



2014 Vancouver Summer Programs

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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



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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



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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



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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



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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



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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



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UBC Campus

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



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VSP Course Packages

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

Groups of less than 24 participants will join participants from other universities to study the same package.



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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 Program Dates

July 19 to August 19, 2014

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



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Sample VSP Schedule

General VSP Class and Social Schedule									
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
						Jul-19 Airport Pickup* Check-in 15:00	Jul-20 CityTour 13:00		
	Jul-21	Jul-22	Jul-23	Jul-24	Jul-25	Jul-26	Jul-27		
9:00 - 12:00	Orientation and UBC campus tour (9:00 - 16:00)	Class	Class	Class	Intercultural Communication Class (Group 1)	Grouse Mountain/Capilano Suspension Bridge Combo (9:30 - 16:30) (optional)			
13:30 - 16:30		Class	Class	Class					
Evening		UBC Welcome BBQ (17:00-19:00)	Outside Move Night Arts		Lonsdale Quay Food Cart Festival (17:00-22:00)				
	Jul-28	Jul-29	Jul-30	Jul-31	Aug-01	Aug-02	Aug-03		
9:00 - 12:00	Intercultural Communication Class (Group 2)	Class	Class	Class	Intercultural Communication Class (Group 3)	Victoria Day Trip (7:30 - 21:00) (optional)			
13:30 - 16:30		Class	Class	Class					
Evening	Ice Skating at Thunderbird Arena (optional)	Museum of Anthropology (optional)		Richmond Night Market (optional)					
	Aug-04	Aug-05	Aug-06	Aug-07	Aug-08	Aug-09	Aug-10		
9:00 - 12:00	BC Day Statutory Holiday Study Night	Class	Class	Class	Deep Cove Kayaking (9:30-13:30) (optional)	Whistler Trip (8:15 -19:30) (optional)			
13:30 - 16:30		Class	Class	Class					
Evening		Vancouver Art Gallery (optional)	Mini Grad Fair	Sports Night Kinesiology, LFS, Forestry					
	Aug-11	Aug-12	Aug-13	Aug-14	Aug-15	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-18	Aug-19
9:00 - 12:00	Class	Class	Class A FINAL EXAM	Class B FINAL EXAM					
13:30 - 16:30	Class	Class		Farewell Luncheon (12:00-14:00)					Check-out 11:00 Airport Drop Off*
Evening	Movie Night (optional)								

Legend
Free
Under \$10
\$10 - \$25
\$50+

* Airport pick up and drop offs 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 will be unaccompanied if outside of the hours of 9 am and 5 pm.

Note: Schedules for each of the individual packages will be finalized closer to the program dates



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VSP Accommodation

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



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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



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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)



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VSP Arts Package B

Politics and Sustainability

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.



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VSP Arts Package B

Politics and Sustainability

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.



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VSP Education Package B

Early Childhood Education Package

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.



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VSP Education Package B

Early Childhood Education Package

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.



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VSP Kinesiology Package A

Sport and Exercise Science Package

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.



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VSP Kinesiology Package A

Sport and Exercise Science Package

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.



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VSP Kinesiology Package B

Pedagogy and Social Science Package

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.



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VSP Kinesiology Package B

Pedagogy and Social Science Package

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.



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Land and Food Systems



FOOD: SCIENCE AND SAFETY PACKAGE A

INTRODUCTION TO FOOD SCIENCE

An introduction to key concepts related to the science of food: 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.



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FOOD: SCIENCE AND SAFETY PACKAGE A

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



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AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT PACKAGE B

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.



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AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT PACKAGE B

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.

VSP Law Package

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.



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VSP Law Package

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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