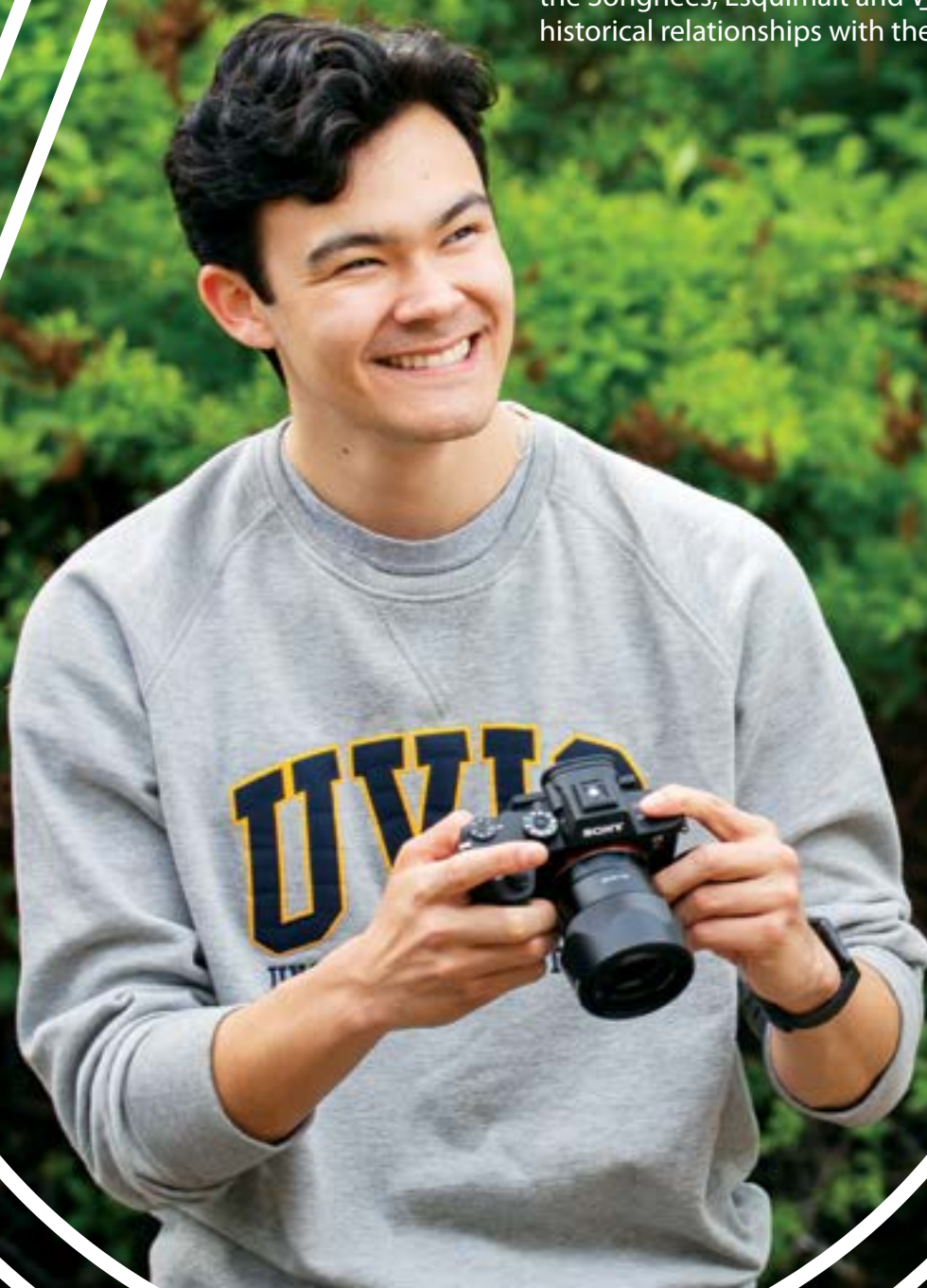


UVIC

2022/23 **INDIGENOUS STUDENTS VIEWBOOK**



We acknowledge and respect the ləkʷəŋən peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.





YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING GREAT; BRING IT TO UVIC.

You already have something amazing to offer; bring it to UVic! Here, your knowledge, experiences and perspective will shape the UVic community. At the same time, you'll have opportunities to develop a deeper appreciation of your own culture and your place within it. At UVic, Indigenous cultural activities and academics go hand-in-hand, so you don't need to leave your culture behind to pursue your university education.

“NEW'EPS SN ʔEYʔ ŠWELEQWƏNS”

(BRING IN YOUR GOOD FEELINGS)

UVic is committed to creating better opportunities for Indigenous students, building and improving respectful partnerships with Indigenous communities and encouraging everyone to be part of a shared vision for the future as part of our response to Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The lək'wəŋən Elders of this territory share with us teachings of “new'eps sn ʔeyʔ šweleqwəns” (bring in your good feelings) and “nəcə māt gwens čey” (work together). We invite you to reflect on these teachings as you explore the next step of your educational journey.

Following in the footsteps of her grandfather, UVic Elders' Voices member Dr. Skip Dick, Brianna Marie Bear (Songhees) offers guests at a UVic ceremony a welcome to the traditional territory of the lək'wəŋən people.

BE AT HOME HERE

At UVic, you'll be part of our welcoming community of students and professors who come from diverse communities across Canada and from over a hundred countries. Wherever you're from, you'll soon feel at home at UVic.

FIRST PEOPLES HOUSE

The First Peoples House is your cultural and social centre at UVic and your home away from home. Here you'll find a study area, Ceremonial Hall, computer lab and an Elders in residence room.

INDIGENOUS ART ON CAMPUS

Discover an inspiring collection of Indigenous art in buildings like the First Peoples House and the Cornett Building, and throughout our outdoor spaces. Totem poles, welcome figures, prints, button blankets and sculptures are reminders that we live and work in traditional Indigenous territories. Take a self-guided walking tour and discover the works of many prominent Indigenous artists.

CENTRE FOR ATHLETICS, RECREATION AND SPECIAL ABILITIES (CARSA)

No matter what your sport or recreational activity, you'll find it at CARSA. Here you can use the state-of-the-art gymnasium, indoor field house, climbing tower, rowing centre, fitness and weight-training centre and sports injury clinic. It's just one of many places on campus to train your mind and body.

MYSTIC VALE

ləkʷəŋən and WSÁNEĆ oral traditions tell us that this is a sacred site and a hunting and harvesting area. Popular walking trails wind through the forest where you'll find cedar, Douglas fir, arbutus, camas, deer, many bird species and traditional plant medicines.

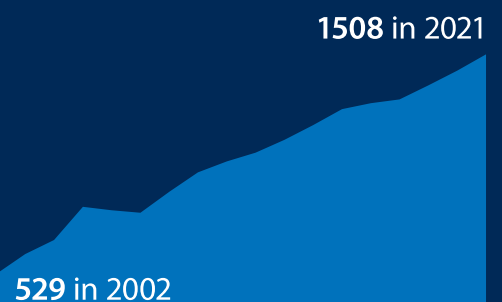


Designed by Indigenous architect Alfred Waugh, the First Peoples House is located in the heart of campus, and features house poles carved by Tsawout artist Doug LaFortune.

See how our Indigenous student-body is growing!

Nearly every year since 2002, the number of Indigenous students enrolled at UVic has risen.

In 2002, 529 Indigenous students were enrolled at UVic. By 2021, that number nearly tripled to 1,508!



OPPORTUNITIES MATTER

Choose from over 100 undergraduate academic programs and 120 graduate programs, some of which emphasize Indigenous language and culture, health and social welfare, and governance and leadership.

- Certificate in Indigenous Language Revitalization
- Certificate in Foundations in Indigenous Fine Arts
- Diploma in Child and Youth Care in Indigenous Communities
- Diploma in Indigenous Community Development and Governance
- Diploma in Indigenous Language Revitalization
- Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies (see below)
- Bachelor of Child and Youth Care (Indigenous Specialization)
- Bachelor of Education in Indigenous Language Revitalization
- Bachelor of Social Work (Indigenous social work or Indigenous child welfare)
- Bachelor in Health and Community Services (Indigenous Peoples' Health Specialization)
- Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Language Revitalization
- Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Nationhood
- Master of Arts in Indigenous Governance
- Master of Arts in Indigenous Language Revitalization
- Master of Education in Indigenous Language Revitalization
- Master of Social Work (Indigenous Specialization)

In addition to the programs listed above, UVic offers nearly 100 undergraduate courses that contain content with an Indigenous focus. UVic is committed to having Indigenous educators in all faculties.



INDIGENOUS STUDIES (BA) PROGRAM

Indigenous Studies is an exciting area of study that emphasizes Indigenous ways of knowing and learning. Open to Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, the program explores the social, political, cultural and historical contexts that shape the lives and resurgence of Indigenous peoples—here and around the world. The program is offered as a minor and a major.

THE WORLD'S FIRST JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM IN CANADIAN COMMON LAW (JD) AND INDIGENOUS LEGAL ORDERS (JID)

Combining intensive study of Canadian Common Law and deep engagement with the laws of Indigenous peoples, you'll develop the skills needed to practice within Canadian Common Law, within Indigenous Legal Orders, and at the interface between them.

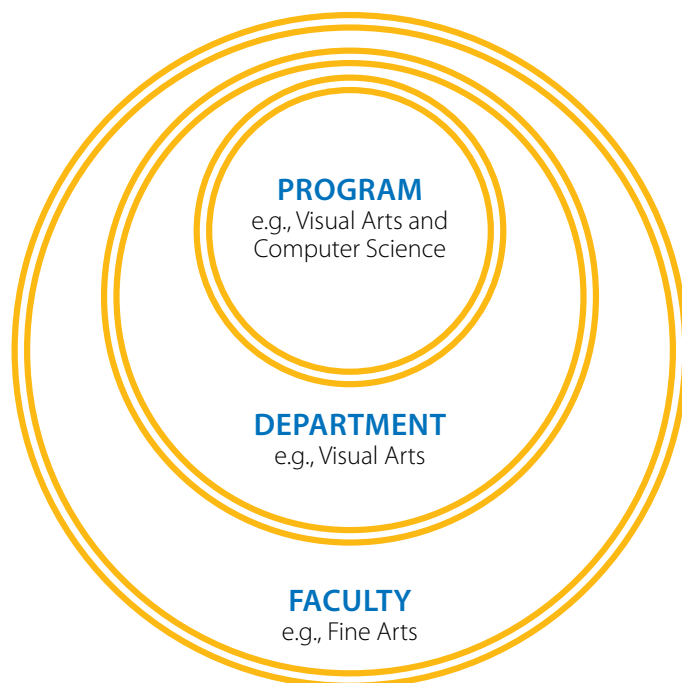
UVic will be the home of a new National Centre for Indigenous Laws that is expected to open in 2023.

WHAT IS A PROGRAM? WHAT IS A FACULTY?

Your **program** is a series of related courses you take to earn a degree.

Your **department** is the academic unit that offers your program.

Your **faculty** is a group of academic departments.



"There is a richness of history in Indigenous laws together with ways of managing that are thousands of years old. They not only help Indigenous peoples to govern ourselves today; they provide the foundation for a new relationship with Canada ... and that matters!"

Val Napoleon | Law Foundation Chair in Aboriginal Justice and Governance and Director of the Indigenous Law Research Unit

As a student, Sage Lacerte (Gender Studies, 2020) from Lake Babine Nation, campaigned to end violence against women and children as part of the Moose Hide Campaign, which was co-founded by her sister and her father (both UVic alumni). After graduating, she established the Sage Initiative to offer Indigenous women investment and financial-literacy skills, to help them and their families prosper. "I want to build on the knowledge that was gifted to me during my time at UVic and give back to my community by passing on that knowledge."

NEARLY
100 COURSES
WITH INDIGENOUS CONTENT



BRING YOUR LEARNING INTO PRACTICE

Your experience matters. That's why UVic offers many opportunities to take what you learn in the classroom into real life work and research environments through hands-on learning, co-op placements, internships, field schools and cultural and academic exchanges.

CO-OP FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Take a break from your studies and try your hand at a potential career. Our co-op placements offer you culturally and professionally relevant work opportunities, and the chance to work with employers related to your program. Employers include community organizations, Indigenous governments, Indigenous companies and government agencies. Learn about many other co-op opportunities at uvic.ca/coopandcareer. If you have a specific career position in mind, we will work with you to organize your own unique placement.

SAMPLE UVIC CO-OP SCHEDULE

Alternate terms in school with terms in a job related to your program and get real-world experience as you learn.

	SEP-DEC	JAN-APR	MAY-AUG
YEAR 1	STUDY	STUDY	FREE SUMMER
YEAR 2	STUDY	STUDY	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$12,300
YEAR 3	STUDY	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$12,300	STUDY
YEAR 4	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$12,300	STUDY	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$12,300
YEAR 5	STUDY/GRADUATE		

Graduate with up to **16 months** of work experience and earn up to **\$50,000** (on average) over the course of your degree.

LE,NONET

During your time at UVic, you can access academic and leadership programs and needs-based financial aid offered by LE,NONET. You can use LE,NONET courses towards an Indigenous Studies degree or as electives in any other program.

INDIGENOUS EXCHANGE IN AUSTRALIA

If studying abroad for a term interests you, you can apply for a co-op work placement at a partner institution in Australia through the Indigenous International Work-Integrated Learning Exchange.



Image: Perkins + Will

UVic will open a new student housing and dining facility in September 2022! 396 students will be housed in Building One.



“My work in Indigenous Language Revitalization has centred on learning language from elders then teaching it to children on reserve and in public schools.”

Craig Adams | Secwépemc Nation Education program

YOUR COMMUNITY

Whether you’re coming from a small town, a big city or an Indigenous community, UVic offers you plenty of help with your transition to university life.

PEOPLE

Campus Cousins

Campus Cousins are friendly upper-level Indigenous students who will welcome you at exciting social, cultural and recreational activities on and off campus.

Native Students Union

When you join the Native Students Union, you’ll have the opportunity to share meals and take part in decision making that matters to you and affects Indigenous students on campus.

Elders-in-Residence

Elders are the keepers of sacred stories, songs, language, culture and traditions. You can stop by and visit one of the Elders at the First Peoples House for a friendly chat or cultural guidance.

Indigenous Counsellors

Our Indigenous Counsellors are here to help you navigate your transition to university life, and to support you throughout your journey. This free service is open to all Indigenous students.

Indigenous Mentorship Network

Interested in researching Indigenous topics? The Indigenous Mentorship Network of the Pacific Northwest can connect you with relevant peers, mentors, professors, funding and other resources to help make your research project a success. Visit uvic.ca/imnpn for more information.

SERVICES

On-campus housing

If you're coming to UVic directly out of high school, you're eligible for a space in residence through the first-year guarantee. If you are a first-year student you need to apply for housing before **May 1**. If you're not a current high school student, you can apply for on-campus housing and request a space in our dedicated Indigenous housing. These spaces are limited and successful applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. This accommodation is available for single undergraduate students and for a family with children. Graduate students may apply for on-campus housing. For more information and residence application deadlines, see uvic.ca/residence.

Academic Supports

If you need extra support in math and academic writing, our tutors are here to help you improve your skills with no cost to you. You can connect with the Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement in the First Peoples House to learn about academic supports.

EVENTS

Indigenous Week of Welcome

At the beginning of the September and January terms, you can take part in the Indigenous Week of Welcome, which includes activities like welcome feasts and cultural workshops. Meet the Elders in Residence, the Indigenous staff and generally get your term off to a start in a good way.

Wellness events

Throughout the year you can take part in wellness activities at the First Peoples House that can help reduce the stress that sometimes comes with being a student.

Cultural activities

You can connect with Indigenous cultural practices by taking part in activities like preparing traditional foods and learning to make a drum or ribbon skirt at the First Peoples House.

"UVic's environment is very welcoming and the courses offered to Indigenous students are amazing. The First Peoples House on campus feels like a second home, and the staff and students make it a community."

Lisa Kenoras | Enderby, BC (Splatshin)
Secwépemc and W̱SÁNEĆ Nations
Indigenous Studies and Political Science

Lisa is the co-founder of Matriarch Resistance, a collective dedicated to creating safe spaces for Indigenous women, raising awareness about violence against women, and empowering Indigenous women through physical movement.



INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

Your UVic education is a valuable investment that will reward you throughout your life. Finances should not be a barrier. No matter your financial situation, UVic offers opportunities to offset the cost of university through scholarships, bursaries, co-op, work study and more.

SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR COSTS*	COST
Domestic tuition for all programs except engineering programs and Computer Science	\$5,926
Domestic tuition for engineering programs	\$7,723
Domestic tuition for Computer Science	\$6,052
International tuition for all programs except engineering programs and Computer Science	\$26,830
International tuition for engineering programs	\$32,877
International tuition for Computer Science	\$27,254
Books and supplies (estimated)	\$1,800
Student fees	\$670
Single-occupancy room with a standard meal plan	\$11,828
Super single room with a standard meal plan	\$12,264
Double-occupancy room with a standard meal plan	\$10,362
Cluster room (does not include meal plan)	\$7,232

*Tuition and student fees are based on September to April 2021-22 rates. Eight months of study (five courses per term). Tuition figures are estimates. Final costs will be determined by the student's actual registration. All figures may be subject to change. On-campus residence rates based on September to April 2021-22 rates. All figures in Canadian dollars.

Plan your budget at uvic.ca/whatdoesitcost.

HOW WILL I FUND MY EDUCATION?

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

A scholarship is a payment awarded on the basis of your academic achievement. A bursary is a payment awarded on the basis of financial need. For a complete list of scholarships and bursaries, visit uvic.ca/safa.

In-course scholarships

In-course scholarships become available once you have completed a full-time academic year.

Athletic awards

UVic encourages you to participate in athletics and offers over 100 athletics awards.

Indigenous student awards

UVic offers over 50 scholarships and bursaries to First Nations (status/non-status), Inuit and Métis students. To be eligible, you will need to self-identify as Indigenous on your admission application.

Scholarships and bursaries from your academic department

Once you're a UVic student, you can apply for scholarships and awards from your faculty.

BC provincial tuition waiver program

If you have been a youth in care in BC for at least 24 months and you're between 19 and 26 years old, you are eligible for the BC Provincial Tuition Waiver. This program covers the cost of tuition and fees charged by the post-secondary institution for any credit or non-credit courses leading to a certificate, diploma, credential or undergraduate degree.

External awards

Visit uvic.ca/safa for a list of external awards.

Bursaries

Indigenous students with identified financial need are eligible to apply for LE/NONET bursaries. Visit uvic.ca/safa for a list of bursaries open to all UVic students.

Emergency Funds

If you face unexpected financial hardships while attending UVic, you can meet with the Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement to apply for emergency funding.

Nation or band funding

Some bands and nations have funding to support your education. Contact your band, Nation, Métis organization or your UVic Indigenous recruiter to learn more.

SCHOLARSHIPS

As a domestic or international high school student, you are automatically considered for entrance scholarships when you receive a conditional offer based on your in-progress grades submitted no later than **March 15**. For deadlines, see uvic.ca/entrancescholarships.

Non-Canadian citizens from high schools outside of Canada who have an A average or higher are eligible for entrance scholarships.

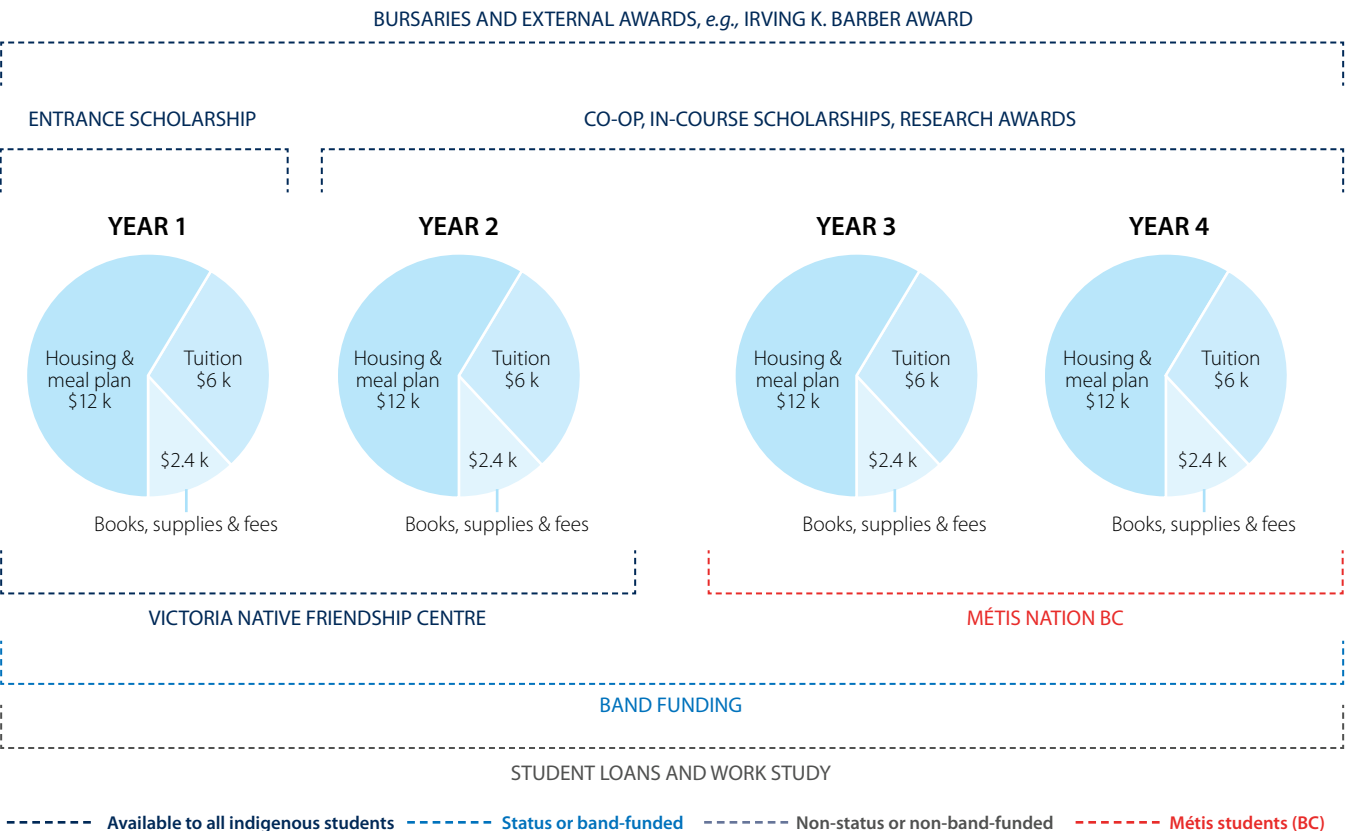
Additional scholarships are available to:

- Women and Indigenous Engineering and Computer Science students with a minimum admission average of 85%
- Indigenous students with a minimum admission average of 85%
- International Baccalaureate students with a minimum of 32 points.

If you meet more than one scholarship criteria, scholarships may be combinable!

Scholarship values change each year. Learn how and when to apply for scholarships at uvic.ca/entrancescholarships.

YOUR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN ACTION





Get your questions answered. Speak with a recruiter.
Learn about upcoming UVic events. uvic.ca/undergraduate



Learn about student life on MyUvic Life – a blog for students by students. uvic.ca/myuviclif



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