

Vancouver Summer Programs 2013

Course Package Offerings

Enhance your students' learning experiences with study in an international setting in Vancouver, BC Canada! Each university will organize a cohort of a minimum of 24 students who will study the same two course package all in the beautiful campus of the University of British Columbia. We are also open to your ideas for courses in other areas. For further information, please contact us:

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Business

International Business Management

Development of general environmental framework for international business studies by drawing on international and development economics, research into government-business relations and studies in comparative socio-cultural systems and political systems.

International Marketing

An analysis of the scope and significance of contemporary international business operations with particular reference to the marketing management problems encountered by firms with multinational branches and subsidiaries.

Arts

Culture and Communication

Critically examine the relationship between language and culture by covering key debates in the field such as animal vs. human communication, language change and language standardization. Explore how language is involved in cultural constructions of race, gender, class and ethnicity. Analyze how language has been understood in relation to power, political economy and language ideologies.

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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Natural Resources (Land and Food Systems, Forestry)

Land and Food Systems Package

Food Safety & Food Safety Management

Learn about food safety within the food processing environments and the regulatory systems in various jurisdictions such as the US, Canada, as well as the Codex Alimentarius. Identify physical, chemical and biological hazards and understand the process of developing a food safety management system.

Students will learn about the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) system and how to proactively apply the food safety concept to any other food safety and quality management systems, such as International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 22000, British Retail Consortium (BRC) and Safe Quality Food (SQF).

Exploring Our Food

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. Students will learn to arrive at an informed position about controversial issues relating to the food that they encounter as consumers in the marketplace, and that they hear about in the media.

Forestry Package

An Introduction to the Ecology, Economics, and Politics of Carbon

An introduction to three important aspects associated with the buildup of atmospheric CO₂ and the role played by forests in its mitigation. The first topic concerns the ecology of carbon. The second addresses the economics of carbon - the various means by which a monetary cost (and value) is attached to carbon emissions and storage, and how this is used to regulate emissions. In the third component, the politics of carbon, we review subnational, national and international agreements to restrict CO₂ emissions.

Sustainable Forest Management

An examination of how recent developments in sustainable forest management have evolved and been applied, as well as investigating their implications and trends. The overview of the bases of forest ecology will be augmented by the discussion of the complexity of the current forest management issues.



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Kinesiology

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.

Law

Introduction to the Common Law

This course provides an introduction to the common law tradition, its methods and its doctrine, and to its particular Canadian form. Students will be introduced to the foundations of Canadian law, including its structure, practice, and core values. Subjects covered will include the federalism and the charter of rights, criminal law, contract law, property law, and tort law. Students will emerge with a working knowledge of legal decision making in Canada and with a basic understanding of the law in key fields of public and private law.

Transnational Law

This course provides an introduction to the basic principles of public international law and to the animating ideas behind private international law. Students will be introduced to the sources of international law and to concepts of international law validity. The course will also introduce the concept of comparative law and will consider how globalizing forces are influencing legal developments. Students will also be introduced to researching international materials and materials from foreign jurisdictions.

