

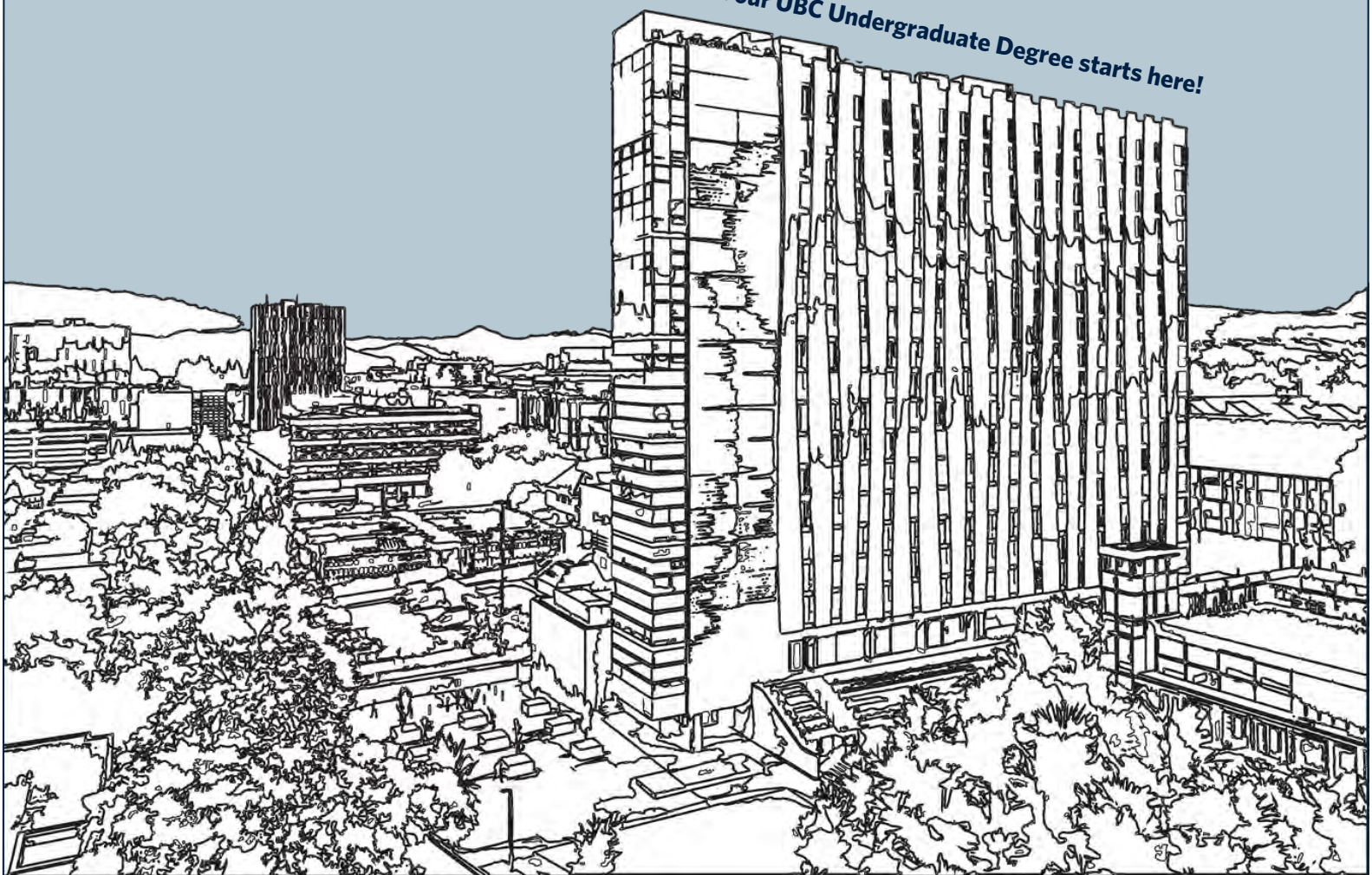


UBC Vantage One Program

REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION GUIDE 2026



Your UBC Undergraduate Degree starts here!



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

FOR PARENTS

Congratulations! Your child has succeeded in gaining admission to one of the best universities in North America, and we are excited to help them begin their next adventure here.

At the University of British Columbia in Canada, they will have the opportunity to connect with people from all over the world, learn something new every day and flourish in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment. They will also be responsible for their own decision making, as our students are taught to become independent, considerate, and critical thinkers over the course of our 11-month programs.

Like us, you also play an important role in guiding them through this journey. While their decisions will ultimately be up to them, they can't do it without you. Please be aware of what our programs and UBC have to offer, and most importantly, be open and encouraging of your child's choices in the years to come.

To learn more about the Vantage One programs, please visit our website at vantagecollege.ubc.ca. Alternatively, you can stay up to date on Vantage news via social media. You will find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

We hope to welcome your family into the UBC community, and wish you all the best in these exciting years ahead.

Warm regards,
Dr. Joanne Fox
Principal, Vantage College



WELCOME TO UBC

As a UBC student, you will be welcomed by a truly international community of expert faculty and top students who are passionate about teaching and learning. With the advantage of excellent facilities, hundreds of students clubs, and world-class research resources, you will have the opportunity to graduate from UBC with new perspectives, strong friendships, as well as an internationally recognised degree.

	#1 MOST INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN NORTH AMERICA
	TOP 3 UNIVERSITIES IN CANADA
	TOP 25 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD
	TOP 40 RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD
	1:8 AVERAGE FACULTY-STUDENT RATIO IN VANTAGE ONE PROGRAM



+ your starting point

Welcome to the Vantage One programs at the University of British Columbia! As a specially designed pathway for academically strong international students, our programs support the transition from high school to second year university. Over 11 months (three academic terms), you will complete the first-year coursework of your chosen UBC degree, while developing your English language skills with a dedicated team of UBC staff and faculty. Once you successfully complete UBC’s Vantage One programs, you will progress into the second year of your undergraduate studies at one of the world’s leading universities.



KEY ADVANTAGES

- **Full first-year credits** — Complete the first year of your UBC undergraduate degree.
- **Develop your English** — Enhance your academic English language skills alongside course content.
- **Excellent facilities** — As a UBC student, access any of the clubs, events, and top facilities on campus.
- **Global classroom** — Learn in a close-knit community of students from over 20 countries.
- **Strong support network** — With over 40 dedicated UBC faculty and staff at Vantage College, you can also access one-on-one academic advising and tutoring.



TONY RYU
SOUTH KOREA
APPLIED SCIENCE MAJOR:
Chemical Engineering

- Former Vantage Peer Mentor & Imagine Day Senior Orientation Leader
- UBC Sustaingineering CHBE/ENVL Team Technical Team Lead
- Advocate for Psychological Safety

“ Vantage One students are encouraged to take part in extracurricular activities that will create future work opportunities. ”

TARA UBOVIC
SERBIA
SCIENCE MAJOR: Statistics

- Vantage College Peer Mentor & Excellence Award Winner
- Vice President of Administration in Women In Data Science Club @ UBC
- Traveled Europe as part of orchestral ensemble playing piano and double bass



“ The Vantage One instructors motivated me to learn new things, as well as taught me how to do research within the Science field. ”



UBC VANCOUVER

COSMOPOLITAN, DYNAMIC, DIVERSE

Surround yourself with mountains, oceans and forest in one of the best places to live in the world: **Vancouver.** UBC's Vancouver campus is a 30-minute bus away from the downtown core and as you'll find out by living in residence, your campus is a city of its own. With the mildest climate in Canada, residents can choose a unique adventure everyday. Whether you're skiing in Whistler, biking the Stanley Park Seawall or taking in fireworks on the beach at the annual Celebration of Light every summer, you'll find your countless ways to make memories and call Vancouver home.

	#1 OF THE MOST LIVEABLE CITIES IN THE WORLD
	2.7M+ PEOPLE RESIDE IN VANCOUVER
	47,400 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
	400 HECTARES THAT MAKE UP CAMPUS
	4 LOCAL SKI HILLS, INCLUDING WHISTLER BLACKCOMB
	30 MINUTES FROM THE COSMOPOLITAN CITY CENTRE

+ your campus

The Vantage One programs extend across two UBC campuses — UBC Okanagan and UBC Vancouver. Both destinations are located within beautiful British Columbia and feature world-class facilities amid stunning surroundings.

While all Vantage students complete Term 1 and Term 2 at UBC Vancouver, where you study throughout Term 3 will depend on your chosen program.



UBC OKANAGAN

ADVENTUROUS, INNOVATIVE, CONNECTED

With a beautiful space in the heart of the Okanagan Valley, UBC Okanagan's campus in Kelowna thrives as a hub of innovation and learning. Currently the #1 fastest growing city in Canada, Kelowna offers our students the opportunity to be a part of a close-knit community of educators, entrepreneurs and leaders working together to push boundaries. With a modern city centre, world-class ski resorts, 300 hiking trails and 250 lakes, there's certainly no shortage of things to help you feel energized, inspired and connected.

	#1 FASTEST GROWING CITY IN CANADA
	229,000 PEOPLE IN KELOWNA
	10,806 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
	700 MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDERWAY
	2 WORLD-CLASS SKI RESORTS WITHIN A ONE-HOUR DRIVE
	2000+ HOURS OF SUNSHINE YEARLY



+ your vantage programs

UBC Vantage College offers three programs of study with embedded academic English courses. All students complete **Term 1** and **Term 2** at UBC Vancouver. In **Term 3** (May to July), you will either study at the UBC Vancouver campus or UBC Okanagan campus, depending on your program of study.

VANTAGE ONE ARTS (Bachelor of Arts degree program)

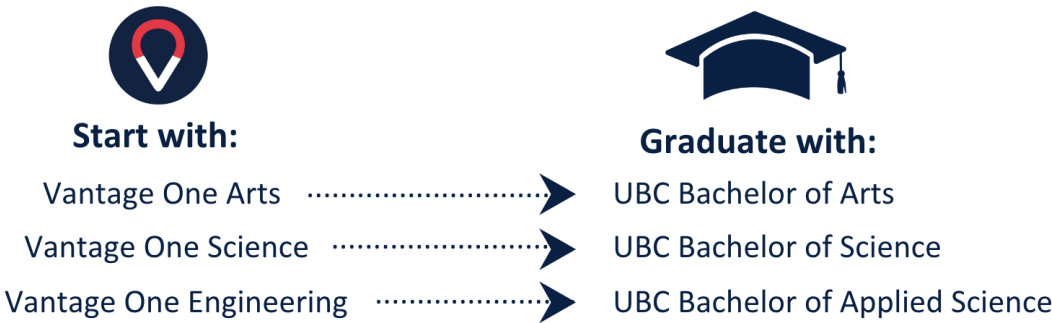
The UBC Vantage One Arts program includes courses in history, sociology, geography, political science, psychology, research and writing, to give you a solid foundation of knowledge in the arts and to strengthen your communication skills.

VANTAGE ONE SCIENCE (Bachelor of Science degree program)

The Science program at UBC Vantage College establishes a foundation of knowledge through a core set of science courses that range from chemistry to calculus to programming. You will have the option of selecting computational and physical science electives.

VANTAGE ONE ENGINEERING (Bachelor of Applied Science degree program)

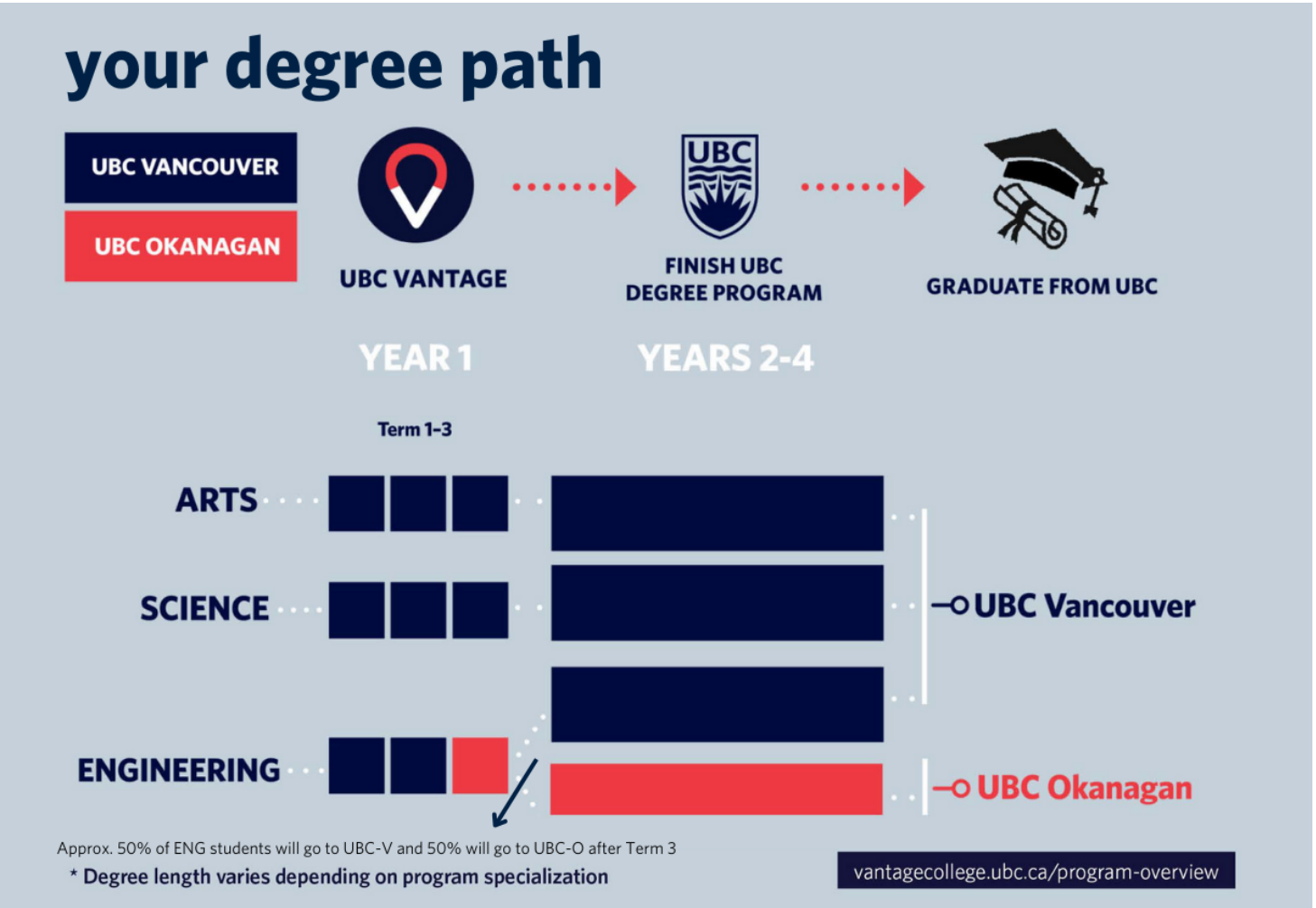
By starting your UBC degree in Applied Science in the Vantage One Engineering program, you will gain a strong foundation of core knowledge in engineering, while also developing your English language skills. You will also have the opportunity to work in teams and learn through critical analysis and research.



Vantage College Principal, Dr. Joanne Fox with the Vantage Class of 2022



Vantage faculty member, Dr. Jodie Martin with Vantage Engineering students at the Capstone Conference



DEGREE PATHS

- Bachelor of Arts:**

For all three Vantage One terms, you will be studying at the **Vancouver campus**.
- Bachelor of Science:**

For all three Vantage One terms, you will be studying at the **Vancouver campus**.
- Bachelor of Applied Science:**

For terms 1 & 2, you will be studying at the **Vancouver campus**.

For term 3, you will be at the **Okanagan campus**.



ORCHARD COMMONS

Vantage College is located within UBC's new Orchard Commons complex, featuring stunning architecture, innovative classrooms, new dining facilities, contemporary accommodation, as well as plenty of social spaces that take in mountain and ocean views. As an academic and residential space for UBC's first-year students, it's the perfect setting to study, socialize and thrive.



TOTEM PARK

Totem Park is for students new to UBC who want space and time for studying, the comforts of home, and a relaxed communal atmosphere perfect for making new friends. Students will always have someone to walk to class with, talk to, or have dinner with, all within a fun, safe and supportive environment. Each house at Totem Park is named to honour British Columbia's Indigenous peoples.



PLACE VANIER

Place Vanier is for students new to UBC who want space and time for studying, the comforts of home, and a relaxed communal atmosphere perfect for making new friends. Students always have someone to walk to class with, talk to, or have dinner, all within a fun, safe, and supportive environment.



Working in Canada long term

- Post-Graduation Work Permit Program

Permanent residency options:

- The Canadian Experience Class
- The Federal Skilled Worker Program
- The Provincial Nominee Program

www.cic.gc.ca/english/work/index.asp

WORK IN CANADA

During your studies:

Although a UBC education is demanding, you may choose to work while earning your degree to gain valuable career-related experience and help offset expenses. Take advantage of the Work Learn Program to access job opportunities on campus, or explore co-op placements and internships offered through your degree program.

Important: Degree-seeking students do not need a work permit in order to work off campus while attending UBC, as your study permit gives you permission to accept off campus employment as long as you're registered in full-time studies.

After your degree:

Upon completion of your degree, you can apply for a three-year post-graduate work permit under the Post-Graduation Work Permit Program.



Before applying for work in Canada, you will need to register for a **Social Insurance Number (SIN)**.



+ your next steps

Congratulations! You have an offer to join UBC Vantage College, but to reserve your spot in the program, you must formally accept your offer and pay your deposit before the date indicated on your letter of admission. To accept and continue your admission, please follow the steps below.



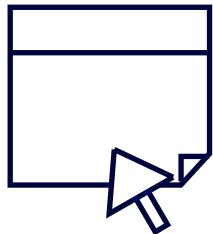
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APPLY FOR STUDENT HOUSING

If you want to live in a student residence, you must apply for housing by May 1 in order to maintain your housing guarantee. You can apply online via the Student Service Centre (SSC). Please note, you must formally accept your housing offer via SSC to confirm placement.

vantagecollege.ubc.ca/student-housing

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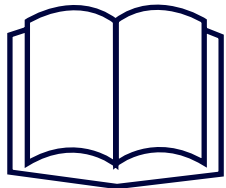


ACCEPT YOUR UBC OFFER

Visit UBC's Student Service Centre, select the tab that reads 'Accept my offer', and follow the steps to accept your Vantage One offer. Email us if you have any questions.

ssc.adm.ubc.ca/sscportal

3.



PAY YOUR ADMISSION DEPOSIT

When you accept your offer, you will be required to pay a CAD \$3000 admission deposit. It is non-refundable and will be applied to your first term tuition payment.

VANTAGE ONE FINANCES

PROGRAM FEE

Arts
Science & Engineering

\$65,013*
\$67,969*

and

HOUSING + MEAL PLAN

\$22,000 — \$25,000*

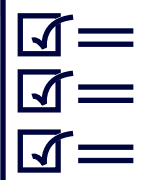
*Subject to change. Fees vary between programs. Fees are paid in three equal instalments over Term 1, 2 and 3.

*Residence and meal costs will vary based on individual preference.

For the full UBC Vantage College financial guide, please visit vantagecollege.ubc.ca/program-fees



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APPLY FOR A STUDY PERMIT

Whether you are already studying in Canada or are an international student, you will need a valid post-secondary study permit to attend the Vantage One program. Obtaining a study permit can take several months, so we encourage you to **submit your permit application as soon as you accept your offer.**

WHEN?	As soon as you receive your Letter of Acceptance from UBC.
HOW?	You can apply online (recommended) or in person at a visa application centre. cic.gc.ca/english/e-services/account.asp or cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/index.asp

Learn more about immigration and health insurance:
students.ubc.ca/international

Talk to a UBC international student advisor:
isa@students.ubc.ca
+1.604.822.5021

Under 19 years?

You are required to have a custodian in order to stay in Canada. If you are 17 or 18 years old, this requirement may be waived at the discretion of your visa officer. Please note that the need for a custodian can lengthen the permit process.

cic.gc.ca/english/study/study-minors.asp

Can't find a custodian?

Contact First Choice International:
+1.604.984.0868
info@fciplacement.com
fciplacement.com



Financial Aid

UBC Vantage College will be awarding scholarships from March — June 2024. All incoming students admitted to the program are automatically considered.

vantagecollege.ubc.ca/scholarships-awards



2026 DATES & DEADLINES

MAY 1, 2026

ACCEPT YOUR OFFER + APPLY FOR HOUSING

Deadline to accept your admission to UBC and pay your acceptance deposit.

Deadline to apply for UBC campus housing and receive the first-year residence guarantee.

EARLY JUNE 2026

HOUSING NOTIFICATIONS

Students with a residence guarantee are notified of housing offers.

LATE JUNE 2026

COURSE REGISTRATION

Course registration opens for first-year students at UBC.

LATE AUGUST 2026

VANTAGE ONE PROGRAMS BEGIN + JUMP START ORIENTATION

The Vantage One programs begin with your orientation.



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+ it's your move

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