



# 2015 Vancouver Summer Program

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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

**58,284** students (Vancouver: 49,896; Okanagan: 8,388)

**10,181** international students from 149 countries

**12,010** degrees granted in 2013

**300,000** alumni in 120 countries

**15,171** faculty and staff

**\$2 billion** annual operating budget

**\$564 million** per year in research funding for 8,442 projects

**158** companies spun off from UBC research

**\$12.7 billion** in economic impact

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

**31<sup>st</sup>** in Times Higher Education world rankings (2013)

[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

## July 18 to August 18, 2015

### Applied Science

#### Engineering

*Civil Engineering Materials*

*Project Based Learning in Civil Engineering Materials*

#### Architecture

##### Urban Design

*Sustainability by Design: The Design of the North American Sustainable City and its Implications for the World*

*Perspectives on the Development of the City of Vancouver*

#### Arts

##### Package A – The World of Manga and Anime

*Manga and Anime in the World*

*Writing for Graphic Forms: Manga*

##### Package B – Global Journalism, Culture and

##### Communications: Practice and Principles

*Culture and Communication*

*Global Journalism*

##### Package C – Environmental Economics &

##### Introduction to Resource and Sustainable Practices

*Environmental Economics*

*Environment, Resources, and Sustainable Development:*

*An introduction to sustainable practices*

##### Package D – International Trade, Financial Markets and Politics

*International Trade and Financial Markets*

*Dynamics of International Politics*

### 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*

#### Package C – Strategic Management and New Enterprise Development

*Strategic Management*

*New Enterprise Development*

### Dentistry

*Oral Cancer: Why haven't the clinical outcomes improved?*

*Dental Caries: the most common infectious disease in humans*

### Education

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

*Classroom Management*

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

#### Package B – Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

*Applied Linguistics for Teachers*

*Introduction to Teaching English as a Second Language*

#### Package C – Early Childhood Education and Development

*Designing High Quality Programs in Early Childhood Settings*

*Creating Environments to Support Learning in Early Childhood Settings*

#### Package D – Physical and Outdoor Experiential Education

*Pedagogical Approaches in Physical Education*

*Outdoor Experiential Learning*

### Forestry

#### Package A – Forest Management and the Effects of Carbon

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

*Sustainable Forest Management*

#### Package B – Forest Products, Trade and Business Management

*Forest Product Markets and International Trade*

*The Wood Industry and Business Management*

#### Package C – Urban Forestry

*An Introduction to Urban Forestry*

*Green-Space Management in North America*



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# VSP Program Packages

## July 18 to August 18, 2015

### Kinesiology

#### Package A – Sport and Exercise Performance

*Sport and Exercise Psychology*

*Applied Exercise Physiology*

#### Package B – International Sport Marketing and Culture

*International Sport Marketing*

*Leisure and Sport in a Global Context*

### Land and Food Systems

#### Package A – Food: Science and Safety

*Introduction to Food Science*

*Food Safety and Food Safety Management*

#### Package B – Agribusiness Management

*Food and Agribusiness Enterprise Management*

*Food and Agribusiness Marketing Management*

#### Package C – Nutritional Science

*Essentials of Nutrition*

*Healthy Eating – The Canadian Way*

### Law

#### Topics in Law: International Business and Canadian Common Law

*The Law and Practice of International Business*

*Canadian Common Law – Rights & Responsibilities*

### 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

*Pharmacology of Everyday Life*

*Systems Pharmacology*

#### Package C – Medical Imaging and Medications for Controlling Pain

*Introduction to Medical Imaging*

*Medications for Controlling Pain in Everyday Life and in Surgery*

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

*Molecular Basis of Disease*

*Environmental Biochemistry*

#### Package E – Neuropsychopharmacology and Neuropsychiatry

*Introductory Neuropsychopharmacology*

*Introductory Neuropsychiatry*

#### Package F – Understanding the Recovery and Treatment from Injury and Chronic Disease

*Exercise is Medicine*

*Introduction to Rehabilitation Sciences: A case-based approach to understanding the recovery from injury and disease*

#### Package G – Population and Public Health

*The Social Determinants of Health*

*Biological Concepts of Public Health Practice*

### Science

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

*Our Dynamic Planet*

*Earth Treasures*

#### Package B – Fossils, Fuels and Mineral Resources

*The Active Earth and its Resources*

*Earth and Life Through Time*

#### Package C – The Geometry of Nature

*The Size of Things*

*Symmetry*

*For groups of 24 or more participants, a special package of two courses can be organized. Please contact us about a custom package in any of these or other areas. Customized two course packages can be scheduled for any four week period between mid-May and mid-July*



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# Sample VSP Schedule

Sample 2015 VSP Class and Social Schedule								
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
						Jul-18	Jul-19	
						Airport Pickup* Check-in	City Tour	
	Jul-20	Jul-21	Jul-22	Jul-23	Jul-24	Jul-25	Jul-26	
9:00 - 12:00	UBC Welcome, Faculty Orientation and Campus Tour	Class A	Class A	Class A	Intercultural Communication Class	Whistler or Victoria Day Trip (optional)		
13:30 - 16:30		Class B	Class B	Class B				
Evening					*Granville Island + Market			
	Jul-27	Jul-28	Jul-29	Jul-30	Jul-31	Aug-01	Aug-02	
9:00 - 12:00	Class A	Class A	Class A	Class A		Grouse Mountain (optional)		
13:30 - 16:30	Class B	Class B	Class B	Class B				
Evening		*Vancouver Art Gallery			*Richmond Night Market			
	Aug-03	Aug-04	Aug-05	Aug-06	Aug-07	Aug-08	Aug-09	
9:00 - 12:00	BC Day Statutory Holiday	Class A	Class A	Class A		Whistler or Victoria Day Trip (optional)		
13:30 - 16:30		Class B	Class B	Class B				
Evening		*Museum of Anthropology	Mini Grad Fair (17:00-19:00)					
	Aug-10	Aug-11	Aug-12	Aug-13	Aug-14	Aug-15	Aug-16	Aug-17
9:00 - 12:00	Class A	Class A	Class A FINAL EXAM	Class B FINAL EXAM				
13:30 - 16:30	Class B	Class B		Farewell Luncheon (12:00-14:00)				
Evening								
								Aug-18
								Check-out 11:00 Airport Drop Off*

Legend
Free
Under \$10
\$50+

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 outside of group flights and regular hours will be expected to make their own way to UBC campus.



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# 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 (4 to 6 bedrooms)

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

If maximum occupancy is reached in apartment style accommodation, students may be placed in dormitory style accommodation



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# VSP Program Fee

The packaged fee per student for the 2015 program is \$4200 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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