2014 Vancouver Summer Programs

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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
An Introduction to the VSP

The **Vancouver Summer Program (VSP)** is a four week academic program offered by various Faculties at the University of British Columbia, Canada for cohorts of students from partner universities.

The program provides the opportunity to take two academic courses while learning about Canadian practices and culture.
VSP Program Benefits

**Study** at a world-renowned university

**Meet** Canadian students and students from other universities

**Improve** your English skills

**Learn** about Canadian practices and culture
About Vancouver

Vancouver is located in the southwest corner of British Columbia – one of Canada’s 10 provinces and 3 territories

40 minutes away from the United States border

Population 2.1 million
About Vancouver

Host to the 2010 Winter Olympics

Consistently rated as one of the best places to live in the world in terms of quality of life, opportunities, cultural diversity, political stability, and a healthy environment.
University of British Columbia

Canada’s education ranks amongst the best in the world

UBC is Canada’s third largest university and a leader in research

18 faculties and 13 schools offering a wide range of study options
UBC at a Glance

57,706 students (Vancouver: 49,372; Okanagan: 8,334)
8,440 international students from 149 countries
11,836 degrees granted
275,000 alumni in 120 countries
10,186 faculty and 6,716 staff
$2 billion annual operating budget
$519 million per year in research funding for 7,990 projects
153 companies spun off from UBC research
$10 billion in economic impact

www.ubc.ca/facts
The UBC campus is a 20-minute drive from downtown Vancouver.

The 1000-acre campus is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean with snow-capped mountains in the distance.
There are two courses in each package.
Each course is about 39 hours of class time.
Classes are interactive and include group work and discussions.
Evaluation may include assignments, group projects, papers, exams, and participation marks.
Course credit is granted by the student’s home university.
VSP Program Dates
July 19 to August 19, 2014

Arts
Package B  Politics and Sustainability
International Politics
Sustainability

Education
Package B  Early Childhood Education
Foundations of Early Childhood Education
Supporting Learning in the Early Childhood Classroom
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VSP packages continued:

**Kinesiology**
- **Package A**  Sport and Exercise Science
  - Sport and Exercise Psychology
  - Applied Exercise Physiology
- **Package B**  Pedagogy and Social Science
  - Leisure and Sport in Society
  - Pedagogical Approaches in Physical Education

**Land and Food Systems**
- **Package A**  Food: Science and Safety
  - Introduction to Food Science
  - Food Safety and Food Safety Management
- **Package B**  Agribusiness Management
  - Food and Agribusiness Enterprise Management
  - Food and Agribusiness Marketing Management

**Law**
- Introduction to the Common Law
- Canadian Public Law
- Introduction to the Common Law
- Canadian Private Law

For groups of 24 or more participants, a special package of two courses can be organized. Please contact us about a custom package in any of these or other areas. Customized two course packages can be scheduled for any four week period between mid-May and mid-August.
## General VSP Class and Social Schedule

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<td>Check-in 15:00</td>
<td>City Tour 13:00</td>
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### Jul-19 - Jul-27

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<td>Orientation and UBC campus tour (9:00 - 16:00)</td>
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<td>13:30 - 16:30</td>
<td>Intercultural Communication Class (Group 1)</td>
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<td>Evening</td>
<td>UBC Welcome BBQ (17:00-19:00)</td>
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<td>Outside Move Night Arts</td>
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<td>Lonsdale Quay Food Cart Festival (17:00-22:00)</td>
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<td>13:30 - 16:30</td>
<td>Intercultural Communication Class (Group 3)</td>
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<td>Evening</td>
<td>Ice skating at Thunderbird Arena (optional)</td>
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<td>Museum of Anthropology (optional)</td>
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<td>BC Day Statutory Holiday Study Night</td>
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<td>13:30 - 16:30</td>
<td>Deep Cove Kayaking (9:30-13:30) (optional)</td>
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<td>Whistler Trip (8:15 -19:30) (optional)</td>
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<td>Vancouver Art Gallery (optional)</td>
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<td>Mini Grad Fair</td>
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<td>Sports Night (Kinesiology, LFS, Forestry)</td>
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<td>Class A Final Exam</td>
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<td>13:30 - 16:30</td>
<td>Family Lunch (12:00-14:00)</td>
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<td>Evening</td>
<td>Movie Night (optional)</td>
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### Additional Activities

- **Airport Pick-up**: For groups of 24 or more only. Individuals arriving outside of group flights will be expected to make their own way to UBC campus.
- **Group Transfers**: Unaccompanied outside of the hours of 9 am and 5 pm.
- **Check-out**: 11:00
- **Airport Drop Off**: 11:00

### Note
- Schedules for each of the individual packages will be finalized closer to the program dates.

### Legend

- **Free**
- **Under $10**
- **$10 - $25**
- **$50+**

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VSP Accommodation

Located on the UBC campus with easy access to classes, libraries, sport facilities, and transportation
VSP Accommodation

Shared suites
- 4-5-6 single bedrooms in each suite
- in-suite bathroom (with shower and toilet)
- Lounge
- Fully equipped kitchenette

High-speed wired internet included
VSP Program Fee

The packaged fee per student for the 2014 program is $3850 CDN and it includes:

- Medical insurance
- Group Airport transfer and city tour
- Shared accommodation for 31 nights
- Orientation and farewell events
- Course materials
- Social activities
  (optional trips require an additional fee)
International Politics

Designed to introduce students to the field of global politics and international relations, this course will examine international relations theory, decision-making analysis, international security and conflict management, the evolution and future of the international economy, development, the role of institutions and non-state actors, globalization, and the politics of climate change. The course material is oriented toward issues of contemporary and future relevance, and students will be expected to incorporate current issues into their work.
Sustainability

This course critically examines environmental resource issues from an interdisciplinary perspective, drawing from both the social and natural sciences to build more robust understandings of human – environment interactions. Students explore key environmental concepts such as sustainability; natural resources; complexity; systems thinking; ecosystem dynamics; risk and uncertainty; regulation and governance; and human environmental impact. Concepts of sustainable environmental management are applied to the examination of four hotly debated global resources: water, energy, forestry, and fisheries.
Foundations of Early Childhood Education

This course provides students with an overview of the salient theories, models, and practices in early childhood education. Students will be introduced to the pedagogical principles involved in the development of educational experiences for young children, focusing on children between 3-8 years. Students will have opportunities to learn about, discuss, and clarify important concepts and ideas relative to early childhood education, including the notions of children as active learners and the holistic nature of learning in the early years.
Supporting Learning in the Early Childhood Classroom

This course is intended to introduce students to the significant role that designing stimulating early childhood classroom environments plays in children’s learning and in supporting all aspects of their development and growth. Students will learn about creating dynamic indoor and outdoor learning spaces for young children, designing appropriate daily schedules, and implementing teaching strategies for integrating different areas of learning, such as literacy, math, science, and art through inquiry and project-based learning.
Sport and Exercise Psychology

An overview of current concepts in sport and exercise psychology. The course is intended to develop students’ understanding of psychological factors that impact performance in sport and exercise settings. The course will focus on how sport and exercise psychology principles can be applied to physical activity contexts.
Applied Exercise Physiology

How does the human body respond to the physiological demands of exercise? This course will present an overview of key concepts in applied exercise physiology and athletic performance. The course is intended to provide students with an understanding of human physiology and related anatomy (heart and lungs, muscle, metabolism) in the context of sports, exercise, and physical activity. Topics will include exercise and health, physiology of high performance sport, sports medicine, and factors such as genetics, extreme environments (altitude, air pollution, heat), age, disability and disease.
Leisure and Sport in Society

An overview of contemporary perspectives on the social, cultural, environmental, and economic dimensions of leisure and sport. The course is intended to help students develop the capacity to think critically about present-day issues in leisure and sport, offer experience working/presenting in small groups, and provide some familiarity with the ways that various sociological concepts and methods can be applied. The course will provide opportunities to visit sports facilities in Vancouver, BC.
Pedagogical Approaches in Physical Education

An overview of a range of pedagogical approaches in physical education. The course is intended to help students develop the capacity to think critically about the current status of physical education, offer experience teaching and presenting in pairs and small groups, and provide opportunities to critically examine topics of interest. The course will comprise visits to a number of outdoor locales in Vancouver, BC.
INTRODUCTION TO FOOD SCIENCE

An introduction to key concepts related to the science of foo: the Canadian food system, chemical and physical properties of foods, government regulations, food additives, food preservation techniques, food safety, and trends in foods for nutrition and health. Learn to arrive at an informed position about controversial issues relating to the food encountered in the marketplace, and in the media.
FOOD SAFETY AND FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT

Explore the fundamentals of food safety as well as the importance of process, product and plant specific hazard analysis and the use of the site historical data to identify potential risk. We will review the HACCP concept and methodology.
Food and Agribusiness Enterprise Management

This course is designed to introduce the principles of financial and business management that are most relevant to agri-food and related firms. The content of the course will provide students with the insights and skills necessary to develop, evaluate and implement financial and management strategies. This will be accomplished through the presentation of management fundamentals, financial principles, decision and project planning frameworks, completion of cases and current article reviews, class discussions and final enterprise management presentation. Emphasis will be placed on the unique considerations of management within the agriculture, food and agribusiness sectors.
Food and Agribusiness Marketing Management

This course is designed to introduce the principles of marketing management and assessment that are most relevant to agri-food and related firms. The content of the course will focus on the macro and micro aspects of marketing management. Specific topics include basic principles and types of marketing such as production, selling and social marketing; marketing frameworks to assess industry and competitive landscape; identification of the ideal customer; market research survey development and assessment, use of Excel for market survey and data analysis and secondary research methods and the sources.
Introduction to the Common Law – Canadian Public Law

This course will introduce students to the body of public law within the Canadian common law tradition. Topics covered will include an examination of the basic rights of individuals and of the distribution of political authority within Canada (constitutional law). Other topics may include an examination of the basis of criminal responsibility and of the general and specific defenses available to an accused (criminal law), and an introduction to the rules, principles and policy considerations that shape the powers of various administrative agencies that regulate people and organizations in Canada (administrative law). Students will also be instructed in the methods and practice of the common law, and will be encouraged to compare the precepts of Canadian public law with those found in Hong Kong and Mainland China.
Introduction to the Common Law – Canadian Private Law

This course will introduce students to private law doctrine within the Canadian common law tradition. Topics covered may include: an examination of the common law doctrines relating to the formation, operation and breach of commercial and consumer agreements between individuals (contract law); an introduction to the idea of property in the common law and its changing nature and application (property law); and an examination of the common law approach to disputes between individuals that arise when the acts or omissions of one person cause injury or property loss (tort law). Students will also be instructed in the methods and practice of the common law, and will be encouraged to compare private law doctrine in Canada with that found in Hong Kong and Mainland China.
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