Exchange Scheme with the University of British Columbia - Okanagan Campus

Where is UBC Okanagan?

Located in Kelowna, BC, among mountains and clear blue lakes, this campus covers 516 acres in the scenic Okanagan Valley. It currently has approximately 8,500 students.

Who can go?

- Four places will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2017/18.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme) for integrated programmes. Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the opportunities by department webpage to see if your subject is eligible for exchange.
  https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/

Courses

- Students are expected to take a course load of a minimum of 24 credits (i.e. 4 courses per term, each worth 3 credits) during their year at UBC Okanagan.
- All 24 credits should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits.
- You will normally be taking second or third year courses at UBC.
- Course Restrictions Okanagan for Management students (limited availability). Education courses are not available to incoming exchange students. For more details please see the following web page:
  http://students.ok.ubc.ca/global/incoming/academics/Program_restrictions.html

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants.
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on integrated study.

Costs

1) **Tuition Fees**: Students will pay no tuition fees to UBC Okanagan and in 2016/17 the University of York fees for students on exchange were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.

2) **Visas**: Study permits for Canada $150 (approx. £87)

3) **Medical insurance**:

- Full year students are automatically covered by iMED for the first three months before they can be enrolled in BC Medical Services Plan (MSP), which is the basic medical insurance provided by BC government for anyone who will reside in BC for more than six months.
The cost of iMED for full year students is $180 CDN. The iMED plan will ensure that students have adequate medical coverage from the time they leave home (up to ten days prior to arrival if within the coverage dates) and while they are waiting for BC MSP to be effective.

- Full year and split-year students must apply for BC’s provincial Medical Services Plan (MSP) as soon as they arrive in BC, Canada.
- There is a three-month waiting period before students can be enrolled in MSP, during which time the students are covered under iMED.
- More information on:
  - iMED - http://students.ubc.ca/livewell/health-insurance/imed

5) Additional costs to consider: flights, accommodation, travel insurance and visas (see below), living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

Visa

A Temporary Resident Visa (TRV, “entry visa” or “visitor visa”) is required for students with certain citizenships to enter Canada. Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is required for foreign nationals from some visa-exempt countries. To find out if an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or an entry visa is required, please check www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp or contact the nearest Canadian visa office.

Additional information can be found at: http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/courses-registration/course-registration/required-immigration-documents

Fee approx (£87)

Where will I live?

On Campus: You will be guaranteed a room in selected on-campus residences provided that you complete the housing application and submit the $50 non-refundable application fee in Canadian funds by the exchange application deadline (1st May).

http://www.housing.ubc.ca/residence-fees-okan
http://www.housing.ubc.ca/student-residences-okan

Accommodation cost from $6,254 to $9102.75 for 2016/17 fees

Mandatory meal plans costs: $3390.75 to $5991.75: http://okanagan.housing.ubc.ca/applications/fees-payments/meal-plan/

Off Campus: Other housing options for the prospective students: http://www.housing.ubc.ca/other-housing-okan

Here is a website that lists the average costs of common things in Kelowna:

http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/city_result.jsp?country=Canada&city=Kelowna

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Useful web links:

Incoming students to UBC: http://students.ok.ubc.ca/global/incoming/about-us.html
Facts and Figures about UBC: http://www.ubc.ca/about/facts.html
Deadlines at UBC: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?go=deadlines
Housing: http://okanagan.housing.ubc.ca/
Third Year Abroad: http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/