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Go Global: International Learning Programs

Information Sheet Academic Year 2019/2020

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Facts and Figures	http://www.ubc.ca/about/facts.html	
Images of UBC	https://www.flickr.com/photos/134760388@N08/sets/72157656112598800	
Important dates	Term 1 - Winter Session 2019/2020	Term 2 – Winter Session 2019/2020
Class Dates	Early September – Early December 2019	Early January – Early April 2020
Exam Period	December 2019	April 2020
Breaks	Late December 2019 – Early January 2020	February 15 - 19, 2020
Orientation	September 2019	January 2020
Academic Calendar	http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/Vancouver/index.cfm?page=deadlines (UBC Vancouver) http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?go=deadlines (UBC Okanagan)	
Nomination & Application		
	Round 1 (Term 1, Term 2, Full Year, Split Year)	Round 2 (Term 2, Split Year) (Not available to Law students)
Nomination Periods	January 15, 2019 – March 15, 2019 (Strongly encouraged)	July 1, 2019 – August 25, 2019 (for partner schools that are not able to nominate students in Round 1)
Nomination Process	Nomination is made online. https://secure.students.ubc.ca/global/nominate.cfm . This portal will be open for 2019/2020 Round 1 nominations on January 15, 2019. Please note: Split Year students are those who wish to attend UBC for January to April 2020 (2019-20 Term 2) and September to December 2021 (2020-21 Term 1). **For Split Year students, housing is NOT guaranteed for Sept to Dec 2021 (2020-21 Term 1).	
Application Documents Deadlines	April 1, 2019 (files of all the students nominated in Round 1)	September 15, 2019



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Application Documents	http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange/apply-exchange UBC Go Global only accepts supporting documents in electronic format submitted to office by the partner university via UBC Workspace. One complete application in PDF format per individual student. Each required document for an individual student must be compiled in the order as shown on the Document Checklist .	
Application Process	Go Global will email the exchange online application URL directly to nominated students. The URL is for exchange students only . Please kindly advise your students NOT to use the UBC Undergraduate Program application/admission portal for their exchange application.	
Admission & Course Registration		
Admission Process	Application files are reviewed by Go Global and/or faculties. Go Global sends Letter of Acceptance to partner schools as of mid-May / mid- October for Round 1 and Round 2 students respectively.	
Course Registration	July – August: registration for both Term 1 and Term 2 courses. November – December: Term 2 course registration for Round 2 students - Students who are nominated in Round 1 have the full range of courses to select. - Students who are nominated in Round 2 have limited selection of courses.	
Academic Information & Transcript		
Language of Instruction & Requirements	English; Requirements: https://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global-may-deadline/coming-ubc-study-abroad/coming-ubc-exchange/english-language	
GPA Requirement	Minimum 70% on average or equivalent ranking in the top half of the student's class in previous academic work at the home university (OR B OR 2.8 on a 4.33 scale; OR 3.0 on a 4.0 scale).	
Program Restrictions	Vancouver: http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange/register-courses-ubc-exchange Okanagan: http://students.ok.ubc.ca/global/incoming/academics/Program_restrictions.html Note: Priority access to engineering programs is given to students from the partner institutions that have Coordinated International Experience (CIE) or faculty specific agreements with UBC Faculty of Applied Science.	
Advanced / Graduates Studies	If any of your students may be interested in learning more about master’s and doctoral degrees at UBC, please direct them to https://www.grad.ubc.ca . Feel free to use any of these promotional materials at https://www.grad.ubc.ca/promotional-materials .	
Transcripts and Additional Transcript Ordering	We will send the official transcripts to the exchange office of the partner institution approximately six weeks after the end of exchange term. Students can order extra transcripts online at: https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/records/ordering-transcript	
Accommodation		
Campus	UBC Vancouver: www.housing.ubc.ca	UBC Okanagan: http://okanagan.housing.ubc.ca/
On-campus Housing	Limited number of rooms is reserved for exchange students. Due to high demand, on-campus housing for Term 1 exchange is not guaranteed even though priority is given to regular exchange students. This includes Split Year students. Engineering CIE Term 1 only exchange students do not qualify for Priority Access and we recommend CIE Term 1 only students look for off-campus housing because of the low chance of getting into a UBC residence.	Currently, the housing office in the Okanagan will prioritize all exchange applicants if they apply by the deadline. Term 2 students will be able to apply for housing in the fall semester.
Apply to Residence	As soon as students receive their UBC ID number, nominated students should submit a housing application online at https://secure.housing.ubc.ca/ . There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee.	



Housing Placement	For Term 1 only students, priority is given to: - Students from partner schools that evenly distribute Term 1 and Term 2 nomination spots; - Students whose nomination is submitted during the regular nomination periods. Full year and Term 2 students have priority access. All residence offers are sent by email from Vancouver housing office and include an expiry date to respond and pay a deposit.	All residence offers are sent by email from Okanagan housing office and include an expiry date to respond and pay a deposit.
Immigration Requirements		
Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)	International students who will study at UBC for less than 6 months will need to apply for a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV, “entry visa” or “visitor visa”) or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) in order to ENTER Canada. To find out if you are required for a TRV or eTA, please check http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp or contact the nearest Canadian visa office. Additional information and tutorials can be found at: http://students.ubc.ca/international	
Study Permit	A study permit is required for international students who will study at UBC for more than 6 months. Single-term students need to obtain a study permit if they intend to work on campus, want to extend their study to full-year or plan to enter Canada early (more than one month before school starts). If students arrive too early without study permit, their extension request for the period of authorized stay in Canada may not be approved by immigration officers. If you apply for a study permit, you do not need to apply for a TRV or eTA because it will be issued to you when your study permit application is approved. International Student Guide – How to apply for initial Study Permit.	
Cost		
Estimated Expenses	http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange/costs-coming-ubc-exchange	
Health Insurance & Student Services		
Medical Insurance (Mandatory Plan)	Students staying less than 6 months (one term only): Single-term students are automatically covered under iMED (mandatory health insurance plan) for the duration of their exchange at UBC. The cost of iMED for one term students is \$252 CAD. 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), which is the basic medical insurance provided and required 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 CAD. 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 to be enrolled in BC MSP. Full year and split-year students must apply for BC MSP (online application available) 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: iMED and BC MSP.	
Resources and Advising	Go Global assists students with registration and liaises with faculties and departments on academic matters. International Student Development at UBCV isa@students.ubc.ca and International Programs and Services at UBCO ips.ubco@ubc.ca provide advising and support in the areas of visas, study permits, health insurance, etc.) Other campus resources include Global Lounge, First Nations House of Learning, Centre for Accessibility (Disability Resource Centre), Career Services, Wellness Centre, and Counselling Services.	
Orientation	Students will receive orientation initiation (Pre-arrival Webinar and International Welcome) though email with detailed information and schedule for September start or January start.	
Recommended Arrival Dates	Term 1: first week of September (classes begin Sept. 3) Term 2: first week of January (classes begin Jan. 6)	