



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

31st in Times Higher Education world rankings (2013)

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

Law

Topics in Law: International Business and Canadian Common Law

The Law and Practice of International Business

Business actors face unique challenges when their activities cross international borders. This course introduces students to the legal and practical aspects of international business regulation. It familiarizes students with the analytical tools used by lawyers who advise on international business issues. Through guest lectures from international business lawyers and in-depth study of actual business case studies, the course addresses the complex economic, social, political, cultural, and legal factors which shape international business. In addition, students will get to experience the adrenalin of deal-making and business negotiations through negotiation exercises and document-drafting role-plays.

Canadian Common Law – Rights & Responsibilities

For lawyers and business practitioners working in a globalized world, knowledge of the common law is an essential skill. This course introduces students to the rights and responsibilities which underlie common law systems – with a focus on Canadian law – and the nature of the judicial process. Students take a rich journey through Canadian criminal law and constitutional law frameworks. This highly interactive class involves field trips to see how the Canadian courts work and allows students to participate in ‘mock trials’ or ‘moot court competitions’ where students take on the role of serving as lawyers and judges.

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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