Get Global Ready at UVic
Whether you are a student, a professional or an organization, we can help you get global ready.

At the Division of Continuing Studies, we believe in the transformational power of education to build bridges of understanding and prepare our learners to become successful global citizens.
Welcome to the division

The University of Victoria’s Division of Continuing Studies offers a wide variety of adult education options for international students and professionals. Our innovative programs are designed by industry-leading experts to advance learners in their academic and career goals. Learners enhance their language and/or professional skill sets through programs delivered in on-campus, online or hybrid formats.

With extensive resources, specialized instructors and collaborative networks at UVic and beyond, getting global ready is what we do best!

OUR PROGRAM AREAS

- Arts
- Business and Management
- Data, Computing and Technology
- English Language Centre
- Health, Wellness and Safety
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Museums, Heritage and Indigenous Culture
- Science and the Environment
- Teaching, Learning and Development
- Travel & Leisure (2022)
Student Services

**Student immigration advisor:**
Our Regulated International Student Immigration Advisor (RISIA) is available to answer questions from registered students regarding visa, travel and work-related immigration issues.

**Student support coordinator:**
Our dedicated Student Support Coordinator provides non-academic support and resources to our learners, including mental health support as a Certified Canadian Counsellor.

**Career educator:**
To help learners in our Business programs navigate the Canadian job market, our Career Educator hosts individual and group sessions on topics such as career options, resume writing and interview preparation.
UVic's award-winning English Language Centre (ELC) is home to a multicultural community of students pursuing unique language-learning goals through on-campus or online studies. The ELC has been delivering English programs since 1970 and is a renowned leader in international education, accredited by Languages Canada.

**English Language Centre programs:**
- Intensive English
- University Admission Preparation
- UVic Pathway
- Monthly English
- Summer Language and Culture
- English for Global Communication

Andrés Mendoza Momo, MEXICO

Intensive English student

“Studying English at the ELC has allowed me to extend my professional networking and I have had better job prospects. Currently, I coordinate the International Project Zacatecas in the World. This project seeks to create international citizen networks and promote Mexico and Zacatecas (my hometown) around the world.”

Pursue a degree or diploma

Studying English is often the first step for international learners who want to pursue further academic or professional studies at UVic.

The UVic English Language Centre offers several pathway programs to get a step closer to that goal!

- University Admission Preparation (UAP)
- UVic Pathway
- Intensive English (ELPI)

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“The pathway program contributed to my academic success by providing abundant support for students. The teachers stand behind their students and always want us to succeed.”

Xiaoyue (Amy) Chang
CHINA
UVic Pathway student
Gain professional skills

An incredibly diverse and ambitious community of international learners choose to “get global ready” through Continuing Studies business programs

- Certificate in Business Administration (CBA)
- Diploma in Business Administration (DBA)

Our Business programs feature online and on-campus courses which familiarize learners with current business practices and technologies needed to support their professional success.

April Anuran
PHILIPPINES
DBA student

“Studying Business Administration at UVic helped me to grow and develop. It helped me to improve my communication to other people. I am not shy anymore, and I can communicate without any barriers.”
The ELC's expertise in English language programming extends to professional development training for international educators who teach English or teach their subject area(s) in English.

- Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)
- English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI)
- Customized International Education Programs

Sara Shuto
CHINA
TEFL student

“In the TEFL program, we could share our teaching experiences, and I got a lot of ideas from other wonderful teachers. It had a nice atmosphere in the classroom. I will try to use teaching ideas or methods for my students.”
Customize team training

Continuing Studies has extensive experience in offering customized training programs to institutional, corporate and government groups from around the world. We employ a three-step process to develop specialized training programs that equip learners with relevant skills to prepare them for success in their studies and careers.

1. Discovery
   To better understand your current situation and your team’s learning needs/goals.

2. Design
   To identify your priority learning objectives and program elements, so that our expert team can coordinate a program uniquely suited to your group.

3. Delivery
   To deliver your customized program, ensuring your expectations were met.
The University of Victoria (UVic) is one of Canada’s leading comprehensive universities, renowned for quality teaching, excellence in research and service to the community.

- Student population of 22,000
- 12 academic faculties and divisions
- 17% of UVic’s student body is international, representing 110 countries
- Active partnership agreements with over 200 post-secondary institutions worldwide
- 15 minutes to downtown Victoria; 15 minutes to the beach
- Natural campus environment with gardens, hiking trails and wildlife

UVic Highlights:

- #1 among Canadian comprehensive universities for preparing career-ready students
  Times Higher Education global University Employability Ranking, 2022
- #1 in North America for international research collaboration
  Leiden University Rankings, 2022
- #1 university in Canada for climate action
  Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, 2023
- #2 among Canadian comprehensive universities
  Maclean’s University Rankings, 2023
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Campus Amenities

- Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA)
- McPherson library and learning commons
- Cafeteria, restaurants and cafés
- Student housing and residence services
- Dental office and pharmacy
- Movie and stage theatres

Student Support

- Student Wellness Centre
- International Centre for Students (ICS)
- Campus Security Services 24/7
- Virtual Centre for Student Learning (UVic Learn Anywhere)

UVic Faculties and Divisions

- Business
- Division of Continuing Studies
- Division of Medical Sciences
- Education
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Fine Arts
- Graduate Studies
- Human and Social Development
- Humanities
- Law
- Science
- Social Sciences

“University Admission Preparation student

“...The University of Victoria is like a living library, where each individual shares their own story, opinion, background, way of thinking and mindset. UVic showed me the value of different cultures being united, respected and understood, and how you personally could grow from this experience. Each day there was like a beginning of something interesting and exciting, where I could be myself and be fully accepted.”
Victoria, BC

About Victoria, BC

Welcome to Victoria, a vibrant city at the southern tip of Vancouver Island on Canada’s spectacular West Coast. Famous for its natural environment, mild climate and welcoming community, Victoria’s relaxed island lifestyle makes it the perfect place to live and learn.

City Highlights:
- 400,000: population of Greater Victoria
- Capital city of British Columbia
- Mildest climate in Canada
- 20-minute flight to Vancouver or Seattle
- 200+ downtown restaurants and pubs
- Great cafes, beaches and music scene
- World-famous gardens and outdoor activities
Questions? Contact Us 😊

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