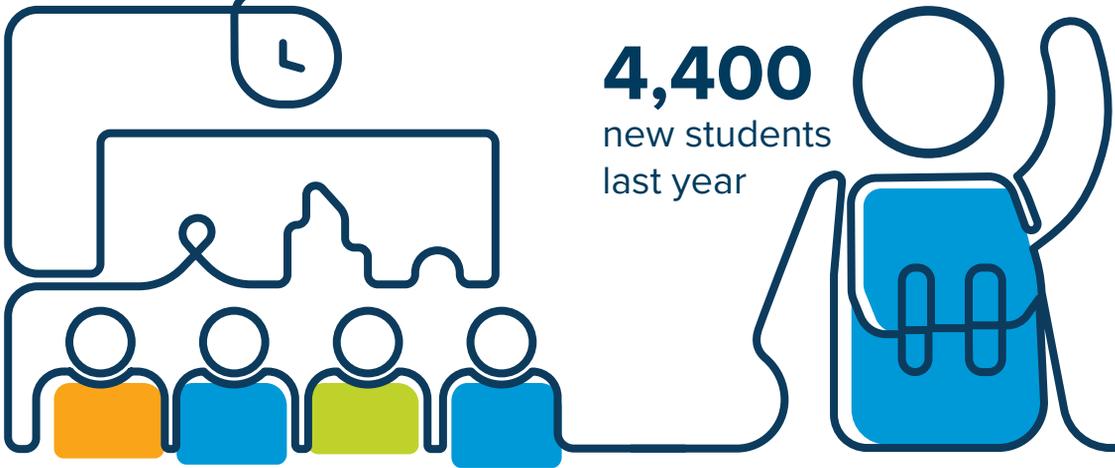
**\$4.3 Million**

in scholarships,  
awards and  
bursaries

**13,600**  
student population



**4,400**  
new students  
last year



Standard class size  
is under **35** students

**92**

acres  
on Nanaimo campus



**500**  
students live on campus



## Marissa Wright-LaGreca

“During my undergraduate degree, I have found it enormously beneficial to reach out to professors and get involved in student research. The great part about VIU is that it is small enough to get direct contact with professors and large enough that there are many opportunities available. With the various funding opportunities for undergraduate students, I think it is advantageous to participate in scientific research, even if you do not necessarily wish to pursue scientific research as a long-term career.”

**Marissa is in her final year of the Bachelor of Science, Major in Biology program at VIU.**

# Getting good grades in high school?

Working hard in high school, and getting good grades? Want to be rewarded for your efforts? You may qualify as an Incoming Outstanding Student (IOS). Under IOS, you can get guaranteed access to some first-year courses. You also get a \$200 tuition credit!

**How do I qualify?** Get three A's and one B (or better) in the required Grade 11 classes and submit your application.

**What programs are included?** Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science and Exploratory Studies.

**When do I apply for IOS status?** Submit your application to the Registration Centre by March 31, 2022.

Learn more at [viu.ca/outstanding](https://viu.ca/outstanding)

## Not sure what to study? Some tips to get started

It's okay if you're not sure what to study at university. You have to start somewhere, so now is the time to begin exploring what you think you'd like to do, what field of study ignites your curiosity, and what interests might lead from your university studies through to a great career.

**You can choose a field of study based on your...**

Interests – What do you enjoy doing?

Values – What do you believe in? (Hint: This one taps into what you really care about)

Passions – These are your interests, only stronger! What are yours?

Abilities – What are you able to do? (Don't worry if you're not an expert at it!)

**Talk to a Recruitment Officer**

VIU Recruitment Officers are here to answer your questions and help you narrow your interests to a program that feels like a fit. They're approachable and super helpful at guiding you through the application process.

[viu.ca/contact-us](https://viu.ca/contact-us)

[connect@viu.ca](mailto:connect@viu.ca)

250.740.6672

# Academic and Career Preparation

Programs	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Adult Basic Education	NA CC PR PG	Open	Various prerequisite courses are offered. Call 250.740.6425 for information. <a href="http://viu.ca/acp">viu.ca/acp</a> .
Cooperative Entrepreneur Training Program 1-year Certificate	NA	Limited	Completion of Employment Preparation Program or 1 year of work and/or volunteer experience. Interview.
English as a Second Language 6.5-week and 13-week programs	NA	Open	Continuous intake.
Workplace Essential Skills and Training Program 2-year program	NA CC	Limited	Continuous intake. Call 250.740.6417 for information.
Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language 5-week (full-time) or 3-month (part-time) Certificate	NA	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Bachelor's degree. IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 80 or equivalent for non-native speakers.

# Art, Design and Performing Arts

Programs	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Graphic Design 4-year Degree	NA	Limited	Letter of intent, résumé, references, portfolio.
Interior Design 4-year Degree	NA	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C in one of: Pre-calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11. Letter of intent, portfolio, résumé, interview.
Technical Theatre 2-year Diploma	NA	Limited	Interview.
Theatre 2-year Diploma	NA	Limited	Interview.
Visual Art 2-year Diploma 4-year Degree	NA	Open	Letter of intent, portfolio, interview.



Visit the Areas of Study website for further information.

**General admission requirements:** High school graduation with a min. C in English 12. Any additional requirements are listed with the program.

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# Business

Bachelor of Business Administration 4-year Degree		
Majors	Entry	Additional Details
Accounting	Open	Program meets educational requirements for Chartered Professional Accountant certification. Additional testing and work experience may be required.
Economics	Open	
Financial Services	Open	Program meets educational requirements for Chartered Financial Planner certification. Additional testing and work experience may be required.
Human Resources Management	Open	Program meets educational requirements for Chartered Professional in Human Resources certification. Additional testing and work experience may be required.
International Business	Open	
Management	Open	
Marketing	Open	
BBA Minor options: Marketing, Human Resources Management, International Business, and Management		

Programs	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Office Administration 10-month Certificate		Limited	<b>Areas of study:</b> Accounting Assistant, Administrative Assistant, Legal Administrative Assistant. <b>Admissions:</b> Min. C in Mathematics 10 or Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics 10. <i>Assessment test available if minimum grade prerequisites not met for Math or English.</i>
Business Administration 2-year Diploma		Open	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C in one of: Pre-calculus 12 or Foundations of Math 12.
Business Management 1-year Certificate		Open	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C+ in one of: Pre-calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11. Min. C in Math 12 recommended.
Event Management 1-year Certificate		Limited	



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# Education

Programs	Locations	Entry	Additional details
<b>Education</b> 5-year Degree		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C in Pre-calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 11; or a pass in Pre-Calculus or Foundations of Mathematics 12.  Entry available for year 3. <i>Completion of a CASPer test.</i>
<b>Education</b> 18-month post baccalaureate Degree <i>Elementary and Secondary options</i>		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Undergraduate degree, see program website for more details, <a href="http://viu.ca/programs/education/bachelor-education-post-baccalaureate">viu.ca/programs/education/bachelor-education-post-baccalaureate</a>  <i>Completion of a CASPer test.</i>
<b>Kinesiology</b> 4-year Degree		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Foundations of Math 11 or Pre-Calculus 11 and a min. C+ in English 12 and Anatomy and Physiology 12 or equivalent.  <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>

# Exploratory University Studies

Programs	Locations	Entry	Additional details
<b>Exploratory University Studies</b>		Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>

# Health

Programs	Locations	Entry	Additional details
<b>Dental Assistant</b> 10-month Certificate		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C in Anatomy and Physiology 12  <i>Good health, 20/20 vision or 20/20 vision with correction required.</i>
<b>Dental Hygiene</b> 2-year Diploma		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Post-secondary coursework equivalent to 34 credits of: VIU English Degree Requirements, BIOL 156/157, CHEM 140/141 or CHEM 140/142, PSYC 111/112 or PSYC 121/122 or PSYC 131/132, MATH 211 or MATH 161; and any 100 or 200 level post-secondary academic course. Post-secondary course work may have additional prerequisites including Life Sciences 11, Anatomy and Physiology 12, Chemistry 11/12 and Math 11/12.  <i>Personal profile.</i>
<b>Health Care Assistant</b> 24-week Certificate		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Completion of English 12.  <i>Personal profile, interview, BC Care Aide &amp; Community Health Worker Registry's minimum English language competency requirement, English competency self-declaration form.</i>
<b>Hospital Unit Coordinator</b> 8-month part-time Certificate		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Grade 12 or assessment in Hospital Unit Coordinator Math and English, OSME 002: Medical Terminology and Anatomy and Physiology completed within the last 5 years, Introduction to Computers or equivalent completed within the last 2 years.  <i>Typing speed of 50 CWPM or greater.</i>

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<b>Medical Device Reprocessing Technician</b> 18-week Certificate		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Completion of Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology (OSME 002), and Interpersonal Skills for Health Care Workers (HHIP 001).
<b>Nursing</b> 4-year Degree		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C+ in Chemistry 11, Anatomy and Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 12, and English 12. <i>Completion of CASPer test.</i>
<b>Practical Nursing</b> 2-year Diploma	 	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C+ in English 12 or min. B+ in Technical Professional Communications 12, min. C in Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11, min. C in Anatomy and Physiology 12, min. C+ in Human Anatomy and Physiology for Practical Nurses (HHPN 001).

## Human Services

Programs	Locations	Entry	Additional details
<b>Child and Youth Care</b> 4-year Degree		Limited	<i>Personal profile. Résumé. References.</i>
<b>Community Mental Health Worker</b> 26-week Certificate		Limited	
<b>Education Assistant and Community Support</b> 8-month Certificate	 	Limited	<i>Résumé. References. Interview.</i>
<b>Early Childhood Education and Care</b> 2-year Diploma		Limited	<i>60 hours of volunteer experience in a licensed childcare facility. Résumé. References. Interview.</i>
<b>Social Services</b> 2-year Diploma		Limited	<i>Volunteer or paid experience in the human services field. Résumé. References. Interview. Personal Profile.</i>
<b>Social Work</b> 4-year Degree (entry in year 3 only)		Limited	<b>Admissions: Entry in year 3:</b> 60 credits of post-secondary courses including: Min. C+ VIU Degree English requirements, min. B- in SOCW 200A and SOCW 200B, and a min. C+ average across 24 credits of Arts and Humanities and/or Social Science courses and 24 credits of other post-secondary courses not including Social Work courses. <i>Personal profile and résumé. Evidence of 100 hours of work experience (paid or volunteer) in a community or clinical setting.</i>



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# Humanities and Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts 4-year Degree		NA CC PR	High school graduation with a minimum C in English 12. Any additional requirements are listed with each program.
Majors	Entry	Additional Details	
Anthropology	Open	<b>Honours program option available.</b> <b>Areas of study:</b> Social Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, Archaeology.	
Creative Writing and Journalism	Open	<b>Areas of study:</b> Non-Fiction, Poetry, Fiction, Publishing, Drama, Journalism.	
Digital Media Studies	Open		
Economics	Open	<i>Requirements differ depending on whether this program is taken as a BA or a BBA.</i>	
English	Open	<b>Honours program option available.</b> <b>Areas of study:</b> Literature and Culture, Literature and Criticism, Literature and Traditions.	
Geography	Open	<b>Honours program option available.</b> <b>Areas of study:</b> Sustainable Resource Management, Urban and Social Sustainability. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>	
Global Studies	Open	<b>Areas of study:</b> Human Security and Global Governance, Human Development, Environment, Sustainable Development and Resource Management, International Economic Relations.	
History	Open	<b>Honours program option available.</b>	
Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies	Open		
Liberal Studies	Open		
Mathematics	Open	<i>Requirements differ depending on whether this program is taken as a BA or a BSc.</i>	
Philosophy	Open	<b>Honours program option available.</b>	
Political Studies	Open	<b>Areas of study:</b> International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Canadian Politics.	
Psychology	Open	<b>Honours program option available.</b> <b>Areas of study:</b> Biological Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Clinical and Health Psychology, Social and Developmental Psychology.	
Sociology	Open	<b>Honours program option available.</b>	
Studies in Women and Gender	Open		
<b>BA Minor options:</b> Anthropology, Business, Creative Writing, Journalism, Criminology, Digital Media, Economics, English, Geography, Global Studies, History, Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies, Kinesiology, Languages and Culture, Liberal Studies, Mathematics, Media Studies, Philosophy, Political Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Studies in Women in Gender, Visual Art.			

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<b>Addiction Studies</b> 1-year Certificate	NA	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
<b>Criminology</b> 4-year Degree	NA	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C in Foundations of Math 11 or Pre-Calculus 11.
<b>Legal Studies</b> 1-year Certificate	NA	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
<b>Proficiency in Language and Culture</b> 2-year part-time Certificate	NA	Open	

## Indigenous Studies

Programs	Locations	Entry	Additional details
<b>Aboriginal University Bridging Program</b> 1-year Certificate	NA CC	Open	<i>Aboriginal Status. Some courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
<b>Arts One</b> 1-year Certificate	NA CC	Open	
<b>First Nations Housing Manager</b> 12-week Certificate	CC	Open	<i>Physically fit and in good health; free of vision, hearing or respiratory ailments. Valid driver's license.</i>
<b>Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies</b> 4-year Degree	NA	Open	This program in a major/minor option within the Bachelor of Arts. <i>Résumé. References. Interview.</i>
<b>Professional Indigenous Lands Management</b> 8-month Certificate	NA	Limited	



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# Science and Technology

Bachelor of Science 4-year Degree		NA CC PR	High school graduation with a min. C in English 12 and min. B in Pre-Calculus 12. Any additional requirements are listed with each program.
Majors	Entry	Additional Details	
Biology	Open	<b>Honours program option available.</b> <b>Note:</b> To satisfy all first year course prerequisites, students must have a minimum grade of C+ in each of Life Sciences 11, Anatomy and Physiology 12, Chemistry 11 and 12, and Physics 11 (Principles of Physics 11). <b>Areas of study:</b> Microbiology, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecology.	
Chemistry	Open	<b>Note:</b> To satisfy all first year course prerequisites, students must complete a minimum grade of C+ in each of Chemistry 11 and 12, and Physics 12. <b>Areas of study:</b> Environmental Chemistry, Biological Chemistry.	
Earth Science	Open		
Geoscience	Open	<b>Note:</b> To satisfy all first year course prerequisites, students must complete a minimum C+ grade in Chemistry 12. <b>Areas of study:</b> Environmental Geoscience.	
Mathematics	Open		
Psychology	Open	<b>Honours program option available.</b> <b>Note:</b> To satisfy all first year course prerequisites, students must complete a minimum grade of C+ in each of Life Sciences 11, Anatomy and Physiology 12, Chemistry 11 and 12, and Physics 11.	
<b>BSc Minor options:</b> Aquaculture, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Science, Geography, Mathematics, and Psychology.			

Programs	Locations	Entry	Additional details
<b>Computer Science</b> 2-year Diploma 4-year Degree	NA	Limited	<b>Honours program option available.</b> <b>Admissions:</b> Min. B in Pre-Calculus 12. <i>Requirements differ dependent on whether you are applying for the Diploma or Degree program.</i>
<b>Engineering Transfer</b> 1-year Certificate 2-year Diploma	NA	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C+ in English 12. Min. C+ in Principles of Physics 12 and Principles of Chemistry 12. Min. B in Pre-Calculus 12. <i>Students interested in the certificate must apply to the Engineering Transfer Diploma.</i>
<b>Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology</b> 2-year Diploma	NA	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Life Sciences 11 min. C. Min. C in one of Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11.
<b>Forest Resources Technology</b> 2-year Diploma	NA	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C+ in one Science 11. Min. C in Pre-Calculus 11 or min. C+ in Foundations of Math 11.

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<b>Integrated Engineering Technologist</b> 28-month Diploma		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C+ in English 12. Physic 12 and Chemistry 12. Min. B in Pre-Calculus 12. <i>Letter of intent. Interview.</i>
<b>Natural Resource Protection</b> 4-year Degree (entry in year 3 only)		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Completion of RMOT Diploma or equivalent with a min. C+ (2.33 GPA) average.
<b>Resource Management Officer Technology (RMOT)</b> 2-year Diploma		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C Life Sciences 11. Min. C in Foundations of Mathematics 11 or Pre-Calculus 11. <i>Personal profile. References. Interview may be required.</i>

## Tourism, Recreation and Hospitality

Programs	Locations	Entry	Additional details
<b>Hospitality Management</b> 4-year Degree		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min C+ in English 12 and min. C+ in one of Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11.
<b>Culinary Arts Bridging</b> 1-semester bridging program		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Culinary Arts Diploma with English 115 or equivalent. <i>Letter of support from instructor.</i>
<b>Recreation and Sport Management</b> 2-year Diploma		Limited	<i>Compulsory orientation in early Fall semester.</i>
<b>Tourism Studies</b> 2-year Diploma		Limited	<i>Compulsory orientation in early Fall semester.</i>
<b>Tourism Management</b> 4-year Degree		Limited	Entry available for year 1 and year 3. <b>Admissions: Entry at Year 3:</b> Diploma in Recreation and Sports Management, Tourism Management or Hospitality Management or by permission.
<b>Wine Business</b> 1-year Certificate		Limited	<i>Min. 19 years of age.</i>

## Trades - Industrial

Many Trades programs offer apprenticeships, visit [viu.ca/apprentice](http://viu.ca/apprentice) for more information.

Programs	Locations	Entry	Additional details
<b>Automotive Service Technician</b> 10-month Certificate	 	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Grade 12 or assessment test. <i>Valid BC driver's license.</i>
<b>Carpentry</b> 8-month Certificate	  	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Grade 12 or assessment test. <i>Personal profile. Interview may be required. Physically fit. Good hand/eye coordination. Good health; free of vision, hearing or respiratory ailments.</i>

**General Trades admission requirements:** High school graduation or 19 years of age. Any additional requirements are listed with the program.

 Nanaimo    Cowichan    Powell River    Parksville Qualicum

 Outlined icon – Some courses for program available at this location    Solid icon – All courses for program available at location

<b>Electrician</b> 24-week Certificate		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C in English 11 or Technical and Professional Communications 12. Min. C in one of Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11. Assessment test. <i>Valid BC driver's license.</i>
<b>Fundamentals of Forest Harvesting Practices</b> 12-week Certificate	Other	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> 19 years of age. Assessment test. <i>Personal profile, résumé, class 7N driver's license (class 5 preferred), Interview,</i>
<b>Heavy Equipment Operator</b> 17-week Certificate		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. 18 years of age. <i>Exceptions may be allowed. Valid BC Class 5 driver's license. Additional endorsements may be required. Physically fit. Résumé. Letter of intent. References may be required. Interview may be required. Mathematics, reading, or trades aptitude test may be required. Good health; free of vision, hearing or respiratory ailments.</i>
<b>Heavy Mechanical Trades Foundation</b> 10-month Certificate		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Assessment test. <i>Valid BC driver's license. Personal profile. Good health.</i>
<b>Motorcycle Mechanic and Marine Technician</b> 9-month Certificate		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Grade 12 or assessment test. <i>Good health. Interview may be required.</i>
<b>Power Engineering/ Process Operator – 4<sup>th</sup> Class</b> 32-week Certificate		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> English 12. Min C+ in Foundations of Math 11 or Pre-Calculus 11. Physics 11. Assessment test. <i>Personal profile. Interview may be required.</i>
<b>Refrigeration Air Conditioning Mechanic</b> 8.5-month Certificate		Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Assessment test. <i>Physically fit. Good hand-eye coordination. Personal profile.</i>
<b>Welding</b> 7-month Welder Foundation 3-month Welder Fitter Certificate	 	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Assessment test. <i>Adequate vision and free from respiratory ailments. Physically fit.</i>

## Trades - Service

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Programs	Locations	Entry	Additional details
<b>Baking and Pastry Arts Management</b> 2-year Diploma		Limited	Entry available for year 1 and year 2. <b>Admissions: Entry at Year 1:</b> Min. C+ in one of Foundations of Mathematics 10, Pre-Calculus 10 or Workplace Mathematics 10. <b>Entry at Year 2:</b> VIU Baking and Pastry Arts Certificate or equivalent <i>Successful completion of assessment testing. Foodsafe level 1. Interview. Personal profile.</i>
<b>Culinary Arts</b> 1-year Certificate	  	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Foodsafe Level 1. <i>Interview may be required.</i>

**General trades admission requirements:** High school graduation or 19 years of age. Any additional requirements are listed with the program.

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<b>Culinary Management</b> 2-year Diploma	NA	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C+ in English 12. Foodsafe Level 1. Min. C+ in any Math 10. <i>Interview.</i>
<b>Hairstylist Foundation</b> 43-week Certificate	NA CG PR	Limited	<i>Personal profile.</i>
<b>Horticulture Technician Foundation</b> 9-month Certificate	NA	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Min. C in English 12 and one of: Pre-Calculus 11, Foundations of Math 11, Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 11 or assessment test. <i>Fitness required for physical aspects of program and industry. Letter of intent. Interview.</i>
<b>Information Technology and Applied Systems – Systems Administration and Networking</b> 2-year Diploma	NA	Limited	<i>Letter of intent. Interview.</i>
<b>Information Technology and Applied Systems – Web and Mobile Development</b> 2-year Diploma	NA	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Completion of Foundations of Math 11. <i>Letter of intent. Interview.</i>
<b>Professional Baking and Pastry Arts</b> 10-month Certificate	NA	Limited	<b>Admissions:</b> Foodsafe Level 1. Assessment test. <i>Personal profile. Ability to stand for 4 hours at a time. Ability to lift 20 kg/44 lbs. Interview may be required.</i>
<b>Esthetics and Spa Therapy</b> 8-month Certificate	PQ	Limited	<i>Personal profile. Interview may be required.</i>

## Admissions information

Specific admission requirements for each program are listed at [viu.ca/programs](http://viu.ca/programs)

### General admission requirements for university academic programs

- Graduation from a BC secondary school or equivalent, with a min. C grade in either English 12 or English 12 First Peoples.

**Note:** Equivalencies for English 12 or English 12 First Peoples are available through VIU's Adult Basic Education department or English Language Centre. Assessment testing opportunities are available.

### General admission requirements for Trades Programs

- Graduation from a BC secondary school or equivalent **OR** 19 years of age or turning 19 during the first two months of the program.

### Transfer students

Students with completed post-secondary courses from other institutions may be eligible to receive transfer credits. Identify all previous education when you apply by submitting current official transcripts from all previous institutions attended. You may be required to submit course outlines/syllabi for assessment. Transcripts will be evaluated once official documents have been received.

### International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement Program

VIU recognizes the International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) programs. IB or AP students may receive up to 30 university credits. Minimum grades and IB or AP official grade statements are required. See [viu.ca/equivalencies](http://viu.ca/equivalencies).

# Provincial course equivalencies

BC & Yukon	Alberta, NWT & Nunavut	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Ontario
English 12 <b>or</b> English 12 First Peoples	ELA 30-1	ELA A30 <b>and</b> B30 (Combined)	One of ELA 40S courses	English ENG4U
Pre-Calculus 12	Math 30-1	Pre-Calculus 30S	Pre-Calculus Math 40S	MHF4U (Advanced Functions)
Pre-Calculus Math 11	Math 20-1	Pre-Calculus 20S	Pre-Calculus Math 30S	MCR3U (Functions) <b>or</b> MCF3M (Functions & Applications)
Foundations of Math 12	Math 30-2	Foundations of Math 30	Applied Math 40S	MDM4U (Math of Data Management) <b>or</b> MCT4C (Math for College Technology) <b>or</b> MAP4C (Foundation for College Math)
Foundations of Math 11	Math 20-2	Foundations of Math 20	Applied Math 30S	MBF3C (Foundations for College Math)
Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 12	Math 30-3	Workplace and Apprenticeship Math 30	Consumer Math 40S	MEL4E (Math for Work & Everyday Life)
Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 11	Math 20-3	Workplace and Apprenticeship Math 20	Consumer Math 30S	MEL3E (Math for Work & Everyday Life)
Anatomy and Physiology 12	Biology 30	Biology 30 <b>or</b> 30 (Core)	Biology 40S	Biology SBI4U
Life Sciences 11	Biology 20	Biology 20 <b>or</b> 20 (Core)	Biology 30S	Biology SBI3U
Chemistry 12	Chemistry 30	Chemistry 30 <b>or</b> 30 (Core)	Chemistry 40S	Chemistry SCH4U
Chemistry 11	Chemistry 20	Chemistry 20 <b>or</b> 20 (Core)	Chemistry 30S	Chemistry SCH3U
Physics 12	Physics 30	Physics 30	Physics 40S	Physics SPH4U
Physics 11	Physics 20	Physics 20	Physics 30S	Physics SPH3U

## Grade letter equivalencies

Location	A	B	C+	C	C-	F
BC / YT	86–100	73–85	67–72	60–66	50–59	< 50
AB/NT	80–100	70–79	65–69	50–64		< 50
MB	80–100	70–79	65–69	56–64	50–55	< 50
QC	85–100	75–84	70–74	65–69	60–64	< 60
All others	80–100	70–79	65–69	60–64	50–59	< 50

## IP/AB equivalencies

Letter Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C-	F
IB Points	7	6	5	4	-	3	2	1
AP Grades	5	4	-	-	3	2	-	-



Visit the VIU Provincial Equivalencies website for further information.

# Student support

## Academic supports

University studies can be challenging, and you won't be alone if you find yourself struggling academically. Reach out if you need help and advice, or seek various services or supports that will get you back on track.

### Educational Advising

#### **Nanaimo**

[viu.ca/advising](http://viu.ca/advising) | 250.746.6410

#### **Cowichan**

[cc.viu.ca/student-services](http://cc.viu.ca/student-services) | 250.746.3509

#### **Powell River**

[pr.viu.ca/advising](http://pr.viu.ca/advising) | 604.485.2878

### Assessment and Exam Invigilation Services

[viu.ca/assessments](http://viu.ca/assessments) | 250.740.6276

### Accessibility Services

Support and accommodation for students with documented disabilities

[viu.ca/accessibility-services](http://viu.ca/accessibility-services) | 250.740.6446

### The Library

[viu.ca/library](http://viu.ca/library)

### The Writing Centre

[viu.ca/writing-centre](http://viu.ca/writing-centre)

### Math Learning Centre

[viu.ca/math-centre](http://viu.ca/math-centre)

### Learning Matters

[viu.ca/learning-matters](http://viu.ca/learning-matters)

### Student Affairs

Additional resources available to students can be found at [viu.ca/student-affairs](http://viu.ca/student-affairs)

## Stay healthy and active

### Student Health Clinic

[viu.ca/health](http://viu.ca/health)

### Thrive

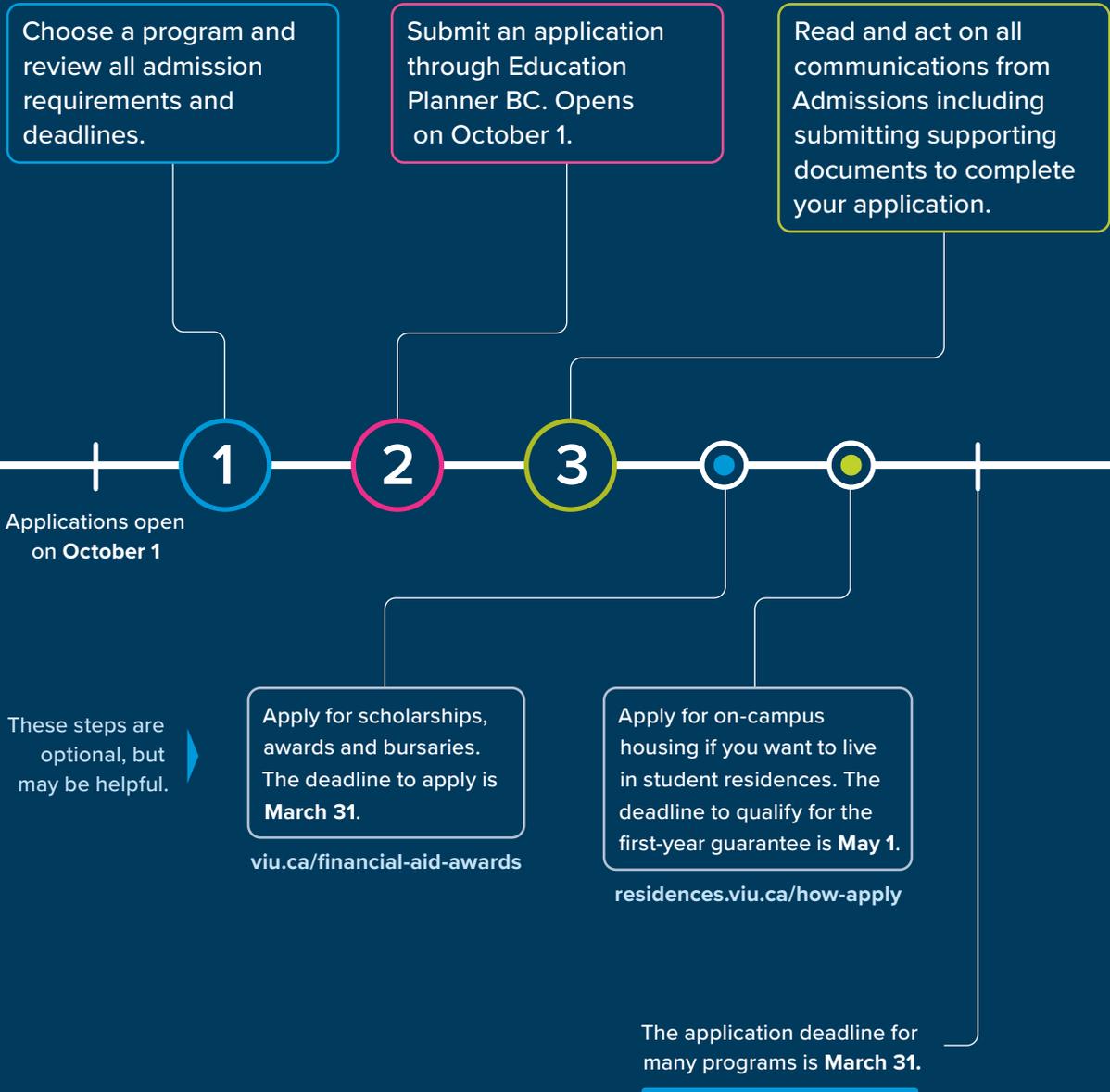
[viu.ca/health-and-wellness/thrive](http://viu.ca/health-and-wellness/thrive)

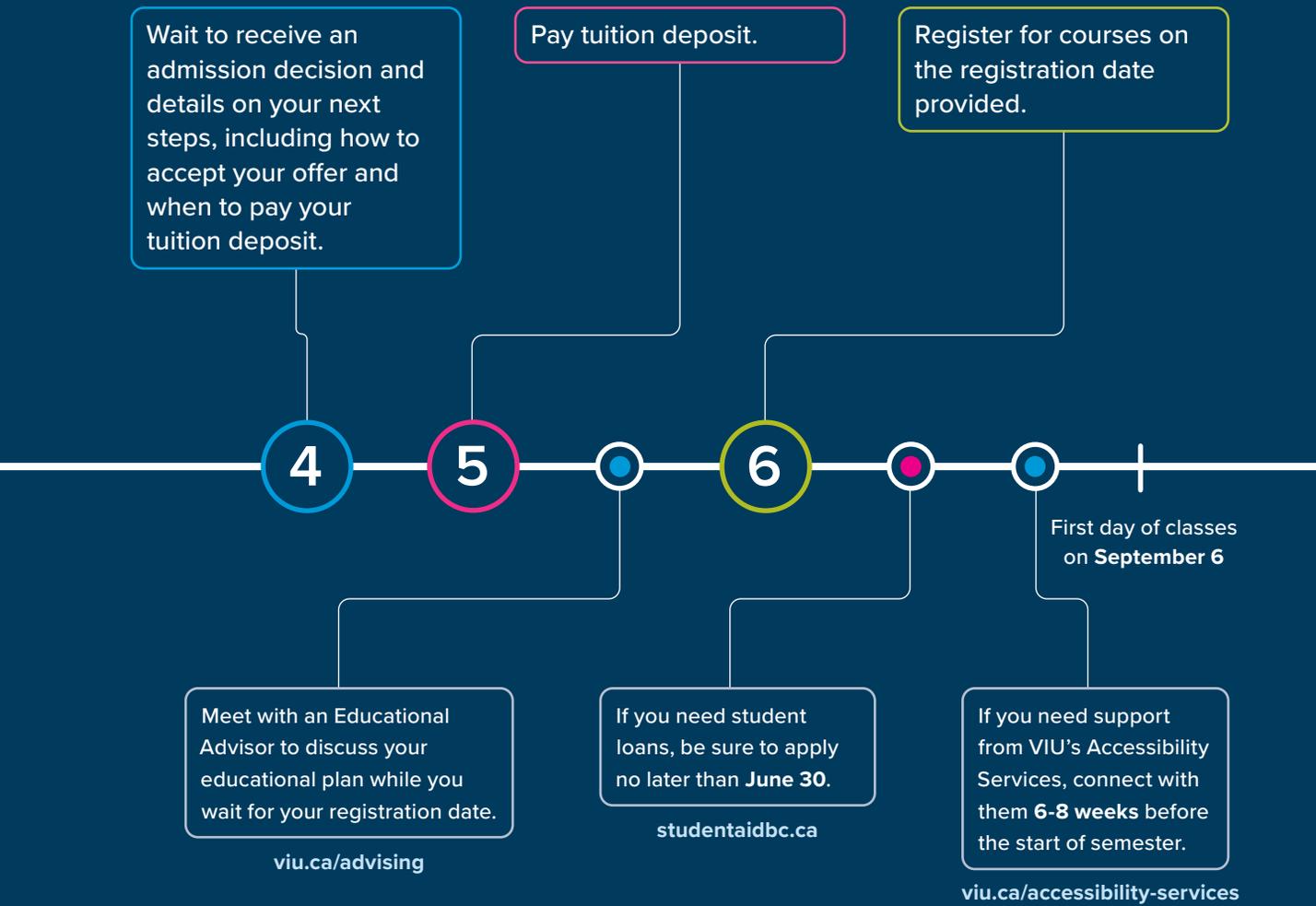
### Counselling services

[viu.ca/counselling](http://viu.ca/counselling)



# The steps to becoming a student





# Example first year budget

## Expenses

Tuition	
BA tuition	\$4,704
BA total fees*	\$5,264
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Carpentry tuition	\$3,736
Carpentry total fees*	\$6,289
Other expenses to consider	
Housing (on-campus)	\$4,400 to \$8,000
Books & supplies	\$1,500
Transportation	\$750
Food	Varies

\*Total fees include tuition along with the Student Activity, Student Services, Students' Union and Health Insurance fees.



More information about Residences fees is available on the Residences website.

# The dollars and sense of university

## How to pay for your studies

There is a lot of evidence that university studies are worth your investment – from the higher earnings graduates can make over their lifetime, to the increased career options that open up to you.

There are also a lot of options available to help you pay for university, and we have plenty of tips and support to help you manage your expenses and reduce costs.

### There are many options that can help you pay for university studies

- Apply for student loans
- Apply for VIU scholarships, awards and bursaries
- Apply for external awards
- Work part-time while studying and during breaks from school
- Stick to a budget
- Share accommodation and transportation
- Buy used text books or look into renting them from the Campus Store
- Get free tuition if you are a student who has aged out of care
- Live in Student Housing at a reasonable rate

## Scholarships, awards and bursaries

The Scholarship, Award and Bursary program provides financial assistance, incentives and rewards to eligible students to assist in their pursuit of post-secondary education.

Last year VIU awarded more than \$4.3 million with the average award size of about \$1,000.

Visit [services.viu.ca/financial-aid-awards](https://services.viu.ca/financial-aid-awards) for further information.



# Housing and campus food

Living on campus means you'll have a built-in group of people sharing the transition to university life. At VIU's student housing, you'll find friendly study communities and lots of fun and interesting activities planned by the ResLife team. If you need guidance or support, you can connect with the Community Leader for your area. This can make the transition to university life a lot easier.

## First Year Guarantee

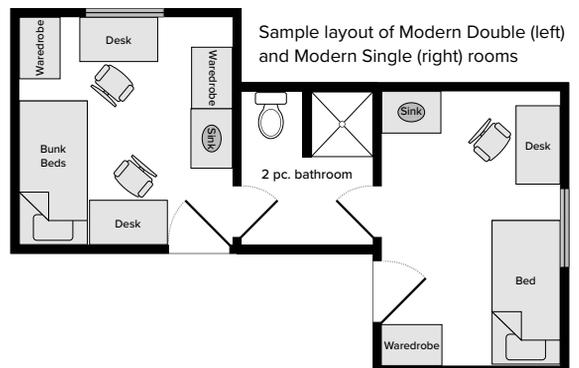
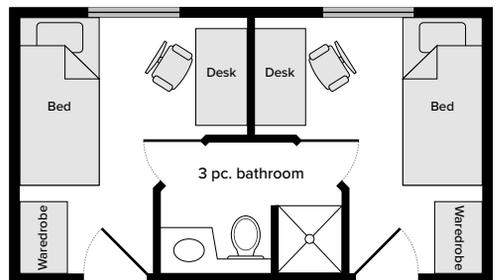
VIU guarantees a space in residence for all first-year students. Apply by May 1, 2022, to qualify for the first-year guarantee.

## Food on Campus

Dine at two cafeterias on campus with fast, convenient and flexible options. Meal plan options are available.

There's also a Grocery Shuttle — a free bus service to the supermarket twice per week for students living in student housing. A Starbucks, a Subway and the Student Pub can be found on the Nanaimo campus.

Sample layout of Traditional Single rooms



Visit the Residences website for further information.



# Welcome Indigenous students

Students and visitors at VIU campuses receive a warm welcome in the Hu'qumi'num language of this region's First Nations people: "Hay ch qa'sii'em siy'yu mukw mustimuxw — Thank you respected ones of this place."

VIU is situated on the traditional land of the Coast Salish peoples. It is a place where history and traditions are acknowledged, where contributions are valued and where success is celebrated.

[viu.ca/indigenous](https://viu.ca/indigenous)

## Elders-in-Residence

Elders are one of our most important resources. They provide counselling, support and guidance to all students at VIU and are involved in classroom instruction, teaching traditional protocols and language, and cross-cultural sharing.

## Services for Aboriginal Students (SAS)

SAS Educational Advisors provide culturally appropriate supports and are available to help you with career exploration, course planning and registration. They can assist you with finding and applying for appropriate funding, and can connect you with other resources at VIU and in the community.

[viu.ca/sas](https://viu.ca/sas)

## Shq'apthut — A Gathering Place

Shq'apthut is a beautiful space that Indigenous students often consider their home away from home. You can work in this space, grab a snack, connect with other students, attend cultural events, and seek supports from SAS Advisors, Indigenous Education Navigators and VIU Elders.

## Indigenous Education Navigators

Indigenous Educator Navigators are here to help with possible funding through the EleV Mastercard Scholarship Foundation, connect you to supports, help with course planning and provide advocacy and cultural connections. We also work with your Nation to build positive relationships that will help you find success in your educational journey.

# James Beardy

“Originally from Manitoba, I joined the ‘su’luqw’a’ Community Cousins Aboriginal student mentorship program to find friends and a family structure, but I got even more out of it than I thought. A key part of the program is sharing your story with others, and inspiring others to do the same. There was no way I could’ve stood up in front of a crowd of people and talk before I joined the program, but now I’m quite comfortable with public speaking. I’m also a little more comfortable about my past and who I am now. Joining campus life activities like the Cousins helps you get to know other people better and makes you feel more at home, so going to university is not so scary.”

**James is in his second year of the Resource Management Officer Technology diploma program at VIU.**

## ‘su’luqw’a’ Community Cousins

For further information about Community Cousins email [community.cousins@viu.ca](mailto:community.cousins@viu.ca) or visit [viu.ca/community-cousins](http://viu.ca/community-cousins)





# Student life

At VIU, we know that students participating in at least one extracurricular activity enjoy a more fulfilling university experience.

We encourage you to start out the year right, and join an activity, event or student life program that interests you. There is a lot going on both on and off-campus, like the VIU Games, intramurals, clubs, outdoor rec activities and more!

## **Co-Curricular Engagement and Learning**

The Office of Co-Curricular Engagement and Learning supports the VIU student experience by helping students build meaningful connections, develop leadership skills and achieve personal growth through activities and events on campus and within the community.

[viu.ca/office-co-curricular-engagement-and-learning](https://viu.ca/office-co-curricular-engagement-and-learning)

## **Athletics and Recreation**

[viu.ca/athletics-recreation](https://viu.ca/athletics-recreation)

Join one of 100+ VIUSU student clubs

[viusu.ca/clubs](https://viusu.ca/clubs)

# Learn beyond the classroom

Get started on the path to a future career! Most degree and trades programs offer practical experience in work settings through internships, field schools, co-ops and practicums — a great way to gain valuable work experience while at university. Plus, you can get involved in research activities with your professors and classmates, or travel and study abroad for life-changing learning experiences.

Study and gain experience in 25+ countries  
[viu.ca/education-abroad](https://viu.ca/education-abroad)

Gain work experience while you learn  
[viu.ca/cel](https://viu.ca/cel)

Get involved in student research  
[viu.ca/create](https://viu.ca/create)

## Sign on to the Co-Curricular Record

Many of these activities can qualify for credit on your Co-Curricular Record.

[viu.ca/co-curricular](https://viu.ca/co-curricular)



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# West Coast life

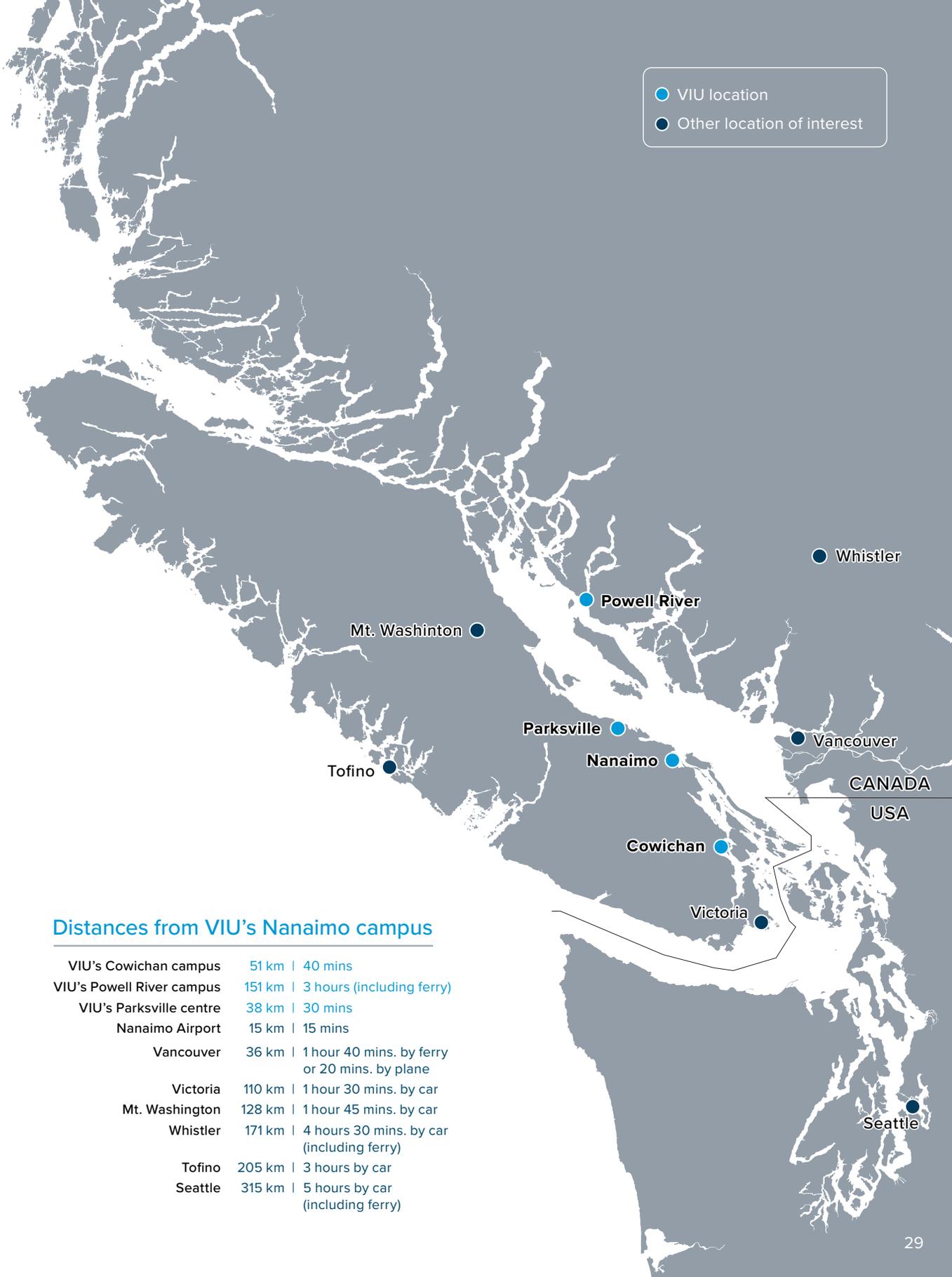
As a student living in one of the most beautiful places on Earth — Vancouver Island — your options for fun and adventure, recreation and culture are limited only by your imagination! Explore the Island and coast of BC with VIU as your home base. Get involved, get active and make new friends — these are ways to make the most of your experience at VIU. You'll find lots of activities to try in and out of your classes. Join clubs, attend campus events, and enjoy year-round fun and outdoor adventures like surfing, kayaking, rock climbing, hiking, beach trips, VIU Mariners games, performances and Indigenous cultural experiences. Explore the Island on your own or join one of the many activities offered through VIU's Outdoor Recreation department.

**Outdoor recreation, intramural sports, fitness classes and the gym**  
[viu.ca/campus-rec](http://viu.ca/campus-rec)

**Take part in campus events**  
[viu.ca/events-calendar](http://viu.ca/events-calendar)

**Join events organized by Cultural Connections**  
[world.viu.ca/cultural-connections](http://world.viu.ca/cultural-connections)

● VIU location  
 ● Other location of interest



### Distances from VIU's Nanaimo campus

VIU's Cowichan campus	51 km		40 mins
VIU's Powell River campus	151 km		3 hours (including ferry)
VIU's Parksville centre	38 km		30 mins
Nanaimo Airport	15 km		15 mins
Vancouver	36 km		1 hour 40 mins. by ferry or 20 mins. by plane
Victoria	110 km		1 hour 30 mins. by car
Mt. Washington	128 km		1 hour 45 mins. by car
Whistler	171 km		4 hours 30 mins. by car (including ferry)
Tofino	205 km		3 hours by car
Seattle	315 km		5 hours by car (including ferry)

**VIU**  
**MARINERS**



# Be a Mariner

Our Mariners varsity program has a tradition of excellence. Not just on the court, field or course, but in the classroom as well. Mariners teams won two Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) National Championships in 2019 (Women's Volleyball and Men's Basketball) and led the Pacific Western Athletic Association (PACWEST) with a record five team provincial championships.

Last year Mariners scholar-athletes led the PACWEST in CCAA Academic All-Canadians. With a strong focus on community, Mariners scholar-athletes are often seen coaching and participating in community events around Nanaimo. Success on the playing field, the classroom and in the community means excellence is a way of being for VIU Mariners.



## 2019-2020 CCAA Women's Volleyball National Champions!

Learn more at [viu.ca/mariners](http://viu.ca/mariners) or call 250.740.6413.

Varsity Teams	Coaches
Men's Basketball	Matt.Kuzminski@viu.ca
Women's Basketball	Tony.Bryce@viu.ca
Men's Soccer	Larry.Stefanek@viu.ca
Women's Soccer	Kevin.Lindo@viu.ca
Men's Volleyball	Abe.Avender@viu.ca
Women's Volleyball	Shane.Hyde@viu.ca

Clubs	Coaches
Baseball	Nick.Salahub@viu.ca
Men's Hockey	Steve.Paul@viu.ca
Badminton	Janice.Walker@viu.ca
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Swim	swim.club@viusu.ca
Mariners' Spirit	viudanceteam@gmail.com



**Nanaimo Campus**  
10,300 students



**Cowichan Campus**  
1,500 students



**Powell River Campus**  
600 students



**Parksville Qualicum Centre**  
800 students



## VIU Locations

At VIU, your personal success is at the core of your experience. Caring, attentive and encouraging faculty are behind you every step of the way to help you navigate university studies. Small class sizes offer opportunities for your potential and individual interests to be recognized. VIU creates an environment that balances academic accomplishments with the goal of developing students' social and relationship skills to last a lifetime. As a regional teaching university, our mandate is to serve our local communities and the needs of our region is woven into the fabric of everything we do. Our main campus is located in Nanaimo, and we have regional campuses in the Cowichan Valley and Powell River and a centre in Parksville-Qualicum.



### Jordan

Bachelor of Arts in  
Criminology, 2018

### Rolanda

Bachelor of Arts in  
History, 2003

### Dylan

Bachelor of Arts in  
Criminology, 2018

### Rob

Bachelor of Tourism  
Management in Recreation  
and Sport, 2006

## The VIU Recruitment Team

We are all proud VIU alumni who now use our knowledge and passion for the institution to help students explore our programs and services. Helping you find your best fit for university studies and the services to be successful is what we do. We look forward to connecting with you.

### Questions?

Contact a member of the Recruitment Team at [connect@viu.ca](mailto:connect@viu.ca)

Notes



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Email: [connect@viu.ca](mailto:connect@viu.ca)  
**viu.ca**

### **Cowichan Campus**

2011 University Way  
Duncan, BC V9L 0C7

Tel: 250-746-3500

**viu.ca/cowichan**

### **Powell River Campus**

100 - 7085 Nootka Street  
Powell River, BC V8A 3C6

Toll-free: 1-877-888-8890

Tel: 604-485-2878

**viu.ca/powell-river**

### **Parksville-Qualicum Centre**

Parksville Civic  
& Technology Centre  
100 Jensen Avenue East  
P.O. Box 42  
Parksville, BC V9P 2G3

Tel: 250-248-2096

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