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<http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/students/global/incoming/welcome.html>
<http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/welcome.html>

Academic Calendar

Term 1 Classes: early September – early December, 2015
Exams: early to late December, 2015
Holidays: late December, 2015 – early January, 2016
<http://senate.ubc.ca/vancouver/termdates>

Term 2 Classes: early January – early April, 2016
Exams: late April – early May, 2016
Midterm break: one week in February, 2016
<http://senate.ubc.ca/vancouver/termdates>

Exchange Information

For complete details, please visit www.students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange.

Level	Undergraduate/Graduate
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Number of exchange students admitted per semester/year	For current numbers, please contact Wendy Kang Email: wendy.kang@ubc.ca Phone: +1-604-827-6110
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Programs and courses not open to exchange students	<p>Vancouver: Audiology and Speech Sciences, Dentistry, Film, Journalism, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rehabilitation Sciences, and Theatre are not open to exchange students. For further detailed information, please see the Course Information section of our website: http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange/register-courses-ubc-exchange</p> <p>Okanagan: Nursing, Education and Social Work are not open to exchange students. For further information on course options see: http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/students/global/incoming/academics/courses.html.</p>
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Faculty of Applied Sciences (Engineering) exchange students	<p>Only those students applying to be admitted to the Faculty of Applied Science (Engineering) will be permitted to register in Engineering courses. Also, only those students pursuing a degree in Engineering at their home university will be admitted into this faculty for exchange. While UBC will make every effort to register Engineering students in their requested courses, registration in requested courses is not guaranteed. Exchange Students are subject to course registration restrictions and pre-requisites as noted in the Course Schedule, as well as restrictions noted on the Go Global website: http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange/register-courses-ubc-exchange</p> <p>Please note that admissions and registration for exchange students in the Faculty of Applied Science may not follow the same timelines as for exchange students in other UBC faculties.</p> <p>Okanagan: Availability in Engineering courses at this campus is greater. If you wish for more information about our program, please see: http://engineering.ok.ubc.ca/welcome.html</p>
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Language of instruction	English
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Language courses	<p>Students may take academic language courses in the Faculty of Arts.</p> <p>In addition, students may take any of the language courses offered by UBC Continuing Studies or the English Language Institute at their own expense. For details please see: https://www.cstudies.ubc.ca/ and http://www.eli.ubc.ca/</p>
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Students may access additional resources and coaching to improve their academic oral and written English through the **Academic English Support Program**: <http://aes.ubc.ca>.

Services available to exchange students

Go Global assists students with registration/academic matters.

International Student Development (isa@students.ubc.ca) provides International Student Advising and Support.

Other campus resources include

Global Lounge, First Nations House of Learning, Disability Resource Centre, Career Services, and Counselling Services. For more information: www.students.ubc.ca.

Online nomination periods

Term 1, Term 2, Full Year, and Split Year: January 15, 2015 – March 15, 2015
Term 2 and Split Year: June 15, 2015 – August 15, 2015

Note 1: UBC has one course registration period for both Term 1 and Term 2 courses, and popular courses get filled up soon. To ensure exchange students have the full range of courses to select, nomination in the first nomination period is strongly encouraged. **Students who are nominated in the second nomination period are advised that they will have limited selection of courses.**

Note 2: Nomination tool will be closed outside the aforementioned periods and nominations made outside these two periods will be directly submitted to UBC Go Global via email, and will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Exchange documents deadline

April 1, 2015 – For students nominated in the first nomination period
September 1, 2015 – For students nominated in the second nomination period

Housing placement

All students who intend to live on campus need to submit an online application to UBC Housing during the same time they submit the exchange documents

Note: **Due to high demand for campus residence at UBC, we cannot guarantee residence space for every exchange student who will study at UBC in Term 1. The following two factors will be used for allocation of limited spots:**

- Semester distribution (i.e. students from partner schools that evenly distribute Term 1 and Term 2 nomination spots will have priority access to housing)
- Date of nomination (i.e. students whose nomination is submitted during the nomination periods will have priority access to housing)

We will provide students with information on other housing options off campus.

For more information on UBC Housing: www.housing.ubc.ca

Are application materials available online?

Yes. The exchange and housing applications are both available online. **Go Global will email the exchange online application URL** directly to students. The link is not available on our website. Only nominated students should complete the exchange application.

Are nominations made online? Yes. <https://secure.students.ubc.ca/global/nominate.cfm>.
[This form will be open for 2015/16 nominations on January 15, 2015.](#)

Supporting documents required with exchange application <http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange/apply-ubc-exchange>

Orientation & Arrival

International Student Orientation Exchange students receive orientation provided in collaboration with UBC Housing, Go Global and International Student Development.

Recommended arrival dates Term 1: last week of August
Term 2: first week of January

Academic Information & Transcripts

Credit system and course load A regular course load at UBC is 30 credits per academic year or 15 credits per semester. Each course in a semester is a 3-credit course (i.e. 3 hours of lectures per week for 13 weeks, with an additional 2-week examination period).

The average UBC student takes 15 credits (5 courses) each term. Exchange students typically take between 9 and 15 credits depending on their degree requirements at their home university. Students must maintain a registration of a minimum of 9 credits unless they are on an approved research exchange.

Do different programs differ in what constitutes a regular course load? Yes, Applied Science students may take more than 30 credits per year as a regular course load.

Transcripts and additional transcript ordering We will automatically send the official transcripts to the exchange office of the partner institution approximately four weeks after the end of term. Students can order extra transcripts online at www.students.ubc.ca/current/transcripts.cfm.

Accommodations

On-campus housing Housing is available but spaces are limited. There is a \$50 application fee. Once housing has been assigned, UBC Housing will contact the student via email for full payment.

Applying for housing Housing applications can be done online. The online exchange application must be completed prior to completing the housing application.
www.housing.ubc.ca/

UBC-Okanagan: Exchange students at the Okanagan campus have guaranteed housing if application is completed by the deadline. Please see:
<http://www.housing.ubc.ca/okanagan>.

Breaks

Vancouver: Accommodation is available during semester breaks between Term 1 and Term 2, except for students living in Totem Park and Place Vanier. These two residences close for the holidays due to safety concerns that very few residents are staying alone in large empty residence buildings. While, UBC Housing may be able to assist students affected by this closure to find alternative housing for this period of time, students are encouraged to find suitable accommodations.

Okanagan: Accommodations are available during semester breaks between Term 1 and Term 2.

Assistance in finding private housing

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/>

Immigration Requirements

Canadian Entry Visa

A temporary resident visa (TRV - entry visa) is required for students with certain citizenships to Enter Canada.

To find out if an entry visa is required, please check with the nearest Canadian Embassy.

<http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/courses-registration/course-registration/required-immigration-documents>

Study Permit

A study permit is **required** for all students who will be studying at UBC for more than 6 months. One term students may also wish to obtain a study permit.

Are exchange students allowed to work?

Exchange students can normally work **on campus** with a valid study permit.

Exchange students may be able to work **off campus** with a Working Holiday Visa or a work permit under International Experience Canada (IEC). For more information, visit
http://www.international.gc.ca/experience/intro_incoming-intro_entrant.asp

Health & Medical Insurance

**Medical Insurance
(Mandatory Plan)**

All new exchange students are required by UBC to be enrolled in a **mandatory** health insurance plan (iMED) for the first three months if they will study in UBC for a year, or for the entire time of studies if they study for one term only. Students pay for iMED online on the Student Service Centre. For more information about dates of iMED coverage and what are covered, please visit <http://students.ubc.ca/livewell/health-insurance/imed>

Please be advised that, unless students have a mandatory medical health coverage purchased by a third party sponsor as a part of their scholarship and the sponsor is recognized by and has agreement with UBC, students cannot cancel or opt out iMED.

Students staying less than 6 months (one term only):

One term only students are automatically covered under iMED for the duration of their studies at UBC. The cost of iMED for one term students is \$252 CDN. For specific coverage dates, please visit the websites mentioned above.

Students staying for more than 6 months (full year or split-year students):

Full year students are automatically covered by iMED for the first three months before they can be enrolled in BC Medical Services Plan (MSP). 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.

An additional \$9 CDN administrative fee is charged to all students under iMED which provides direct billing service at Vancouver Coastal Health emergency rooms.

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. This is the basic medical insurance provided by BC government for anyone who will reside in BC for more than six months. This covers the cost of most services provided by physicians and supplementary health care practitioners, laboratory services and diagnostic procedures. The fee is \$69.25 CDN per month. MSP does not cover dental care, vision care, and travel and prescription medicines.

Expenses

Estimated expenses per semester/term	CDN \$7,000 – 9,000/term
University administered accommodation	With meal plans: average cost of room and board \$8,500/year Without meal plans: ranging from \$5,500/year Please check for details at www.housing.ubc.ca
Private accommodation	Approximately \$600-800 for shared housing, \$900+ for private
Food/Meals	\$1,500 Estimated/term

Local transportation	Vancouver: \$152/term for student bus pass (mandatory) Okanagan: \$54/term for student bus pass (mandatory)
Academic expenses	\$500 - \$700 (Textbooks, copyright materials, iclicker, etc.) /term
Personal expenses	\$1500 Estimated/term
Insurance	See insurance section for costs.

UBC Okanagan Campus

UBCO Okanagan is a young, exciting, and rapidly growing campus nestled in the middle of the stunning Okanagan Valley, a five hour drive from Vancouver. Its small but diverse campus community is active and close-knit, with many clubs, societies, and opportunities to get involved. At UBCO, it is easy to connect with professors, who are often on a first name basis with students. UBCO has lots of opportunity for student involvement in research and hands-on experience in our abundant fields of study.

UBCO is located within a five minute bus ride from Kelowna's central area, a growing city with a population of about 100,000 – large enough to be diverse and interesting, but small enough to have a strong community of friendly people. It is British Columbia's "four-season playground" where you can explore the Okanagan Lake, Big White Ski Resort and wineries any time of the year. The city itself is a cultural hub and a popular tourist destination.

Situated in one of the most scenic regions in Canada, this campus offers students a fantastic learning environment, opportunities for region-centred research (such as Wine Studies), extensive research in Human Kinetics, international perspectives, and more. We have programs in Management, Engineering, Arts, Science and Human Kinetics. We have guaranteed housing for international students and an excellent variety of sports on campus. Visit our website to learn more about UBC Okanagan.

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