

2024–25

# Vancouver Island University

Graduate Programs





# Nanaimo, British Columbia

Vancouver Island University (VIU) is a public university on the magnificent West Coast of Canada. Our inspiring natural setting, personal attention in small size classes, quality programming and values-based education set VIU apart from other universities. In this nurturing environment we celebrate students' social competencies as much as we celebrate their academic accomplishments. We aim to help students develop their relationship skills by engaging with local and global communities within and beyond the classroom.



## Our Campus

### Vancouver Island University Facts



12,000  
Students



Maximum class size of  
34  
Students



120+  
Programs



1,400+  
International students



89  
Countries



8  
Faculties

Our campus is centrally located near downtown Nanaimo.  
The campus is close to:

public transit • aquatic and ice centre  
shopping • museums • restaurants

Our facilities include:

gymnasium • cafeterias • library • student lounges  
medical clinic • bookstore • student housing

## Did you Know?

### Nanaimo Facts



Population of  
100,000



2nd  
Largest city on Vancouver Island



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Airport with connections to Vancouver,  
Toronto, and Calgary

Graduate Programs  viu.ca for details	Credentialed Master's Degree 2 years	Graduate Diploma 1 year	Graduate Diploma 2 year	Graduate Certificate 1 year	Post-Degree Diploma 1 year	Intake September	January	Apply by	GPA (calculated in last 2 yrs)	Letter of intent	Work Experience	References	Resume	Bachelor's Degree	ESL Available	Assessment Form	Notes
Business Administration (MBA)	✓					✓	✓	March 31 June 30	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓		No GMAT; internship
Sustainable Leisure Management	✓				✓	✓		March 31	B*	✓		3	✓	✓	✓	3	
Community Planning	✓					✓		Jan 31	B	✓		3	✓	✓		3	
Geographic Information Systems	✓				✓	✓		Jan 31	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓		Intro GIS course; Practicum
Educational Leadership	✓					✓		Feb 28	B	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓	2	2 years of teaching experience preferred
Special Education	✓					✓		Feb 28	B	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓	2	2 years of teaching experience preferred
Online Educational Leadership (Montessori option)			✓			✓**		June 30	B	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	2 years of teaching experience preferred. Can ladder into the Master of Educational Leadership
Online Learning and Teaching			✓			✓		August 15									Can ladder into the Master of Educational Leadership
Business (GCIB)				✓		✓	✓	March 31 June 30						✓	✓		Can also apply for GPDM and MBA program
Project Management (GDPM)		✓				✓		March 31	C+				✓	✓	✓		Business degree or completion of GCIB
Fisheries and Aquaculture					✓	✓		March 31						✓	✓		Interview; permission of department

\* Under review  
 \*\* Montessori program starts end of July

# Master of Business Administration (MBA)



The MBA program at VIU is a full-time, cohort-based program that helps you build the managerial skills to meet the challenges of an increasingly complex, interconnected world. We focus on shaping the leaders of tomorrow. Of all the programs in Canada, the VIU MBA program is one of the strongest in terms of the focus on technology. Data analytics is embedded in research courses, and four courses are dedicated to technology. We support you with career coaching throughout the program. And you work with industry mentors during an internship where you undertake an applied business project.

### Application period

October 1 to March 31  
September start

January 2 to June 30  
January start

### Program length

20 months

### Full program tuition

\$52,028 (CAD) for 2 years

Prices are subject to change without notice.

### Features

Integrated business internship

Two start dates per year

No GMAT required

Any bachelor degree accepted

95% of graduates are working full-time in 4 to 8 months

### Career possibilities

management

business development

corporate finance

account management

consulting: strategy, operations or human resources

sales and marketing

entrepreneur

## Admission requirements

- bachelor's degree
- minimum “B” average in the last two years of undergraduate degree
- letter of introduction explaining how the MBA will contribute to career plans
- resumé describing education, work and volunteer experience
- two letters of recommendation from past employers or professors
- minimum one year of work experience
- no GMAT (entrance examination) score
- meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
  - » IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5
  - » TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20
  - » completion of VIU English Language Grad Prep program

**Note:** Applicants without a Bachelor degree, but with significant work experience, may apply. These applicants will be considered on an individual basis.

**Kanav Khanna · India**  
*Master of Business Administration*

The entire program is structured in such an interactive way that it gives you the freedom to change your career path and explore a different avenue if you want to.

I really wanted to put my first foot in the financial sector and I started networking with professionals from my second semester. The art of networking taught in our Work Integrated Learning class really helped me a lot to land me with offer from RBC and another reputed bank.





Admission requirements

- bachelor’s degree
- minimum average of “B” calculated in the last two years of the undergraduate degree
- resumé
- three letters of reference and three referee forms (preferably two academic referees and one professional)
- statement of interest addressing each of the following:
  - » areas of research interest (parks, festivals, resorts, tourism, etc.)
  - » statement of career interest
  - » summary of relevant preparation (career and academic)
- interview (if requested)
- meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
  - » IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5
  - » TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20
  - » completion of VIU English Language Grad Prep program



Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management (MASLM)

The MASLM is a full-time, cohort-based program that equips you with the knowledge and skills to be a leader with innovative solutions. The program begins with eight months of course work, including: principles and paradigms of leisure and sustainability, influencing change, knowledge creation and mobilization, and case studies in sustainability in the global context. In the second year, you are mentored as you apply your knowledge and skills to a field experience and document your results in a research thesis. This world-class program prepares you to address sustainability challenges and create solutions.

Application period	Program length	Full program tuition
October 1 to March 31 September start	2 years	\$27,783(CAD) for 2 years  Prices are subject to change without notice.
Features	Career possibilities	
2-year program	sustainability analyst	
12 months of fieldwork and thesis research	eco-tourism consultant	
Strong ties to industry	university researcher	
VIU is designated as a World Leisure Centre of Excellence with the World Leisure Organization	community development officer	
8-month residency requirement	tourism development manager	
90% of graduates are working full-time in 4 to 8 months	tourism entrepreneur	



Brighton · Tanzania  
*Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management*

It was not easy to move from my home country to Canada but I have not regretted it. VIU has become my second home. A place where I can be me.

Lihui Wu · China  
*Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management*

Instructors in the courses are experts in specific fields of study in leisure. They offer professional guidance to students. They promoted critical thinking and independent learning. They offer students freedom to explore fields of study they are interested in. The learning atmosphere is relaxing and encouraging.

In the program we learn advanced theories such as United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and also had the opportunity to put these theories into practice.

I was lucky to be able to join the cohort’s field experiences. I learned how public or private businesses promote innovations and achieve social, environmental, and economic sustainability. These experiences were like adventures, helping me not only gain professional knowledge but also learn local cultures.

Students in the cohort were from different parts of the world. The diversity of students promoted cross-cultural communication and provided great opportunities to learn different cultures and understand different ways of behavior.

Nanaimo is a wonderful place to live with unique features. There are a variety of recreational and leisure opportunities, such as hiking, whale-watching, Kayaking, golfing, fishing, diving, etc.





Admission requirements

- bachelor’s degree
- significant previous experience or training in GIS including completion of an introductory GIS course from an accredited post-secondary institution
- letter of intent that includes:
  - » summary of academic and professional experience
  - » statement of career goals
  - » description of the research topic you wish to pursue
- two letters of reference
- interview (if requested)
- meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
  - » IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5
  - » TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20
  - » completion of VIU English Language Grad Prep program

Master of GIS Applications

The Master of Geographic Information Systems Applications (MGISA) program is for students who have completed some GIS studies and want to prepare for work in GIS management and consulting. In addition to courses in advanced GIS techniques and management, students complete a practicum in consultation with an industry partner and a substantial research project under faculty supervision.

Application period

October 1 to January 31  
September start

Program length

2 years

Full program tuition

\$38,942 (CAD) for 2 years  
Prices are subject to change without notice

Features

2-year program with 2-month practicum included  
Strong ties to industry, government and non-governmental organizations

Career possibilities

GIS administration  
research  
teaching  
GIS consulting  
GIS systems design  
GIS applications programming

Master of Education in Educational Leadership

Join a select group of international and Canadian students in a program that will prepare you for leadership roles. The Master of Education (MEd) in Educational Leadership (MEDL) is a program of professional preparation for aspiring and practicing school leaders. Grounded in rich educational literature supplemented by extensive faculty expertise and experience, the program provides a balance of research, policy and practice.

Application period

October 1 to February 28  
September start

Program length

2 years

Full program tuition

\$27,770(CAD) for 2 years  
Prices are subject to change without notice

Features

2-year full-time, cohort-based program  
Directed project or thesis completed in year 2  
Strong focus on developing leadership knowledge and skills for the field of education  
Rich program grounded in educational transformation  
Internationalized curriculum and perspective in 4 to 8 months

Career possibilities

independent school teacher or leader  
college instructor or leader  
international education professional  
industry training  
education researcher

Admission requirements

- bachelor’s degree
- minimum “B” average in the last two years of undergraduate degree
- letter of introduction explaining how the MBA will contribute to career plans
- resumé describing education, work and volunteer experience
- two letters of recommendation from past employers or professors
- minimum one year of work experience
- no GMAT (entrance examination) score
- meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
  - » IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5
  - » TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20
  - » completion of VIU English Language Grad Prep program

Note: If you do not hold a bachelor’s degree but have significant work experience, you may apply with a GMAT score.

Kirandeep · India  
Master of Education in Educational Leadership

As a VIU student, I was able to explore myself. People explore new cultures, places and many other things but I got a chance to know myself, which I believe is more important for success.

Admission requirements

- Bachelor's degree with a minimum average of "B" in the last two years.
- A résumé outlining teaching experience (two years preferred).
- Two current, confidential assessment reports.
- A letter of intent explaining why the applicant wishes to pursue graduate work in this area.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
  - » IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
  - » TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
  - » Completion of VIU's English Language
  - » Grad Prep program.
- Flexible admission can be available when there is significant professional experience relevant to the proposed area of scholarship.



# Master of Education in Special Education

VIU's Master of Education (MEd) in Special Education (MEDS) embodies an innovative approach to working with students who have special needs (e.g. learning, developmental, behavioural, or physical needs). Grounded in research and evidence-based practices, our program challenges students to critically examine historical and contemporary special education policies and approaches to formulate a best practice. Faculty bring their extensive experiences to maximize student learning in each part of the program.

Application period

October 1 to February 28  
September start

Program length

2 years

Full program tuition

\$27,770 (CAD) for 2 years  
Prices are subject to change without notice.

Features

2-year full-time, cohort-based program  
Directed project or thesis completed in year 2  
Responsive teaching  
Principles of assessment and intervention planning  
Examination of critical issues and evidence-based pedagogies

Career possibilities

independent school special education teacher  
college instructor  
special education consultant  
disabilities advisor  
industry training  
education researcher

# Master of Community Planning

Planning is a growing profession and this master's degree opens doors to many opportunities within the field. Professional planners work for all levels of government, not-for-profit agencies and consulting firms to advance the public good and improve the quality of community life for citizens around the world. Our Master of Community Planning (MCP) combines research, applied learning and interactions with the professional planning community to assist students in gaining the skills, abilities and knowledge necessary to establish or advance a successful career as a community planner.

Application period

October 1 to January 31  
September start

Program length

2 years

Full program tuition

\$27,908 (CAD) for 2 years  
Prices are subject to change without notice

Features

2-year program  
Small city and town planning  
Community and urban design  
First Nations planning with attention to the issues relevant to the First Nations of Vancouver Island and coastal BC  
Sustainable economic issues including tourism

Career possibilities

Community Planner  
Project Manager  
Researcher  
Urban Designer  
City Manager  
Land Professional

Admission requirements

- Bachelor's degree with a minimum average of "B" calculated in the last two years of the undergraduate degree.
- Résumé.
- Three letters of reference (academic or professional referees). These may be submitted as either a Letter of Reference or a completed Assessment Form (available online).
- Statement of interest addressing each of the following areas:
  - » Areas of research interest;
  - » Statement of career interest; and
  - » Statement of volunteer and/or career experience.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
  - » IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
  - » TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20.



Margaux Cadenas · Philippines  
Master of Education in Special Education

I have learned so many new things about the field of Special Education and thanks to my wonderful instructors and cohort, I am even more motivated to do what I can to influence the life of a child with unique abilities. VIU appeared to be a place that someone could call home and it turned out to be exactly that place for me.

Sonal · India  
Master of Community Planning

As an international student, I was new to western education systems and would have been lost in a big pool of students. A small cohort presented many opportunities to develop my skills and build my network.





Admission requirements

- An undergraduate or master’s degree in business from a recognised university with a minimum “C+” (2.33) grade point average on the most recent 60 credits, or VIU’s Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB) with a minimum “C+” (2.33) grade point average.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
  - » IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
  - » TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
  - » Completion of VIU’s English Language Grad Prep program.
- Preference will be given to individuals whose background, and prior work and study indicate preparation for careers in project management.

Graduate Diploma in Project Management (GDPM)

The GDPM is a full-time one-year cohort based program that builds specialized expertise in the tools and techniques of project management. GDPM equips students with the critical knowledge and skills for effectively managing medium/large scale projects, including: project scoping and scheduling, cost and time control, risk assessment, project implementation, monitoring and control systems. Successful GDPM students are eligible to complete assessment for the Certified Associate Project Management (CAPM) and Project Management Professional (PMP) designations of the Project Management Institute (PMI). The program has one intake that starts in the fall and is delivered over three semesters.

Application period

October 1 to March 31  
September start

Program length

1 year (3 semesters)

Full program tuition

\$23,111 (CAD) for 1 year  
Prices are subject to change without notice.

Features

Specialized project management knowledge and skills  
Cohort based program  
Preparation for CAPM and PMP designations  
Integrated project management applied project  
One year membership in the Canadian Project Management Institute

Career possibilities

Business Project Manager  
Development Project Manager  
Operations Project Manager  
Site Manager

Edward Tumaneng · Philippines

Graduate Diploma in Project Management

Based on my research, this is where Vancouver Island University in Canada sets itself apart from other universities. VIU is known for its value- and socio-cultural based program that is closely integrated to the environment and the First Nations Ways of Knowing. This, for me, is an invaluable addition to my education and professional development.

I was mesmerized when I visited the campus for the first time because there is so much of mother nature around – trees, snow-capped mountains, lakes, rivers, and vast open fields and it made me excited more about going to the university!

The overall pace of the classes is manageable and as with any post-secondary level of education, there is a significant amount of reading, analysis, and group work, but none of these are extremely overwhelming. The professors have exhibited their expertise with all of them having solid experiences in professional project management and that adds a lot of substance and credibility on the teachings and the discussions.

I believe that an internationally recognized education like VIU is always a plus on one’s professional profile. Canada is known to have an excellent health care infrastructure, so studying in a Canadian-based university will be complementary to my career as a Project Manager in healthcare systems.

Ezinne Chinenye Emmanuel · Nigeria

Graduate Diploma in Project Management

I have and I am still having wonderful experiences each day. My professors are wonderful and willing to teach and listen. My co-students are always willing to assist. I had culture shock initially, but was able to adapt quickly because of their help and direction.

Admission requirements

- An undergraduate degree from a recognized institution or Red Seal Endorsement.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
  - » IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
  - » TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
  - » Completion of VIU’s English Language Grad Prep program.
- Preference will be given to candidates with at least one year of work experience.
- Graduates of the certificate program with a CGPA of 3.0 or higher and one year of work experience may apply for direct entry into the MBA program.
- Graduates with a CGPA of 2.33 can apply for direct entry into the Graduate Diploma in Project Management.

Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB)

The GCIB is a full-time, cohort based program that builds foundational business knowledge and skills. GCIB equips students with critical concepts in strategy, leadership, accounting, and finance. The program is delivered over three semesters and has two intakes: September and January. GCIB is designed for students looking to build business knowledge and/or for those needing a business credential before continuing on to one of the VIU Faculty of Management graduate diplomasor the MBA.

Application period	Program length	Full program tuition
October 1 to March 31 September start	1 year (3 semesters)	\$23,111 for 1 year
First business day in January to June 30 January start		Prices are subject to change without notice.
Features	Career possibilities	
Gain core business knowledge and skill	Administrative Officer	
Build academic skills required for success at the graduate level	Human Resources Specialist	
Cohort based program	Marketing Coordinator	
Two start dates per year		
Admission with any bachelor degree or Red Seal certification		

Carolane Rheault · Canada  
Graduate Certificate in Business

The Graduate Certificate was a perfect opportunity to get a solid footing in the business and management world without the intense commitment of an MBA program. The location of the program was a bonus; I'd get to explore beautiful Vancouver Island and appreciate the incredible sights the Island has to offer.

Learn English at a university recognized for teaching excellence

Program	Description	Length	Dates (2024)	Tuition
Language Foundations (levels 1-3)	An English language program focusing on reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Students can enter ESL university preparation course upon successful completion of Level 3. * Listening & Speaking - 7 weeks, Reading & Writing - 7 weeks	7 weeks and 14 weeks	Jan 8 – Feb 23 (Term A) Feb 29 – Apr 17 (Term B) Jan 8 – Apr 17 (GP)  May 1 – June 18 (Term A) June 24 – Aug 9 (Term B) May 13 – Aug 21 (GP)	\$2,731 and \$5,462
University Preparation (levels 4 & 5)	Academic preparation for students who want to study in a Canadian university. Students can enter undergraduate credit studies after successful completion of level 5. * Listening & Speaking - 7 weeks, Reading & Writing - 7 weeks	7 weeks and 14 weeks	Sept 3 – Oct 18 (Term A) Oct 24 – Dec 11 (Term B) Sept 3 – Dec 11 (GP)	\$2,731 and \$5,462
Graduate Preparation	Academic preparation for students who want to study a master's degree at VIU. Students can enter graduate studies after successful completion of Grad Prep.	14.5 weeks	Jan 9 – April 19 May 15 – Aug 23 Sep 5 – Dec 13	\$5,462

\* Students must finish two terms to complete a level  
In order to assign a student to the appropriate course level, an English Placement Test (EPT) must be submitted with the application to VIU.



↑ Scan here for more information

Direct entry scores to ESL courses

IELTS or equivalent test requirement	Level of direct entry
IELTS 4.0 (no band lower than 3.5)	Language Foundation 1
IELTS 4.5 (no band lower than 4.0)	Language Foundation 2
IELTS 5.0 (no band lower than 4.5)	Language Foundation 3
IELTS 5.5 (no band lower than 5.0)	University Preparation 4
IELTS 6.0 (no band lower than 5.5)	University Preparation 5
IELTS 6.5 (no band lower than 6.0)	Grad Prep

Sample budget for one ESL semester (14 weeks)

Application Fee	\$150
Tuition	\$5,462
Ancillary Fee	\$310
Student Union Fee	\$99.52
Medical Insurance	\$246
Homestay Registration Fee	\$275
Homestay Fee (\$1050/month) Arranged by Canada Homestay Network (CHN)	\$4,200
Total	\$10,742.52



# Study, Work, and Live in Canada

## Study in Canada\*

\*English language courses can be taken prior to the start of academic program.

### Undergraduate programs

- 1-year Certificate
- 2-year Diplomas
- 4-year Bachelor's degrees

### Postgraduate programs

- 1-year Graduate Certificates and Diplomas
- 2-year Graduate Diplomas
- 2-year Master's degrees



← Scan here for more information

## Work in Canada\*

\*Multiple condntions apply. Work eligibility and requirements may change with limited or no notice.

### On campus

- Can work any amount of hours during semester and scheduled (study) breaks
- Can work on or off campus if your study permits lists a condition that says “you’re allowed to work on- or off-campus.”
- Have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)

### Off campus

- 20 hours per week during semesters and full-time during study breaks
- Can work on or off campus if your study permit lists a condition that says “you’re allowed to work on-or off-campus”
- Program must be at least 6 months long
- Have valid study permit, be a full-time student

### Co-op or intern

- Work permit required
- The intended employment must be an essential part of the academic program but not exceeding 50% of it

### Post-graduation

- Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)required
- Graduation from VIU or other eligible DLI
- Length of PGWP ranges 8 months – 3 years



← Scan here for more information

## Student supports

### Student supports

#### International Student Advising

- immigration
- academic
- counseling

#### VIU Student Health and Wellness Clinic

- on-site primary health care
- health and wellness education and programming
- yearly **THRIVE** week focused on building mental health awareness

#### VIU Student Union

- choose from 50+ student clubs and associations
- attend weekly events or suggest your own
- socialize at the student pub
- get student discounts and deals
- volunteer



← Scan here learn more about services for international students

## Work

### Who hires our graduates?

Many of our international graduates have successfully found jobs in their area of study. Here are some of the many companies that hire VIU graduates in Canada and globally.

#### All major banks in Canada

- Apple
- Audi
- BASF
- B&I
- Rogers
- BMW MINI
- Cambridge Medical Rehabilitation
- Chevron
- Deloitte Canada

#### Disneyland

- ElringKlinger
- Government of BC
- Hootsuite
- Imperial Oil
- Kellogg Company
- KPMG
- Moneris
- PwC



# Housing: The Right Fit for You

Your Canadian experience may vary significantly depending on the accommodation option you choose. It is up to you to decide which arrangement is more suitable for you or you can try them all throughout the term of your program.

Meal plans and/or gift cards can be purchased in advance. View details at [services.viu.ca/housing](https://services.viu.ca/housing)

**Note:** Fees are subject to change. Please check [world.viu.ca/cost-calculator](https://world.viu.ca/cost-calculator) for updates.

## Housing: The Right Fit for You

Provided by Canada Homestay Network  
*Fees available on request*

A Canadian family experience

Practice everyday English language skills

Off-campus

Trained host families

24-hour emergency support

## Apply

Minimum 6 weeks before move-in day  
[world.viu.ca/homestay](https://world.viu.ca/homestay)

## Contact

[help@canadahomestaynetwork.ca](mailto:help@canadahomestaynetwork.ca)

## Residence

**\$655/month:** double room

**\$1,063–\$1,105/month:** single room

*Damage deposit required by landlord  
(Additional fees between terms)*

Preference to 1st year full-time students

Semi-Independent living

Live on campus with Canadian and international students

Mentorship, support and social events

24-hour staff on site

\$500 Room Deposit

## Apply

[viu.ca/residence](https://viu.ca/residence)

## Contact

[residence@viu.ca](mailto:residence@viu.ca)

## Off-campus Housing

**From \$600/room**

**\$1,200–\$1,600/apartment**

*Damage deposit required by landlord  
(rental rates vary)*

Options for roomates, families and students with couples

Flexibility of choice: apartment, house, etc.

Independent living with landlord and/or roomates

Self-directed search with ongoing support from off-campus housing

## Contact

[housing@viu.ca](mailto:housing@viu.ca)

# How to apply

## Step 1

Choose Your Program: [viu.ca/programs/graduate-programs](https://viu.ca/programs/graduate-programs)

Check entrance requirements, and gather the required documents to scan and upload with your application.

### Documents required:

- Official academic transcripts,
- Any other supporting documents (resume, statement of intent, etc.),
- Official translations of any documents being submitted that are in a language other than English,
- A copy of your passport (photo page), and
- VIU approved English proficiency test certificate international. [viu.ca/admissions#graduateadmissions](https://viu.ca/admissions#graduateadmissions)

## Step 2

Apply online: [apply.educationplannerbc.ca/](https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/)

Upload scanned copies of all required documents (in separate PDF files), and pay the non-refundable application fee of \$150 CAD.

**Note:** Due to limited space in certain programs, qualified applications received by the application deadline do not guarantee that an offer will be made. Early applications are encouraged.

## Step 3

**Receive your Letter of Offer**

If successful, this will be within 4–6 weeks after application from [masters@viu.ca](mailto:masters@viu.ca)

**Note:** program start dates and payment information.

## Step 4

**Accept your Offer + Pay your Tuition Deposit.**

This is typically due 4 weeks after receiving the Offer Letter:

[viu.ca/admissions/how-do-i-pay](https://viu.ca/admissions/how-do-i-pay). Return signed policy documents.

Courier or mail your original or certified copies of your academic transcripts to: **International Admissions**

**Vancouver Island University**

**900 Fifth Street Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5S5 Canada**

## Step 5

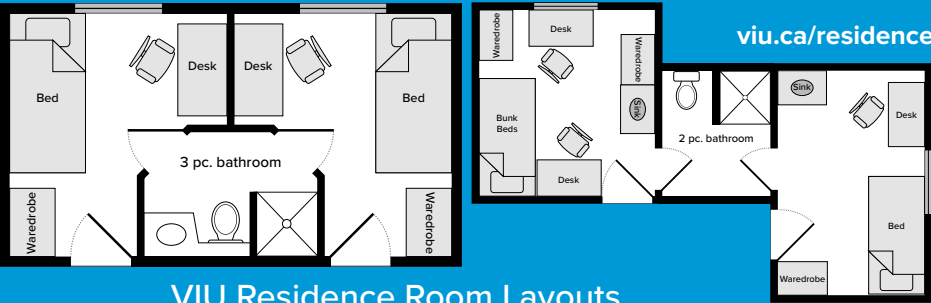
**Receive Letter Of Acceptance from [masters@viu.ca](mailto:masters@viu.ca)**

## Step 6

**Apply For Your Study Permit** from the nearest Canadian Embassy, Consulate, or High Commission.



## A homestay Canadian family experience



VIU Residence Room Layouts

## Typical one-year budget

This budget does not include tuition fees and is based on 2 semesters of study and one semester off.

For a cost of living estimate, please visit [international.viu.ca/cost-calculator](https://international.viu.ca/cost-calculator)

**Note:** To obtain a study permit, you need to show that you have enough money to pay for your tuition and living expenses for at least one year, as well as for return transportation to your home country. Visit Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada's website at [cic.gc.ca](https://cic.gc.ca) for the most up-to-date study permit information.



**\$1,200**  
Books



**\$3,000**  
Miscellaneous



**\$2,100**  
Student fees +  
medical insurance



**\$600**  
Transportation (Bus)



**\$15,505**  
Living Costs Shared off-campus housing & food





## VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY

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### Getting to campus



#### Airplane

20 minute flight from Vancouver



#### BC Ferries and Hullo Ferry

Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay (1.5 hours)

Tsawwassen to Duke Point (2 hours)

Downtown Vancouver to Downtown Nanaimo (75 min)



#### Float plane

There are two float plane companies that link Vancouver to Nanaimo

Harbour Air (20 minutes)

Sea Air (20 minutes)

