Exchange Scheme with the University of British Columbia - Vancouver Campus

Where is UBC Vancouver? - Founded 1908 - UBC Vancouver is a public research university with campuses and facilities in British Columbia, Canada. The main campus is at Point Grey, a twenty-minute drive from downtown Vancouver. It is near several beaches and has views of the North Shore Mountains.

Who can go?

- Two 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

- A regular course load at UBC is 30 credits per academic year or 15 credits per semester. Most single-semester courses are a 3-credit course (equivalent to 3 hours of lectures per week for 13 weeks, with an additional 2-week examination period).
- You will normally be taking second or third year courses at UBC.
- Audiology and Speech Sciences, Dentistry, Journalism, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Rehabilitation Sciences are not open to exchange students. Theatre and Film have most courses not open to exchange students.
- For more details please see the following web page: http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange/register-courses-ubc-exchange

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](http://students.ubc.ca/livewell/health-insurance/imed)
- BC MSP - [http://students.ubc.ca/livewell/health-insurance/medical-services-plan-msp-international-students](http://students.ubc.ca/livewell/health-insurance/medical-services-plan-msp-international-students)

4) 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](http://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](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).

More information on residences can be found at [http://vancouver.housing.ubc.ca/residences-rooms/residences/](http://vancouver.housing.ubc.ca/residences-rooms/residences/)

Accommodation cost: Apartment/Townhouse Style (Walter Gage, Fairview Crescent, Rits-UBC House, marine Drive) average CDN $2700/term (2016/17 fees)

**Off Campus:**

There are resources available at International House and through the UBC Housing website to help students find housing on their own: [http://vancouver.housing.ubc.ca/other-housing/off-campus-housing/](http://vancouver.housing.ubc.ca/other-housing/off-campus-housing/)

**Contact details at Okanagan:**

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**Useful web links:**

- Incoming students to UBC: [http://students.ok.ubc.ca/global/incoming/about-us.html](http://students.ok.ubc.ca/global/incoming/about-us.html)
- Facts and Figures about UBC: [http://www.ubc.ca/about/facts.html](http://www.ubc.ca/about/facts.html)
- Deadlines at UBC: [http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?go=deadlines](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?go=deadlines)
- Housing: [www.housing.ubc.ca](http://www.housing.ubc.ca)
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