

2026 UBC Faculty of Education VSP Packages



About Vancouver, UBC and VSP



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Vancouver is a green, clean, safe and multicultural city that attracts people from all over the world. With a population of over 2.5 million, Metro Vancouver is one of Canada's largest and most beautiful cities and is frequently honoured as one of the best places in the world to live.

The University of British Columbia (UBC) is a global centre for teaching, learning and research, consistently ranked among the top 20 public universities in the world and recently recognized as North America's most international university. Since 1915, our motto, Tuum Est (It is Yours), has been a declaration of our commitment to attracting and supporting those who have the drive to shape a better world.



About VSP

Since its inception in 2013, UBC's Vancouver Summer Program (VSP) has provided diverse and enriching educational experiences for thousands of international students. By offering globally relevant courses and socio-cultural extracurricular activities specific to Vancouver and its surroundings, the VSP encourages students to engage in cross-disciplinary learning and develop their understanding of Canadian culture and values.



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YEARS SINCE VSP
WAS FOUNDED
IN 2013



60+
COURSE PACKAGES
DESIGNED FOR
THE VSP BY UBC
FACULTIES AND
SCHOOLS (TBC)

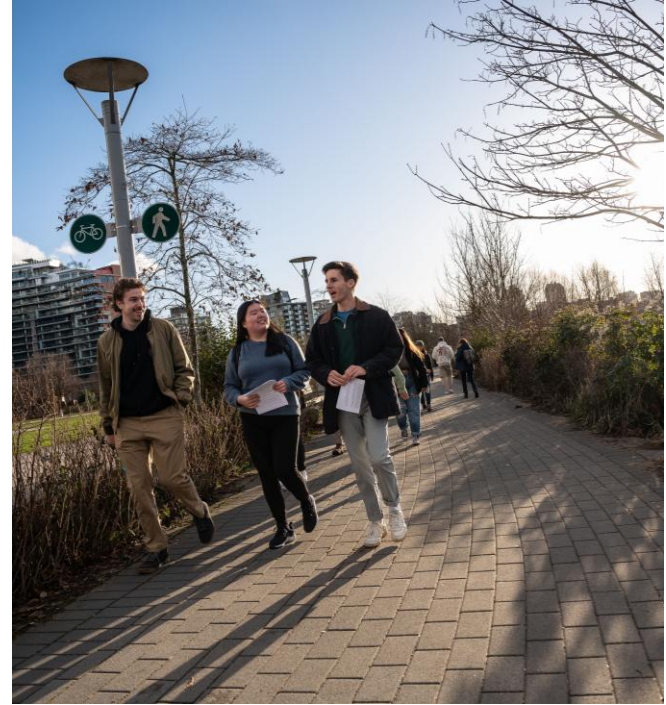


35+
3000+ STUDENTS
FROM 35+
COUNTRIES
PARTICIPATED
IN 2019



Why VSP

- Study at one of the world's top-ranked universities
- Unique courses specifically designed for the Vancouver Summer Program
- Courses offered by theme and in pairs to enhance cross-disciplinary learning
- Experience Canadian culture and teaching practices
- Engage with local UBC students and UBC's cultural ambassadors
- Experience Canadian culture and nature through weekly extracurricular activities
- Approximately 39 hours of class time per course
- Earn a certificate and grades letter upon successful completion
- Choose from any package, even if it is not your primary area of study



VSP EDU June Packages



- **Package A: Teaching and Learning English**
Course #1: Applied Linguistics for Teachers
Course #2: Introduction to Teaching and Learning English
- **Package B: Early Childhood Education and Development**
Course #1: Designing High Quality Curriculum in Early Childhood Settings
Course #2: Creating Environments to Support Learning in Early Childhood Settings
- **Package C: Sharpen Your Academic English Skills – Writing Clearly and Speaking Clearly**
Course #1: Writing Clearly: Writing for Academic and Professional Success
Course #2: Speaking Clearly: Communicating with Clarity, Confidence and Purpose



VSP EDU July Packages



- **Package A: Teaching and Learning English**
Course #1: Applied Linguistics for Teachers
Course #2: Introduction to Teaching and Learning English
- **Package B: Early Childhood Education and Development**
Course #1: Designing High Quality Curriculum in Early Childhood Settings
Course #2: Creating Environments to Support Learning in Early Childhood Settings
- **Package C: Introduction to Mental Health and Career Counselling**
Course #1: Basic Interviewing Skills
Course #2: Career Counselling
- **Package D: Learning in Place – Integrating the Community into Teaching for Enhanced Educational Outcomes**
Course #1: Introduction to Outdoor Place-based Learning
Course #2: Extending Place-based Learning: Health, Well-Being, and Connection to Place



- **Package E: Generative AI and Digital Gaming in Education: Creating Engaging Learning Environments**
 - Course #1: Educational Innovation through Generative AI
 - Course #2: Designing Digital Games to Support Teaching and Learning
- **Package F: School, Family, and Community Supports for Student Learning and Wellness**
 - Course #1: Understanding the Social-Emotional Learning Needs of Diverse Learners in School, Family, and Community Contexts
 - Course #2: Culturally Responsive Approaches to Creating Positive Learning Environments to Support Social-Emotional Health/Wellness
- **Package G: Sharpen Your Academic English Skills – Writing Clearly and Speaking Clearly**
 - Course #1: Writing Clearly: Writing for Academic and Professional Success
 - Course #2: Speaking Clearly: Communicating with Clarity, Confidence and Purpose



Sample Schedule



VSP 2026 June Session (June 5 - July 5) - General Academics and Activities Schedule*							
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					Jun 5	Jun 6	Jun 7
					Arrival / Airport Pickup ¹ Residence Check-in		
	Jun 8	Jun 9	Jun 10	Jun 11	Jun 12	Jun 13	Jun 14
9:00 - 12:00	Faculty-exclusive Orientation & Campus Tour	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	World Cup match in Vancouver	Optional Tours ³ (Whistler Day Trip)
13:30 - 16:30	VSP Welcome Event (for all VSP students)	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²		
Evening				City Exploration Activity (16:30-20:00)	City Exploration Activity (16:30-20:00)		
	Jun 15	Jun 16	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21
9:00 - 12:00	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Optional Tours ³ (Victoria Day Trip)	World Cup match in Vancouver
13:30 - 16:30	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Sports Day	Academics ²		
Evening	Faculty Organized Event	Residence Mentor Event	Faculty Organized Event	World Cup match in Vancouver			
	Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28
9:00 - 12:00	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics (Flexible) ²		
13:30 - 16:30	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²		
Evening	Faculty Organized Event	Residence Mentor Event	Grad Studies Information Fair (16:30 - 18:00)		Faculty Organized Event		
			World Cup match in Vancouver		World Cup match in Vancouver		
	Jun 29	Jun 30	Jul 1	Jul 2	Jul 3	Jul 4	Jul 5
9:00 - 12:00	Academics (Flexible) ²	Evaluations/ Academics (Final Exams)	Canada Day (Holiday)	Academics (Final Exams)	Departure / Airport Dropoff ¹ Residence Check-out		
13:30 - 16:30	Academics (Flexible) ²			Farewell Luncheon			
Evening				World Cup match in Vancouver			



Sample Schedule



VSP 2026 July Session (July 17 - August 17) - General Academics and Activities Schedule*							
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					Jul 17	Jul 18	Jul 19
					Arrival / Airport Pickup ¹ Residence Check-in		
	Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22	Jul 23	Jul 24	Jul 25	Jul 26
9:00 - 12:00	Faculty-exclusive Orientation & Campus Tour	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	City Exploration Activity (09:00-20:00)	Optional Tours ³ (Whistler/Victoria Day Trips)	Optional Tours ³ (Whistler/Victoria Day Trips)
13:30 - 16:30	VSP Welcome Event (for all VSP students)	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²			
Evening				City Exploration Activity (16:30-20:00)			
	Jul 27	Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31	Aug 1	Aug 2
9:00 - 12:00	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Optional Tours ³ (3-Day Rockies Tour)	Optional Tours ³ (3-Day Rockies Tour)
13:30 - 16:30	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Sports Day	Academics ²		
Evening	Faculty Organized Event ⁴	Residence Mentor Event	Faculty Organized Event ⁴		Optional Tours ³ (3-Day Rockies Tour) (Departure @ 6pm)		
	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9
9:00 - 12:00	BC Day (Holiday)	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Optional Tours ³ (Whistler/Victoria Day Trips)	Optional Tours ³ (Whistler/Victoria Day Trips)
13:30 - 16:30		Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics ²		
Evening		Optional Tours ³ (3-Day Rockies Tour)	Residence Mentor Event	Grad Studies Information Fair (16:30 - 18:00)			
	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16
9:00 - 12:00	Academics ²	Academics (Flexible) ²	Academics (Flexible) ²	Evaluations/ Academics (Final Exams)	Academics (Final Exams)	Departure / Airport Dropoff ¹ Residence Check-out	
13:30 - 16:30	Academics ²	Academics ²	Academics (Flexible) ²		Farewell Luncheon		
Evening	Faculty Organized Event ⁴						
	Aug 17						
All-day	Departure / Airport Dropoff ¹ Residence Check-out						



Fees and Expenses



Fees

The total cost for joining the Vancouver Summer Program in 2026 is **\$6,000 CAD** and it's comprised of two parts:

Application fee: **\$150 CAD**, payable upon submitting the application

Program fee: **\$5,850 CAD**, which includes course fees and materials, program-related social and cultural activities, accommodation, and medical insurance. The program fee is due by **April 10 (June Packages)** or **May 15, 2025 (July Packages)**.

The application fee is due immediately after submitting your VSP application. You will receive a link to pay the application fee in the application confirmation email. Your application will not be processed until we have received your application fee. A 4% (C\$5) service charge will be added to the application fee in the payment portal to cover transaction fees.

You should proceed with paying your program fee immediately after receiving the acceptance confirmation email, which includes a link to pay the program fee. You will receive your Letter of Acceptance (LoA) **AFTER** we have received your program fee payment.



When Plans Change

If you, for any reason, can no longer participate in VSP and choose to withdraw after you have confirmed your acceptance, please email vsp.applications@ubc.ca with an official withdrawal request along with a brief explanation for the withdrawal.

If you have already paid your fees, you may be eligible for a refund.



Refund Policies

- The application fee (\$150) will not be refunded except when a package is cancelled.
- Refunds may incur additional charges and exchange rate differences.
- All refunds will be processed after the end of the July Session.



Refund Policies

- Refunds for Visa Refusals

If you are withdrawing from VSP because Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has denied your application for a **Visitor Visa**, VSP will refund 100% of the program fee paid (excluding service charges).

You must email vsp.applications@ubc.ca within 15 days from the date shown on the letter from IRCC, before your program start date. Your email must include:

1. An official withdrawal request stating that IRCC has denied your application for a Visitor Visa, and
2. The official letter of Visitor Visa denial issued by IRCC.



Eligibility and Application



Students must be:

- an undergraduate student at a post-secondary institution outside of Canada,
- at least 19 years of age on the first day of the program,
- fully proficient in English and be able to engage in an academic setting.

Apply now:

<https://vancouversummerprogram.ubc.ca/apply-now/>





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