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We acknowledge and thank the Snuneymuxw, Tla'amin, Snaw-naw-as and the Quw'utsun' First Nations where VIU campuses are located for allowing us to share educational experiences on their traditional territories. We also acknowledge the three language groups on Vancouver Island: Coast Salish, Nuu-Chah-Nulth and Kwakaw'waka, and their respective communities, as well as Métis Nations and Aboriginal organizations on Vancouver Island.

Get ready for university.

Going to university is a big step in life. It takes time, money and a lot of effort to get through. You might wonder where it's all going to lead, and what you'll get out of it. That's normal.

At VIU, we work hard to create a learning environment that empowers you to get the most out of your education. Our goal is to set you up for success. We provide opportunities but it's up to you to take them.

Find a path to a future career or further studies. Learn and practice skills that will last a lifetime and transfer to a career. Develop your passion and interests into great future opportunities. Even if where you're going isn't 100% clear right now, it's still worth it.

Apply today or talk to our friendly recruiters about how to get started.

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it's **worth it**

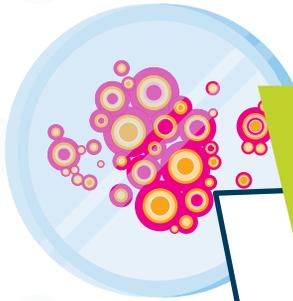


120+

Explore this many VIU
programs to find your fit



903,000



Number of job openings expected
to be created over the next
decade, and that's just BC!

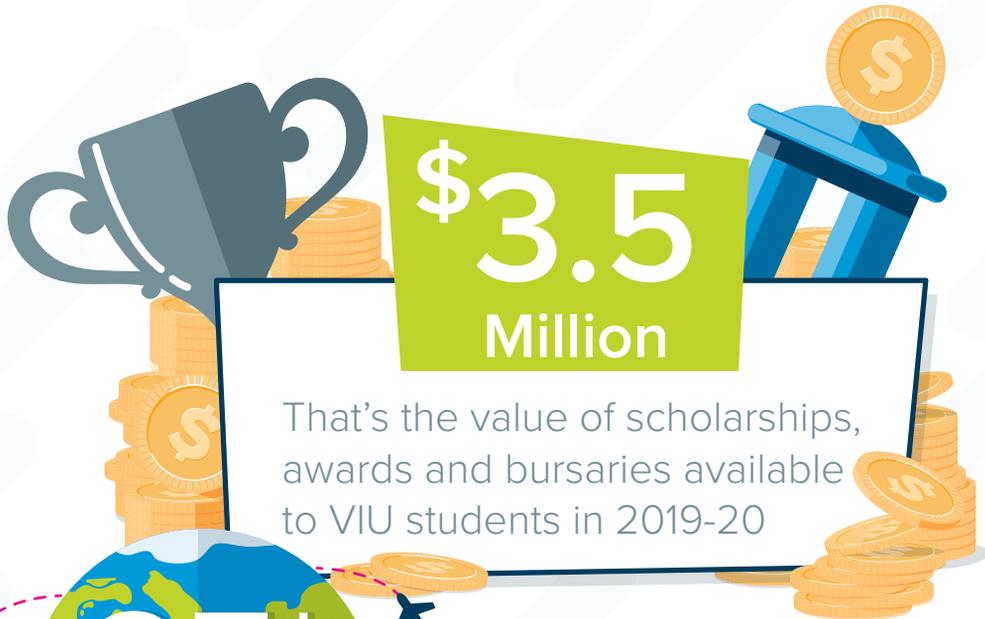


77%



The portion of jobs
that will require some
post-secondary education





**\$3.5
Million**

That's the value of scholarships, awards and bursaries available to VIU students in 2019-20



**25+
Countries**

Study Abroad opportunities available to VIU students can take you all over the world!



91%

The employment rate for university grads three years after graduation

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My VIU Experience

Celina Glabus

“In summer 2018 I traveled to South Africa for three months as an intern on behalf of the Global Studies program at VIU. Overall, the experience was an incredible educational opportunity, and I have since applied much of what I learned to the concepts I study in both Gender Studies and Global Studies. VIU was a welcoming institution for my curiosity about the world, and I will graduate a well-informed global citizen.”

About Celina

- Plans to pursue a career in law
- Volunteered as a director for the VIU Model United Nations Conference
- Came to VIU from her hometown of Okotoks, Alberta

Celina graduated with Distinction in June 2019, completing a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Studies in Women and Gender and minoring in Global Studies.

Not sure what to study? No worries, just get started!

It's okay if you're not sure what to study at university. You have to start somewhere, so now's the time to begin exploring what you think you'd like to do, what field of study ignites your curiosity, and what interests might lead from your university studies through to a great career.

Need a place to start? Fill in the blanks below, explore the programs in this book, and connect with one of our friendly Recruitment Officers to help answer any questions.

My favourite subject in school is (was) _____

I want to work with _____

When I have free time I like to _____

I want to make a difference by _____

You can choose a field of study based on your...

Interests – What do you enjoy doing?

Values – What do you believe in? (Hint: This one taps into what you really care about)

Passions – Passion are your interests, only stronger! What are yours?

Abilities – What are you able to do? (Don't worry if you're not an expert at it!)

Talk to a friendly Recruitment Officer

VIU Recruitment Officers are here to help answer your questions, and help you narrow your interests to a program that feels like a fit. They're friendly, approachable, and super helpful at guiding you through the application process.

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250.740.6672

Basic admission requirements

High school graduation with a minimum C in English 12. Any additional requirements are listed with each program.

Aboriginal

Program	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Aboriginal Construction 10-month Certificate		Limited	Admissions: Assessment test. <i>Interview.</i>
Aboriginal University Bridging Program 1-year Certificate	 	Limited	<i>Aboriginal status.</i> <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
First Nations Housing Manager 12-week Certificate		Limited	<i>Physically fit and good health; free of vision, hearing or respiratory ailments. Valid driver's license.</i>
Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies 4-year Bachelor of Arts	 	Limited	

Academic and Career Preparation

Program	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Adult Basic Education	   	Limited	Various prerequisite courses are offered. Call 250.740.6425 for information. viu.ca/acp .
Cooperative Entrepreneur Training Program 1-year Certificate		Limited	<i>Completion of Employment Preparation Program or 1 year of work experience. Interview.</i>
English as a Second Language 6.5-week and 13-week programs		Open	Continuous intake.
Workplace Essential Skills and Training Program 2-year	 	Open	Continuous intake.
Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language 4-weeks (full-time) or 3-months (part-time) Certificate		Limited	Admissions: Bachelor's degree. IELTS 6.5 or equivalent for non-native speakers.

Art, Design and Performing Arts

Program	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Graphic Design 4-year Degree		Limited	<i>Letter of intent, résumé, reference, portfolio.</i>
Interior Design 4-year Degree		Limited	Admissions: Min. C in one of: Pre-calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11. <i>Letter of intent, portfolio, interview.</i>

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Jazz Studies 2-year Diploma 4-year Degree		Limited	Areas of study: Vocals, Keyboards, Winds, Guitar, Musical Theory, Composition, History, Conducting, Reading. <i>Audition.</i>
Technical Theatre 2-year Diploma		Limited	<i>Interview.</i>
Theatre 2-year Diploma		Limited	<i>Interview.</i>
Visual Art 2-year Diploma 4-year Degree		Limited	Areas of study: Drawing, Printmaking, Photography, Ceramics, Sculpture, Watercolour, Digital Arts, Art History. <i>Letter of intent, portfolio, interview.</i>

Business

Program	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Accounting 4-year Degree	 	Open	Admissions: Min. C in one of: Pre-calculus 12 or Foundations of Math 12.
Applied Business Technology (Office Administration) 10-month Certificate	 	Limited	Areas of study: Accounting Assistant, Administrative Assistant, Legal Administrative Assistant. Admissions: Min. C in Mathematics 10 or Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics 10. <i>Assessment test available if minimum grade prerequisites not met for Math or English.</i>
Business Administration 2-year Diploma	 	Open	Admissions: Min. C in one of: Pre-calculus 12 or Foundations of Math 12.
Business Management 1-year Certificate	 	Open	Admissions: Min. C in one of: Pre-calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11. Min. C in Math 12 recommend.
Economics 4-year Degree	 	Open	Admissions: Min. C in one of: Pre-calculus 12 or Foundations of Math 12.
Event Management 1-year Certificate		Limited	
Financial Services 4-year Degree	 	Open	Admissions: Min. C in one of: Pre-calculus 12 or Foundations of Math 12.
HR Management 4-year Degree	 	Open	Admissions: Min. C in one of: Pre-calculus 12 or Foundations of Math 12.
International Business 4-year Degree	 	Open	Admissions: Min. C in one of: Pre-calculus 12 or Foundations of Math 12.
Management 4-year Degree	 	Open	Admissions: Min. C in one of: Pre-calculus 12 or Foundations of Math 12.
Marketing 4-year Degree	 	Open	Admissions: Min. C in one of: Pre-calculus 12 or Foundations of Math 12.

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Education

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Education 5-year Degree	 	Limited	Admissions: Min. C+ in English 12, Min. C in Pre-calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 11; or a pass in Pre-Calculus or Foundations of Mathematics 12. <i>Completion of an Applicant Profile, submission of official transcripts.</i>
Physical Education 2-year Diploma 4-year Degree		Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>

Exploratory University Studies

Program	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Exploratory University Studies	  	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>

Health

Program	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Dental Assistant 10-month Certificate		Limited	Admissions: Min. C in Biology 12 <i>Good health, 20/20 vision or 20/20 vision with correction required.</i>
Dental Hygiene 2-year Diploma		Limited	Admissions: Post-secondary coursework equivalent to 34 credits of: VIU English Degree Requirements; BIOL 151/152/153/154 or BIOL 156/157, CHEM 140/141 or CHEM 140/142, PSYC 111/112, PSYC 121/122 or PSYC 131/132, MATH 211 or MATH 161; and any 100 or 200 level post-secondary academic course. Biology and Chemistry courses must have been completed within the last 5 years. Post-secondary course work may have additional prerequisites including Biology 11/12, Chemistry 11/12 and Math 11/12. <i>Personal profile.</i>
Health Care Assistant 24-week Certificate	  	Limited	<i>Personal profile, interview, BC Care Aide & Community Health Worker Registry's minimum English language competency requirement, English competency self-declaration form.</i>

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Hospital Unit Coordinator 8-month part-time Certificate		Limited	Admissions: Grade 12 or assessment in Hospital Unit Coordinator Math and English, OSME 002: Medical Terminology and Physiology completed within the last 5 years, Introduction to Computers or equivalent completed within the last 2 years. <i>Typing speed of 50 CWPM or greater.</i>
Medical Device Reprocessing Technician 18-week Certificate		Limited	Admissions: Completion of Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology (OSME 002), and Interpersonal Skills for Health Care Workers (HHIP 001).
Nursing 4-year Degree		Limited	Admissions: Min C+ in Chemistry 11, Biology 12 and Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 12, completion of CASPer test.
Practical Nursing 2-year Diploma		Limited	Admissions: Min C+ in English 12 or min. B+ in Technical Professional Communications 12, min. C in Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11, min. C in Biology 12, min. C+ in Human Anatomy and Physiology for Practical Nurses (HHIP 001).

Human Services

Program	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Child and Youth Care 2-year Diploma 4-year Degree		Limited	Admissions: Entry in year 2: Human Services Certificate or 24 credits including English 115, 6 credits Human Development, and CYC 100, 101, 152, 165 or equivalents. Entry in year 3: Human Services Diploma, including minimum C+ in VIU Degree English requirement and 6 credits of Human Development. Min. C+ GPA calculated on the most recent 24 credits completed. <i>Personal statement. Résumé. References.</i>
Community Mental Health Worker 26-week Certificate		Limited	
Education Assistant and Community Support 8-month Certificate		Limited	<i>Résumé. References. Interview. Criminal record check.</i>
Early Childhood Education and Care 2-year Diploma		Limited	<i>60 hours of volunteer experience in a licensed childcare facility. Résumé. References. Interview.</i>
Social Services 2-year Diploma		Limited	<i>Volunteer or paid experience in the human services field. Résumé. References. Interview. Personal Profile.</i>
Social Work 4-year Degree		Limited	Admissions: Entry in year 3: 60 credits of post-secondary courses including: VIU Degree English Requirements min. C+, SOCW 200A, SOCW 200B min. B-, 24 credits of Arts & Humanities and/or Social Science courses, 24 credits of other post-secondary courses not including Social Work courses. Min. C+ average on most recent 24 credits. <i>Personal Profile. Evidence of 100 hours work experience (paid or volunteer) in a community or clinical setting. Interview. Criminal record check.</i>

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Humanities & Social Sciences

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Addiction Studies 1-year Certificate		Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Anthropology 4-year Degree	  	Open	Honours program option available. Areas of study: Social Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, Archaeology. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Arts 2-year Associate Degree	  	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Creative Writing and Journalism 4-year Degree	  	Open	Areas of study: Non-Fiction, Poetry, Fiction, Publishing, Drama, Journalism. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Criminology 2-year Diploma 4-year Degree		Limited	Admissions: Min. C in Foundations of Math 11 or Pre-Calculus 11. <i>Students wishing to take the Diploma program must apply to the Degree and exit after earning the required credits.</i>
Digital Media Studies 4-year Degree	  	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Economics 4-year Degree	  	Open	<i>Requirements differ dependent on whether this program is taken as a BA or a BBA. Consult the program page online at viu.ca/programs, or speak with a Recruitment Officer for more information.</i>
English 4-year Degree	  	Open	Honours program option available. Areas of study: Literature and Culture, Literature and Criticism, Literature and Traditions. <i>Letter of intent. Interview.</i> <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies 4-year Degree	  	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Geography 4-year Degree	  	Open	Areas of study: Sustainable Resource Management, Urban and Social Sustainability. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Global Studies 4-year Degree	  	Open	Areas of study: Human Security and Global Governance, Human Development, Environment, Sustainable Development and Resource Management, International Economic Relations. <i>Letter of intent. Résumé.</i> <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
History 4-year Degree	  	Open	Honours program option available. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>

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Legal Studies 1-year Certificate	  	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Liberal Studies 4-year Degree	  	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Philosophy 4-year Degree	  	Open	Honours program option available. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Physical Education 2-year Diploma 4-year Degree	  	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Political Studies 4-year Degree	  	Open	Areas of study: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Canadian Politics. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Proficiency in Language and Culture 2-year part-time Certificate	 	Limited	
Psychology 4-year Degree	  	Open	Honours program option available. Areas of study: Biological Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Clinical and Health Psychology, Social and Developmental Psychology. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Sociology 4-year Degree	  	Open	Honours program option available. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Studies in Women and Gender 4-year Degree	  	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>

Science & Technology

Program	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Biology 4-year Degree	  	Open	Honours program option available. Areas of study: Microbiology, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecology. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Chemistry 4-year Degree	  	Open	Areas of study: Environmental Chemistry, Biological Chemistry. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Computing Science 2-year Diploma 4-year Degree	  	Limited Open	Honours program option available. <i>Requirements differ dependent on whether you are applying for the Diploma or Degree program. Consult the program page online at viu.ca/programs, or speak with a Recruitment Officer for more information.</i>
Earth Science 4-year Degree	  	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>

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Engineering Transfer 1-year Certificate 2-year Diploma		Limited	Admissions: Min. C+ in English 12. Min. C+ in Principles of Physics 12 and Principles of Chemistry 12. Min. B in Pre-Calculus 12.
Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology 2-year Diploma		Limited	Admissions: Biology 11 min. C. Min. C in one of Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11. <i>Interview may be required. Personal profile. References.</i>
Forest Resources Technology 2-year Diploma		Limited	Admissions: Min. C+ in one Science 11. Min. C in Pre-Calculus 11 or min. C+ in Foundations of Math 11.
Geoscience 4-year Degree	  	Open	Areas of study: Environmental Geoscience. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Information Technology and Applied Systems 2-year Diploma		Limited	<i>Letter of intent. Interview.</i>
Mathematics 4-year Degree	  	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Natural Resource Protection 4-year Degree (including 2-year Diploma)		Limited	<i>Entry at year three.</i> Admissions: Completion of RMOT Diploma with a min. C+ (2.33 GPA) average.
Psychology 4-year Degree	  	Open	Honours program option available. <i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>
Resource Management Officer Technology (RMOT) 2-year Diploma		Limited	Admissions: Min. C Biology 11. Min. C in Foundations of Mathematics 11 or Pre-Calculus 11. <i>Personal profile. References. Interview may be required.</i>
Science 2-year Associate Degree	  	Open	<i>Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.</i>

Tourism, Recreation and Hospitality

Program	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Adventure Tourism and Recreation 1-year Certificate		Limited	Admissions: English 12 min. Min. C+ in one of Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11. Interview.
Hospitality Management 2-year Diploma 4-year Degree		Limited	Admissions: English 12 min. C+. Min. C+ in one of: Pre-calculus 11, Foundations of Math 11, or equivalent.
Hospitality Management, Culinary Arts Bridging 1-semester bridging program		Limited	Admissions: Culinary Arts Diploma with English 115 or Equivalent. <i>Letter of support from instructor.</i>
Recreation and Sport Management 2-year Diploma		Limited	<i>Criminal record check may be required for field work. Compulsory orientation in early Fall semester.</i>

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Basic admission requirements for Trades programs

High school graduation or 19 years of age. Any additional requirements are listed with each program.

Tourism Studies 2-year Diploma		Limited	<i>Criminal record check may be required for field work. Compulsory orientation in early Fall semester.</i>
Tourism Management 4-year Degree		Limited	Admissions: Entry at Year 3: Diploma in Recreation and Sport Management, Tourism Management or Hospitality Management or by permission. <i>Criminal record check may be required for field work.</i>
Wine Business 1-year Certificate		Limited	<i>Min. 19 years of age.</i>

Trades - Industrial

Many Trades programs offer apprenticeships, visit viu.ca/apprentice for more information.

Program	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Automotive Service Technician 10-month Certificate	 	Limited	Admissions: Grade 12 or assessment test. <i>Valid BC driver's license.</i>
Carpentry 8-month Certificate	  	Limited	Admissions: Assessment test. <i>Personal profile. Interview may be required. Physically fit. Good hand/eye coordination. Good health; free of vision, hearing or respiratory ailments.</i>
Electrician 24-week Certificate		Limited	Admissions: Min. C in English 11 or Technical and Professional Communications 12. Min. C in one of Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11. Assessment test. <i>Valid BC driver's license.</i>
Fundamentals of Forest Harvesting Practices 12-week Certificate		Limited	Admissions: 19 years of age. Assessment test. <i>Personal profile, resume and 2 references, physically fit, interview.</i>
Heavy Equipment Operator 17-week Certificate		Limited	Admissions: Min. 18 years of age. <i>Exceptions may be allowed. Valid BC Class 5 driver's license. Additional endorsements may be required. Physically fit. Résumé. Letter of intent. References may be required. Interview may be required. Mathematics, reading, or trades aptitude test may be required. Good health; free of vision, hearing or respiratory ailments.</i>
Heavy Mechanical Trades Foundation 10-month Certificate		Limited	Admissions: Assessment test. <i>Valid BC driver's license. Personal profile. Good health.</i>
Motorcycle and Marine Technician 9-month Certificate		Limited	Admissions: Grade 12 or assessment test. <i>Good health. Interview may be required.</i>
Power Engineering/ Process Operator – 4th Class 32-week Certificate		Limited	Admissions: English 12. Min C+ in Foundations of Math 11 or Pre-Calculus 11. Physics 11. Assessment test. <i>Personal profile. Interview may be required.</i>

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Refrigeration Air Conditioning Mechanic 8.5-month Certificate	CC	Limited	Admissions: Assessment test. <i>Physically fit. Good hand-eye coordination. Personal profile. Criminal record check.</i>
Specialized Machine Operator Training 12- to 17-week Certificate, depending on specialty	NA	Limited	Admissions: 18 years of age. Assessment test. <i>Exceptions may be allowed. Valid BC Class 5 driver's license. English 10, Science 10 and either Math 10 or Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 10 recommended. Personal profile.</i>
Welder Foundation 7-month Welder Foundation 3-month Welder Fitter Certificate	NA	Limited	Admissions: Assessment test. <i>Adequate vision and free from respiratory ailments. Physically fit.</i>

Trades - Service

Many Trades programs offer apprenticeships, visit viu.ca/apprentice for more information.

Program	Locations	Entry	Additional details
Culinary Arts 1-year Certificate	NA CC PR	Limited	Admissions: Foodsafe Level 1. <i>Criminal record check (Powell River campus only). Interview may be required.</i>
Culinary Management 2-year Diploma	NA	Limited	Admissions: Min. C+ in English 12. Foodsafe Level 1. Min. C+ in any Math 11. <i>Interview.</i>
Hairstylist Foundation 43-week Certificate	NA CC PR	Limited	<i>Personal profile.</i>
Horticulture Foundation 9-month Certificate	NA	Limited	Admissions: Min. C in one of: Pre-Calculus 11, Foundations of Math 11, Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 11 or assessment test. <i>Fitness required for physical aspects of program and industry. Letter of intent. Interview.</i>
Professional Baking and Pastry Arts 10-month Certificate	NA	Limited	Admissions: Foodsafe Level 1. Assessment test. <i>Personal profile. Ability to stand for 4 hours at a time. Ability to lift 20 kg/44 lbs. Interview may be required.</i>
Professional Esthetics 8-month Certificate	PG	Limited	<i>Personal profile. Interview may be required.</i>

Getting good grades in high school?

Working hard in high school, and getting good grades? Want to be rewarded for your efforts? You may qualify as an Incoming Outstanding Student (IOS). Under IOS, you can get assured access to some first year courses. You also get a \$200 tuition credit!

How do I qualify? Get three A's and one B (or better) in specific classes in Grade 11 and submit your application.

What programs are included? Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science and Exploratory Studies.

When do I apply for IOS status? Submit your application to the Registration Centre by March 31, 2020.

Learn more at viu.ca/outstanding

Admissions

Learn what's required to get into VIU programs

Specific admission requirements for each program are listed online in the program outlines at viu.ca/programs.

General admission requirements for university academic programs

- Graduation from a BC secondary school, or equivalent, with a min. "C" grade in either English 12 or English 12 First Peoples.

Note: Equivalencies for English 12 or English 12 First Peoples are available through VIU's Adult Basic Education department or English Language Centre. Assessment testing opportunities are available.

General admission requirements for Trades Programs

- Graduation from a BC secondary school, or equivalent;

OR

- 19 years of age or turning 19 during the first two months of the program;

AND the following may be required:

- Résumé and/or letter of intent and/or references;
- Interview;
- Math and/or reading and/or trades aptitude test;
- Physically fit and able to adapt to working conditions;
- Good hand/eye coordination;
- Good health; free of vision, hearing or respiratory ailments;
- Valid driver's license

Transfer students

Students with completed post-secondary courses from other institutions may be eligible to receive transfer credit. Be sure to identify all previous education when you apply by submitting current official transcripts from all previous institutions attended. You may be required to submit course outlines/syllabi for assessment of transfer credit. Transcripts will be evaluated once official documents have been received.

International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement Program

VIU recognizes the International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) programs. IB or AP students may receive up to 30 university credits. Minimum grades and IB or AP official grade statements are required. See viu.ca/equivalencies.

Missing admission requirements or prerequisites

If you did not complete high school, or you are missing admission requirements or course prerequisites, you can still get started on your post-secondary pathway.

Contact viuconnect@viu.ca for more information.

Explore VIU's Graduate Programming

Interested in a Master's Degree, Graduate Diploma or Certificate, or a Post-Degree Diploma? VIU has extensive graduate level programming. Visit viu.ca/graduate-programs for more information.

Steps to becoming a student

1 Choose a program and review the requirements and deadlines

2 Submit your application

- You can expect a response letter within two weeks
- The response letter will assign you a student number and detail any supporting documents required to complete your application

3 Submit the required documents to complete your application

4 Apply for Student Housing if you'd like to live on campus

5 Wait to receive an Admissions decision

- We'll notify you no matter what the decision is
- If you receive an Offer of Admission, you will be notified on how to accept your offer and when to pay the tuition deposit

6 You will be notified of your Registration Date. Anytime on or after your Registration Date, log into your student record and register for your classes

- Sooner is better as more options may be available

Average first year budget

Tuition & fees



\$5,550

Bachelor of Arts

or



\$4,800

Carpentry



\$9,200

Living costs



\$2,000

Miscellaneous



\$750

Transportation



\$1,800

Books & supplies

The dollars and sense of university

How to pay for your studies

There are lots of options available to help you pay for university, and we have plenty of tips and support to help you manage your expenses and reduce costs. There's also lots of evidence that university studies are worth your investment – from the higher earnings graduates can make over their lifetime, to the increased career options that open up to you.

There are many options that can help you pay for university studies

- Apply for student loans
- Apply for VIU scholarships, awards and bursaries
- Apply for external awards
- Save up or seek financial help from family
- Work part-time while studying and during breaks from school
- Stick to a budget
- Share accommodation and car-pool or walk to campus
- Buy used text books
- Plan your grocery shopping and shop once a week
- Share bulk purchases with friends
- Get free tuition if you are a student who has aged out of care
- Live in Student Housing at a reasonable rate

viu.ca/financial-aid

Questions, or need help? Ask a Recruitment Officer

viu.ca/contact-us

viuconnect@viu.ca

250.740.6672

Student support

Academic supports

University studies can be challenging, and you won't be alone if you find yourself struggling academically. Reach out if you need help and advice, or seek various services or supports that will get you back on track.

Educational Advising

Nanaimo

viu.ca/advising | 250.746.6410

Cowichan

cc.viu.ca/student-services | 250.746.3509

Powell River

pr.viu.ca/student-services | 604.485.2878

Assessment and Exam Invigilation Services

viu.ca/assessments | 250.740.6276

Disability Access Services

Support and accommodation for students with documented disabilities

viu.ca/disability-services | 250.740.6446

Student Success Coaching

viu.ca/student-success

The Library

viu.ca/library

The Writing Centre

viu.ca/writing-centre

Math Learning Centre

viu.ca/math-centre

Learning Matters

viu.ca/learning-matters

Student Affairs

Additional resources available to students can be found at viu.ca/student-affairs

Stay healthy and active

Health and Wellness Centre Clinic

viu.ca/health

Counselling services

viu.ca/counselling





Housing and campus food

Living on campus means you'll have a built-in group of people sharing the transition to university life. At VIU's student housing, you'll find friendly study communities and lots of fun and interesting activities planned by the ResLife team. If you need guidance or support, you can connect with the Community Leader for your area. This can make the transition to university life a lot easier.

viu.ca/residence

First Year Guarantee

VIU guarantees a space in residence for all first year students. Apply by May 1, 2020 in order to qualify for the first year guarantee.

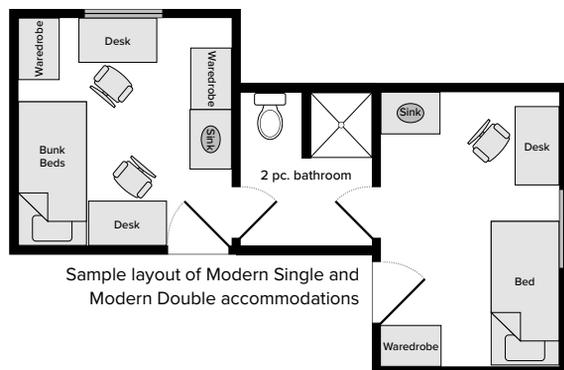
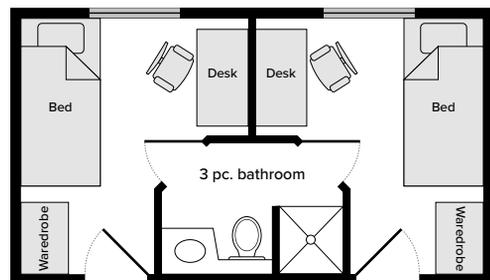
Food on Campus

viu.ca/meal-plan

Dine at two cafeterias on campus with fast, convenient and flexible options. Meal plan options are available.

There's also a Grocery Shuttle — a free bus service to the supermarket twice per week for students living in student housing. A Starbucks, a Subway and the Student Pub can be found on the Nanaimo campus.

Sample layout of Traditional Single rooms



Sample layout of Modern Single and Modern Double accommodations



Welcome Indigenous students

Students and visitors at VIU campuses receive a warm welcome in the Hu'qumi'num language of this region's First Nations people: "Hay ch qa'sii'em siy'yu mukw mustimuxw — Thank you respected ones of this place."

VIU is situated on the traditional land of the Coast Salish peoples. It is a place where history and traditions are acknowledged, where contributions are valued and where success is celebrated.

viu.ca/aboriginal

Elders-in-Residence

Elders are one of our most important resources. They provide counselling, support and guidance to all students at VIU and are involved in classroom instruction, teaching traditional protocols and language, and cross-cultural sharing. Students at VIU's Nanaimo, Cowichan and Powell River campuses can connect with VIU Elders.

Shq'aphthut — A Gathering Place

Shq'aphthut is home to Services for Aboriginal Students and is a welcoming home away from home for Aboriginal students on our Nanaimo campus.

Indigenous Education Navigators

Need help getting started in your journey to university? VIU's four Indigenous Education Navigators are here to help you remove barriers, connect to support you might need, listen when you need to talk, and help you succeed at your studies.

'Su'luqw'a' Community Cousins

Connect with a current Indigenous VIU student from 'Su'luqw'a' Community Cousins. They're a source of support and are here to help you navigate the campus, access resources or have a chat over coffee!

Email community.cousins@viu.ca or visit viu.ca/community-cousins





My VIU Experience

Natalie Chester

“I enrolled in the Welding Foundation program at VIU after working for a year and deciding to go into the trades. I received my Foundations level welding and fitter endorsements through VIU. As a student new to welding I found the instructors extremely knowledgeable and hands on. They supported my learning experience and taught me many techniques that will help me to get a job in industry.”

About Natalie

- Born and raised in Port McNeill, BC
- Currently working as a welder in her hometown
- Enjoys recreation year-round: skiing at Mount Cain, camping, fishing and watersports

Natalie completed the Welder Foundation and Welder Fitter programs in 2017



West Coast student life

Get involved, get active and make new friends — these are ways to make the most of your experience at VIU. As a student living in one of the most beautiful places on Earth — Vancouver Island. You'll find lots of activities in and out of your classes — join clubs, attend campus events, and enjoy year-round fun and outdoor adventures like surfing, kayaking, rock climbing, hiking, beach trips, concerts, Mariners games, performances and Indigenous culture experiences.

Outdoor recreation, intramural sports, fitness classes and the gym

viu.ca/campus-rec

Join one of 100+ VIUSU student clubs

viusu.ca/clubs

Take part in campus events

viu.ca/events-calendar

Join events organized by Cultural Connections

world.viu.ca/cultural-connections

Become a Student Ambassador

connect@viu.ca



Learn beyond the classroom

Get started on the path to a future career! Most degree and trades programs offer practical experience in work settings through internships, field schools, co-ops and practicums — a great way to gain valuable work experience while at university. Plus, you can get involved in research activities with your professors and classmates, or travel and study abroad for life-changing learning experiences.

Study and gain experience in 25+ countries
viu.ca/education-abroad

Gain work experience while you learn
viu.ca/cel

Get involved in student research
viu.ca/create

Chart a path to your career
viu.ca/career-services
250.740.2256

Sign on to the Co-Curricular Record

Many of these activities can qualify for credit on your Co-Curricular Record.

viu.ca/co-curricular





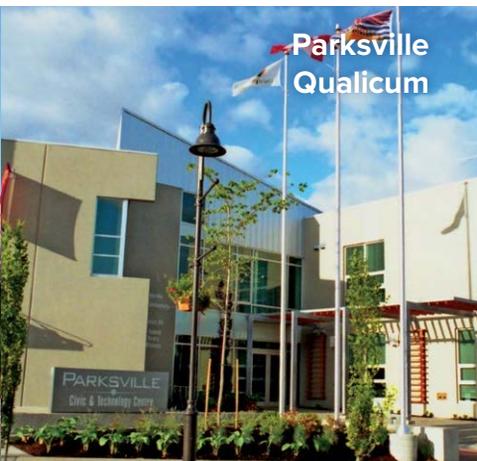
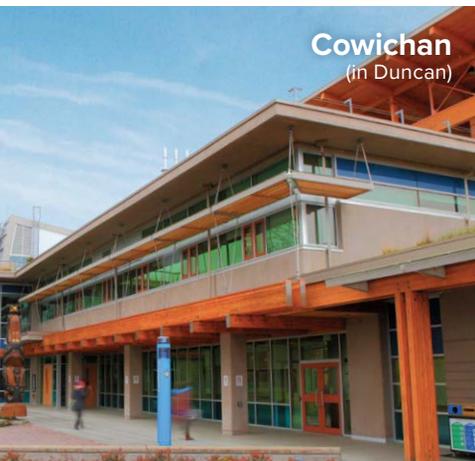
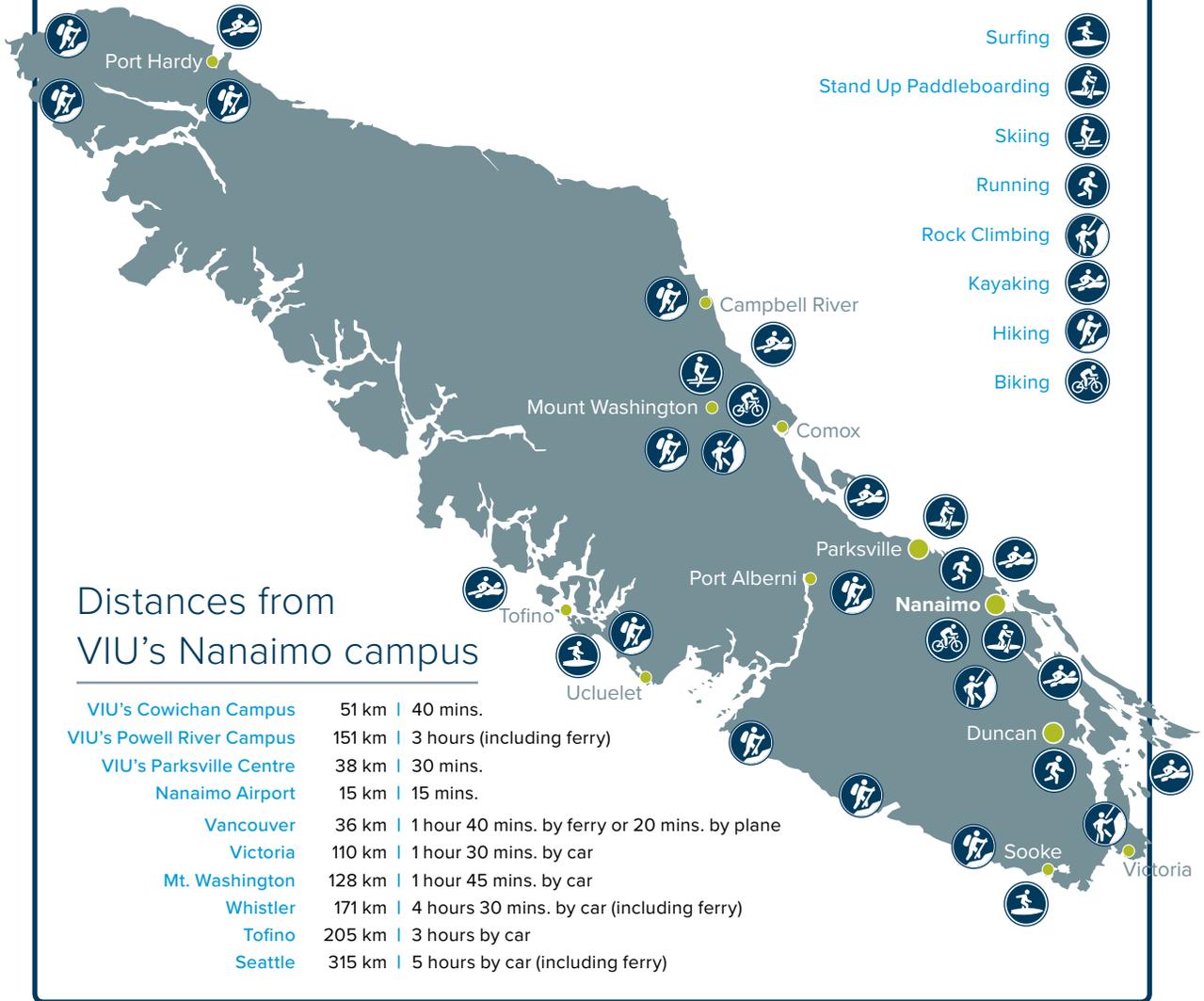
An island playground

Your options for fun and adventure, recreation and culture are limited only by your imagination! Explore the Island and coast of BC with VIU as your home base.

- Surf at Long Beach in Tofino
- Mountain bike on groomed trails like Doumont or the Abyss
- Run the Westwood Lake and Morrell Nature Sanctuary trails
- Explore five beautiful Gulf Islands
- Hop on BC Ferries for a scenic hour and a half trip to Vancouver
- Go rock climbing indoors or on a local crag
- Kayak around Satsisutshun Newcastle Island
- Go stand up paddleboarding
- Take a picnic to Nanaimo's waterfront park
- Enjoy live music, performances and multi-cultural events at Maffeo Sutton Park
- Buy healthy local food at a farmer's market
- Get your hands dirty – join the active local DIY culture
- Ski or snowboard at Mount Washington
- Build sandcastles and swim at Rath Trevor Beach in Parksville
- Hike up Mt. Benson, Mt. Arrowsmith or Mt. Tzouhalem ridge for amazing views



Explore Vancouver Island





VIU
MARINERS

Be a Mariner

Our Mariners varsity program has a tradition of excellence. Not just on the court, field or course, but in the classroom as well. Mariners teams won two CCAA National Championships in 2019 (Women's Volleyball and Men's Basketball) and led the PACWEST with a record five team provincial championships.

Last year Mariners scholar-athletes led the PACWEST in CCAA Academic All-Canadians. With a strong focus on community, Mariners scholar-athletes are often seen coaching and participating in community events around Nanaimo. Success on the playing field, the classroom and in the community means excellence is a way of being for VIU Mariners.



2019-2020 CCAA Women's Volleyball and Men's Basketball National Champions!

Learn more at viu.ca/mariners or call 250.740.6413.

Varsity Teams	Coaches
Badminton	Janice.Walker@viu.ca
Golf	Mike.Hrabowych@viu.ca
Men's Basketball	Matt.Kuzminski@viu.ca
Women's Basketball	Tony.Bryce@viu.ca
Men's Soccer	Larry.Stefanek@viu.ca
Women's Soccer	Kevin.Lindo@viu.ca
Men's Volleyball	Abe.Avender@viu.ca
Women's Volleyball	Shane.Hyde@viu.ca

Competitive Clubs	Coaches
Baseball	Nick.Salahub@viu.ca
Men's Hockey	Steve.Paul@viu.ca
Rugby 7's	Drew.Cooper@viu.ca



My VIU Experience

Matthew Graham

“What drew me to VIU more than anything was its location. Not many students get to say they go to school in a region as beautiful as Vancouver Island. Being right near the ocean, and having to wear only a hoodie to school in January sounded appealing to me. Plus, Nanaimo stays relatively warm year-round and doesn’t receive much snow; coming from Alberta, this is a huge bonus!”

About Matthew

- Played on the VIU Mariners men’s volleyball team
- Launched a non-profit company as a senior BBA project
- Aiming for a career in law

Matthew graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in June 2019

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PACWEST

PERIOD

GUEST

PLAYER FOUL T.O.L. FOULS

MATCH

SCORE

BCCAA
CHAMPIONS

BCCAA
CHAMPIONS
AGGREGATE
CHAMPION
2009 - 2010

PACWEST
CHAMPIONS
AGGREGATE
2011 - 2012



VIU Quick Facts

Student Population

14,500

72% — **12%** — **16%**
Domestic (Non-indigenous) — Indigenous — International

\$60
Million

Investment in Nanaimo campus facilities serving students in health, science and trades programs

500+

Number of students calling VIU Student Housing 'home sweet home'

1936

VIU founded as a public institution

90

Number of countries represented by VIU's international students





Notes



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UNIVERSITY**

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Cowichan Campus

2011 University Way
Duncan, BC V9L 0C7

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viu.ca/cowichan

Powell River Campus

100 - 7085 Nootka Street
Powell River, BC V8A 3C6

Toll-free: 1-877-888-8890

Tel: 604-485-2878

viu.ca/powell-river

Parksville-Qualicum Centre

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& Technology Centre
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