



# UBC Vancouver Summer Program June 4 – July 5, 2016

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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** students from other universities and Canadian students through socio-cultural activities

**Improve** your English skills

**Learn** about Canadian culture and society



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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

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

Host to the 2010 Winter Olympics



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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 offer a  
wide range of study options



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# UBC at a Glance

**59,659** students (Vancouver: 51,447; Okanagan: 8,212)

**11,965** international students from 149 countries

**12,421** degrees granted in 2013

**300,000+** alumni in 120 countries

**15,253** faculty and staff

**\$2.1 billion** annual operating budget

**\$531 million** per year in research funding for 8,278 projects

**169** companies spun off from UBC research

**\$12.5 billion** in economic impact

**7** Nobel prize winners among current or former faculty and alumni

**32<sup>nd</sup>** in Times Higher Education world rankings (2015)

[www.ubc.ca/facts](http://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 often include group work and discussions

Evaluation may include assignments, group projects, papers, exams, and participation marks

Courses do not receive UBC credit but credit may be granted by the student's home university (at its discretion)



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# VSP Program Packages

## *June 4 to July 5, 2016*

### Applied Science

#### Engineering

*Civil Engineering Materials*

*Project Based Learning in Civil Engineering Materials*

### Architecture and Landscape Architecture

#### Landscape Architecture

*Vancouver's Public Realm – Sustaining Livability*

*Landscapes and Parks of Greater Vancouver*

### Arts

#### Global Journalism, Culture and Communications: Practice and Principles

*Culture and Communication*

*Global Journalism*

### Business

#### Package A – International Business and International Marketing

*International Business Management*

*International Marketing*

#### Package B – Introduction to Marketing and Organizational Behaviour

*Introduction to Marketing*

*Organizational Behaviour and Management*

### Education

#### Package A – Educational Psychology and Special Education

*Classroom Management*

*Assessment and Positive Behaviour Support in School and Community Settings*

#### Package B – Language Learning and Teaching in the World

*Language Practices in Multilingual Contexts*

*Strategic Language Use in a Globalized World*

### Forestry

#### Urban Forestry

*An Introduction to Urban Forestry*

*Green-Space Management in North America*

### Kinesiology

#### Coaching Science

*Principles of Coaching*

*Sport Psychology for Coaching*



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# VSP Program Packages

## *June 4 to July 5, 2016*

### Medicine

#### Package A – Clinical Research and Clinical Medicine

*Introduction to Clinical Research in the Sciences*  
*Introduction to Clinical Medicine at the Bedside*

#### Package B – Pharmacology and Critical Analysis in Medicine and Science

*Pharmacology through Case Studies*  
*Primary Literature Analysis in Science and Medicine*

#### Package C – Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy

*Health Care and Living with Long-term Conditions*  
*Strategies for Cognitive, Psychosocial and Rehabilitation Management of Long-term Conditions*

#### Package D – Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in Human Health, Disease and the Environment

*Molecular Mechanisms of Disease*  
*Environmental Biochemistry*

### Medicine

#### Package E – Origins of Illness and Psychotherapies

*A Life Cycle Approach to Mental Illness*  
*Introduction to Psychotherapy*

#### Package F – Major Mental Illness and Pharmacology

*Mood Disorders and Psychosis: Assessment and Diagnosis*  
*Introductory Neuropsychopharmacology*

#### Package G – Neuroscience and Clinical Neuropsychiatry

*Translational Neuroscience*  
*Introductory Neuropsychiatry*

#### Package H – Introduction to Population and Public Health

*Social Determinants of Health*  
*Introduction to Population and Public Health Practice*

### Science

#### Package A – The Dynamic Earth and its Beautiful Treasures

*Our Dynamic Planet*  
*Earth Treasures: Gold and Gems*

#### Package B – The Geometry of Nature

*The Size of Things*  
*Symmetry*

Many course packages have a minimum and maximum class size, so we encourage you to register your students early. Course packages that do not have the minimum number of students will not be offered, but students may transfer to other packages.



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# Sample VSP Schedule

Sample June 2016 VSP Class and Social Schedule							
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						Jun-04 <i>Airport Pickup†</i> Check-in 15:00	Jun-05 City Tour
	Jun-06	Jun-07	Jun-08	Jun-09	Jun-10	Jun-11	Jun-12
9:00 - 12:00	Orientation and Campus Tour	Class A	Class A	Class A	Intercultural Communication Class	Whistler Day Trip (optional)*	
13:30 - 16:30		Class B	Class B	Class B			
Evening		<b>UBC Welcome BBQ (17:00-19:00)</b>			Granville Island + Market**		
	Jun-13	Jun-14	Jun-15	Jun-16	Jun-17	Jun-18	Jun-19
9:00 - 12:00	Class A	Class A	Class A	Class A			
13:30 - 16:30	Class B	Class B	Class B	Class B			
Evening		Vancouver Art Gallery**			Richmond Night Market**		
	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25	Jun-26
9:00 - 12:00	Class A	Class A	Class A	Class A		Victoria Day Trip (optional)*	
13:30 - 16:30	Class B	Class B	Class B	Class B			
Evening		Museum of Anthropology**	<b>Mini Grad Fair (17:00-19:00)</b>				
	Jun-27	Jun-28	Jun-29	Jun-30	Jul-01	Jul-02	Jul-03
9:00 - 12:00	Class A		Class A FINAL EXAM	Class B FINAL EXAM	<b>Canada Day Statutory Holiday</b>		
13:30 - 16:30	Class B			Farewell Luncheon (12:00-14:00)			
Evening					Students often use this time for sightseeing trips to Rocky Mountains or other destinations at their own cost		
						Jul-04	Jul-05
							<i>Airport Drop Off†</i> Check-out 11:00

Legend
UBC Organized Event
*Trips arranged by non-UBC Travel Company at additional cost

Note: Schedules for each of the individual packages will be finalized closer to the program dates.  
 \*\*Activities listed are examples only. Actual activities will vary by package.

†Individuals arriving/departing outside of group flights and regular hours will be expected to make their own way to UBC campus/YVR Airport.



# VSP Accommodation

- Accommodation on campus
- Easy access to classrooms, recreation and campus amenities
- Free Wifi in lobby; wired high speed Internet in guest rooms
- Laundry on site



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# VSP Accommodation

## Shared apartments (6 bedrooms)

- Private bedrooms with single bed
- In-suite bathroom
- Shared living space with TV
- Equipped kitchen



Students may also choose dormitory style accommodation which will not have cooking facilities



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# VSP Program Fee

The packaged fee per student for the June 2016 program is \$4500 CAD 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 may require an additional fee)





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