



2013 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

56,382 students on two campuses, Vancouver and Okanagan

8,437 international students

11,257 degrees granted in 2010/2011

\$10 billion in economic impact

\$549 million per year in research funding

149 companies spun off from UBC research

275,000 alumni in 120 countries

13,893 faculty and staff

30th in world university rankings, one of three Canadian universities in the top 40

1st Canadian university to achieve targets set by Kyoto Protocol

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



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VSP Program Dates

If a partner university has a group of 24 participants:

Dates can be based on partner university's requirements

The program can be scheduled for any four week period between mid-May and mid-August



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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 single bedrooms in each suite
- 2 in-suite bathrooms (with shower and toilet)
- Lounge
- Fully equipped kitchenette

High-speed wired internet included



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VSP Program Fee

The \$3750 CDN fee per student for the 2013 program includes:

- Medical insurance
- 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 Course Packages

starting July 20 and ending August 20

Business

International Business Management
International Marketing

Arts

Culture and Communication
International Politics

Kinesiology

Leisure and Sport in Society
Pedagogical Approaches in Physical Education

Law

Introduction to the Common Law
Transnational Law

Natural Resources

Land and Food Systems Package

Food Safety & Food Safety Management
Exploring Our Food

Forestry Package

An Introduction to the Ecology, Economics, and Politics of Carbon
Sustainable Forest Management

If you have a group of 24 participants, please contact us for courses based on your partner university requirements in any of these or other areas.

If you do not have 24 participants, your participants will join participants from other universities who will study the same package.



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Photo Memories



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Sample VSP Schedule

Sample Class and Social Schedule									
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
						Jul-20	Jul-21		
						Check-in	FreeTime		
	Jul-22	Jul-23	Jul-24	Jul-25	Jul-26	Jul-27	Jul-28		
9:00 - 12:00	Orientation, campus tour & welcome lunch (9:00 - 16:00)	Class	Class	Class	Intercultural Communication Class	Science World	Grouse Mountain/Capilano Suspension Bridge Combo		
13:30 - 16:30		Class	Class	Class					
Evening	City Tour	Museum of Anthropology	Free Time	Cycle through Stanley Park	Visit Granville Island & Market				
	Jul-29	Jul-30	Jul-31	Aug-01	Aug-02	Aug-03	Aug-04		
9:00 - 12:00	Class	Class	Class	Class	Intercultural Communication Class	Victoria Day Trip	Free Time		
13:30 - 16:30	Class	Class	Class	Class					
Evening	Free Time	Vancouver Art Gallery	Ice Skating at Thunderbird Arena	Mid Term Dinner (18:00-20:00)	Richmond Night Market				
	Aug-05	Aug-06	Aug-07	Aug-08	Aug-09	Aug-10	Aug-11		
9:00 - 12:00	Class	Class	Class	Class	Deep Cove Kayaking (3:00pm)	Free Time	Playland		
13:30 - 16:30	Class	Class	Class	Class					
Evening	Movie Night	Free Time	Celebration of Light	Study Night					
	Aug-12	Aug-13	Aug-14	Aug-15	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-18	Aug-19	Aug-20
9:00 - 12:00	BC Day Statutory Holiday Study Night	Class	Class A FINAL EXAM	Class B FINAL EXAM	Free Time	Whistler Trip		Free Time	Check-out
13:30 - 16:30		Class	Study Night	Farewell Luncheon (12:00-14:00)					
Evening		Study Night		Free Time					

Legend
Free
Under \$10
\$10 - \$25
\$24 - 50
\$50+



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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.

VSP Arts Package

Culture and Communication

This course critically examines 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. The course will analyze how language has been understood in relation to power, political economy and language ideologies.



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VSP Arts Package

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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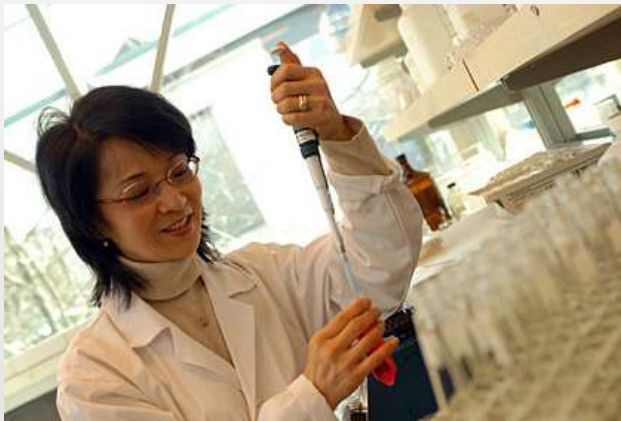


VSP Natural Resources

Land and Food Systems Package

Food Safety & 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 risks. We will review the HACCP concept and methodology.





VSP Natural Resources

Land and Food Systems Package

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. 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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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 ecology of carbon, 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, and the politics of carbon--review subnational, national and international agreements to restrict CO₂ emissions



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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.



VSP Kinesiology 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

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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VSP Law Package

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.



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VSP Law Package

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.



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