

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER SUMMER PROGRAM (UBC VSP)

July 11 - August 11, 2025



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By offering globally relevant courses and sociocultural activities specific to Vancouver and its surroundings, the VSP encourages undergraduate students to engage in cross-disciplinary learning and develop their understanding of Canadian culture and values.

The total fee of \$5,975 CAD for the Vancouver Summer Program 2025 session in July includes:

- Course materials and tuition for two courses
- Shared accommodation on UBC campus
- Medical insurance
- Transportation by shuttle bus to and from Vancouver Airport (*during scheduled hours*)
- Vancouver city exploration activities
- Orientation and farewell events
- Social activities (*some activities may require extra fees*)

Choose one of the following two-course packages below:

Architecture and Landscape Architecture

ARCH A JULY - Approaches to Design

- Design Thinking
- Design Making

ARCH B JULY - Urban Landscape Architecture

- Green System Planning
- Design in the Public Realm

Arts

ARTS A JULY - From Stage to Screen: How Vancouver “plays” to a Global Audience

- From Drama to Theatre: How Does a Play Mean? (Theatre)
- Documentary & the City (Film)

ARTS B JULY - Global Journalism, Culture and Communications: Practices and Principles

- Culture and Communication
- Global Journalism

ARTS C JULY - International Finance, Trade and Politics

- International Trade and Financial Markets Power, Markets, and the Planet: Global Political Economy in the Digital and Climate Era

ARTS D JULY - Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, and Ethics

- Working with Big Data
- The Ethics of Big Data

ARTS E JULY - More Than Human: Creative Geography and World Building

- Whale + Robot
- World-Building Beyond the Human

ARTS F JULY - Conspiracy, Fascism, and Belief

- Misinformation and Conspiracy Theories
- Fascism and Propaganda

ARTS G JULY - Global Migration, Local Communities: Encountering Asia in Vancouver

- Asian Canadian Experiences in Metro Vancouver
- Metro Vancouver as Asian Canadian History

ARTS H JULY - The English Language in a Globalized World

- The History and Future of the English Language
- How Human Language Works

ARTS I JULY - Global Inequality: Relating to the Canadian Experience

- Inequality in Practice: Who wins, who loses, and why?
- Inequality in Theory: Who wins, who loses, and why?

ARTS J JULY - Imagining Sustainable Futures with Social Media and New Technology

- Technology, Environment, and the Future: Solutions for a Sustainable Planet
- Mobilizing Social Media for Action in the Climate Crisis

ARTS K JULY - Writing for Social Justice and Video Games

- Writing for Video Games
- Writing and Creativity for Social Justice

Arts + Science – Neuroscience + Psychology

NRPC A JULY - Your Brain, Your Mind, Your Future: Insights for Academic and Social Success

- Brain, Body, and Biology (Neuroscience)
- Mind, Emotions, and Well-Being (Psychology)

Applied Science - Chemical and Biological Engineering

CHBE A JULY - Introduction to Chemical & Biological Engineering

- The Power of Chemistry: an Introduction to Matter, Energy, and Chemical Engineering
- The Power of Biology: an Introduction to Biological Engineering

Applied Science – Civil Engineering

CIVL A JULY - Modern Computer Software in Civil Engineering Applications

- Modern Civil Engineering Software
- Practical Projects using Civil Engineering Software

CIVL B JULY - Carbon-neutrality in Smart and Sustainable Infrastructure

- Structural Materials and Concrete Technology
- Laboratory Testing of Structural Materials

CIVL C JULY - Urban Resilience Through Intelligent Structures

- Structural Challenges and Solutions
- Seismic Design and Competition

CIVL D JULY - Leadership and Entrepreneurial Thinking for Engineers

- Entrepreneurial Thinking for Engineers
- Leadership and Engineering

Applied Science - Electrical and Computer Engineering

ELEC A JULY - Algorithms and the World Wide Web/Building Modern Web Applications

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- Building Modern Web Applications

ELEC B JULY - Introduction to Signal/Image Processing and Deep Learning

- Introduction to Digital Signal/Image Processing
- Introduction to Hands-on Deep Learning with Python

Applied Science - Materials Engineering

MTRL A JULY - New Frontiers in Advanced Materials Manufacturing

- Introduction to Nanofibre Technology
- Introduction to Additive Manufacturing





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Business

BUS A JULY - International Business Management and International Marketing

- International Business Management
- International Marketing

BUS B JULY - Strategic Management and New Enterprise Development

- Strategic Management
- New Enterprise Development

BUS C JULY - Introduction to Marketing & Management and Organizational Behaviour

- Introduction to Marketing
- Management and Organizational Behaviour

BUS D JULY - Operations and Supply Chain Strategy & Business Analytics

- Operations and Supply Chain Strategy
- Business Analytics

Community and Regional Planning

PLAN B JULY - Feeding the World: Learning from International Policy-makers

- Planning for Sustainable Food Systems in an Era of Food Price Hike
- Policy Evaluation for Planners

Dentistry

DENT A JULY - Implications of Dental Caries and Oral Cancer

- Dental Caries and Restoration
- Oral Cancer

Education

EDU A JULY - Teaching and Learning English

- Applied Linguistics for Teachers
- Introduction to Teaching and Learning English

EDU B JULY - Early Childhood Education and Development

- Designing High Quality Programs in Early Childhood Settings
- Creating Environments to Support Learning in Early Childhood Settings

EDU C JULY - Classroom Management & Assessment and Positive Behavioural Support

- Classroom Management
- Assessment and Positive Behavioural Support in School and Community Settings

EDU D JULY - Creative Approaches to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education

- Creativity, Innovation, Critical-Thinking and Problem Solving in STEM Education
- Engaging Students with STEM Inside and Outside of the Classroom

EDU E JULY - Culture, Creativity, and Learning Technologies

- Digital Media in Arts Education
- Learning Technologies and Creativity in the Digital Age

EDU F JULY - School, Family, and Community Supports for Student Learning and Wellness

- Understanding the Social-Emotional Learning Needs of Diverse Learners in School, Family, and Community Contexts
- Culturally Responsive Approaches to Creating Positive Learning Environments to Support Social-Emotional Health/Wellness

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EDU G JULY - Educational Learning Technologies and Best-Practice Pedagogies

- Diversifying Integrated Artificial Intelligence and Learning Technologies and Systems
- Learning Technologies through Design-based Thinking: Creating Inclusive Makerspaces

Kinesiology

KIN A JULY - Psychology of Movement and Health

- Introduction to Sports Psychology
- Psychology of Exercise and Well-being

KIN B JULY - Anatomy and Physiology in Action

- Introduction to Systems Physiology
- Exercise & Health Physiology

Land and Food Systems

LFS A JULY - Nutrition and Healthy Eating

- Essentials of Nutrition
- Healthy Cooking and Eating in Canada's Multicultural Context

LFS B JULY - Food Science and Sensory Evaluation

- Science of Making Food
- The Science of Eating Foods - Sensory Evaluation

Medicine

MED A JULY - Introduction to Clinical Medicine and Scientific Research in the Hospital Setting

- Introduction to Scientific Research in the Hospital Setting
- Introduction to Clinical Medicine in the Hospital Setting

MED B JULY - Pharmacology and Literature Analysis in Science and Medicine

- Pharmacology Through Case Studies
- Primary Literature Analysis in Science and Medicine

MED E JULY - Psychiatry: The Science and Pharmacology of the Mind

- Psychiatric Disorders and their Pharmacological Treatments
- The Science Behind the Mind

MED F JULY - Major Mental Illnesses and Psychotherapy

- Mood Disorders and Psychosis
- Introduction to Psychotherapy

MED G JULY - Introduction to Population and Public Health

- Social Determinants of Health
- Introduction to Population and Public Health Practice





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MED H JULY - Understanding the Treatment and Recovery from Injury and Chronic Disease

- Recovery from Injury and Disease
- Exercise is Medicine

MED I JULY - Medical Laboratory Science

- Introduction to Medical Laboratory Science
- Fundamental Techniques for Clinical and Medical Research Laboratories

MED J JULY - Anatomical Sciences

- Principles of Body Structure and Function
- Introduction to Clinical Neuroanatomy

MED L JULY - Biological and Clinical Aspects of Aging

- Biological Aspects of Aging
- Clinical Aspects of Aging

MED M JULY - Communication Disorders Across the Lifespan: Modern Perspectives

- Typical and Impaired Communication Across the Lifespan
- How Technology is Changing the way we Communicate

MED Q JULY - Advanced Injury Biomechanics: From Mechanisms, Simulations to Clinical Application

- Translating Mechanism in Clinical Application: Musculoskeletal Injuries and Traumas Clinical
- Advancements through Collaborative Innovation

Nursing

NURS A JULY - Seniors Health and Home Care

- Introduction to Seniors' Health
- Introduction to Caring for Seniors at Home and in the Community

NURS B JULY - Mental Health & Wellness

- Introduction to Mental Health
- Strategies to Manage Stress in Everyday Life

Science - Chemistry

CHEM A JULY - Global Challenges & Introduction to Organic Chemistry

- Tackling Global Challenges with Modern Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry - A Soft Introduction

Science - Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences

EOAS A JULY - Earth's Treasures and Perils: Minerals and Natural Disasters

- Disaster Resilience: Learning from Natural Hazards
- Treasures of the Earth: Exploring Precious Minerals

EOAS B JULY - Blue Planet: Earth's Ocean, Atmosphere, Climate, and Marine Biodiversity

- From Sea to Sky: Understanding Ocean, Atmosphere, and Climate systems
- Seas of Life: Discovering Marine Biodiversity

Science - Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries

IOF A JULY - Ocean Leaders: An Environmental Leadership Program

- Becoming a Leader for the Oceans and our Planet
- Grand Challenges Facing the Ocean

Science - Integrated Sciences

ISCI A JULY - Scaling the Universe: Size and Symmetry in Science

- Symmetry
- The Size of Things

Science - Statistics and Data Science

STAT A JULY - Data Science Essentials: Statistics, Tools and Techniques

- Statistical Literacy and Reasoning in Data Science
- Data Science Tools and Advanced Modeling Techniques

UBC x Technology - Artificial Intelligence

UBCX A JULY - AI Fundamentals and GenAI Power Tools

- Harnessing AI for Digital Content Creation: Empowering Personal and Professional Content Strategies
- Exploring Generative AI for Personalized User Experiences: An Introduction for content creators and social media enthusiasts



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