



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANTAGE COLLEGE
REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION GUIDE 2019



+ your potential

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



WELCOME TO UBC

Congratulations on being offered admission to the University of British Columbia! It is my pleasure to be among the first to formally welcome you to our community.

One hundred years after opening its doors for the first time, UBC is proud to be not only one of the most vibrant and inspirational places of learning, but also ranked among the best universities around the globe.

Our faculty, staff, and students have demonstrated that our pursuit of excellence in learning, teaching, and research is making a lasting and positive difference.

I believe that we can collectively build on our accomplishments to ensure UBC continues to shine as a dynamic place to learn, reflect, discover, and ideally transform the world. Together, we can reach even greater heights.

In the following pages of this guide, you will find all the information you need to accept your offer to UBC Vantage College and get a head start on your new UBC experience.

I look forward to greeting you in person on campus soon.

Best wishes,

Santa Ono
President and Vice Chancellor
The University of British Columbia



TUGULDUR ULZIIDELGER
 ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA
 APPLIED SCIENCE MAJOR

- Executive team member of Heart of the City Piano — Vancouver
- Member of the Vantage Cross Cultural Council
- Member of UBC A Capella Club

“Vantage One provides opportunities that allow me to explore what I want to do in the future.”

+ your starting point

Welcome to the Vantage One program at the University of British Columbia! As a specially designed pathway for academically strong international students, our program supports 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 program, 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 25 countries.
- **Strong support network** — With over 60 dedicated UBC faculty and staff at Vantage College, you can also access one-on-one academic advising and tutoring.



TSEWANG DIKI
 KATHMANDU, NEPAL
 SCIENCE MAJOR

- Tsewang is an avid ice skater
- Chose bio-chemistry because she wants to study medicine in the future
- Plans to go become a pediatrician and practice in her home country

“After Vantage, I want to study medicine in the future so I can go back to my country and help my people.”



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
	2M+ PEOPLE RESIDE IN VANCOUVER
	43,128 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. Turn to page 8 for more information.

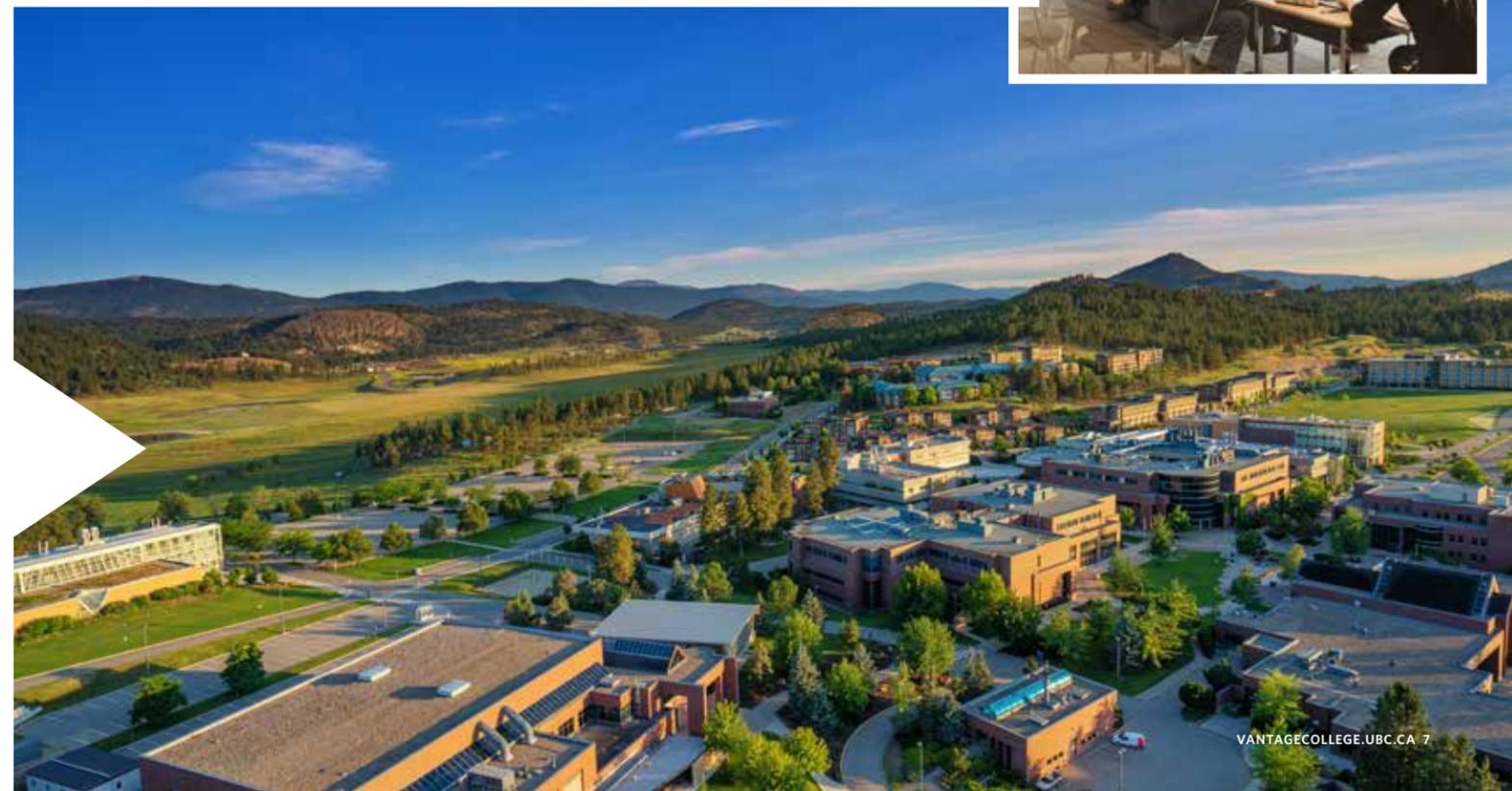


UBC OKANAGAN

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
	194,882 PEOPLE IN KELOWNA
	7,899 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 streams 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.



Learning at Orchard Commons, UBC Vantage College's academic home

BACHELOR OF ARTS

FIRST-YEAR COURSEWORK

Geography
Political Science
Psychology
History
Sociology
Research and Writing
English for Academic Purposes

Complete your BA at UBC Vancouver

36

Total credits

UBC Vancouver

The Vantage One Arts program explores processes that are shaping the contemporary world—globalization, urbanization, mobility, new forms of civil and political action—in the context of themes of environmental sustainability and personal responsibility in engagement with these processes.

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

FIRST-YEAR COURSEWORK

Foundational Engineering Skills
Chemistry
Math
Physics
Engineering Communication
English for Academic Purposes

Term 3 of Vantage One Engineering is taught at UBC's **Okanagan campus**.

44

Total credits

UBC Vancouver
or
UBC Okanagan

ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Okanagan Campus:
Electrical, Mechanical, and Civil Engineering.

Vancouver Campus:
Chemical, Chemical and Biological, Computer, Electrical, Environmental, Geological, Integrated, Materials, and Mining Engineering.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

FIRST-YEAR COURSEWORK

Math
Physics
Science Communication
English for Academic Purposes
& option to select Computational or Physical Sciences electives

Complete your BSc at UBC Vancouver

38-41

Total credits

UBC Vancouver

ELECTIVES INCLUDE:

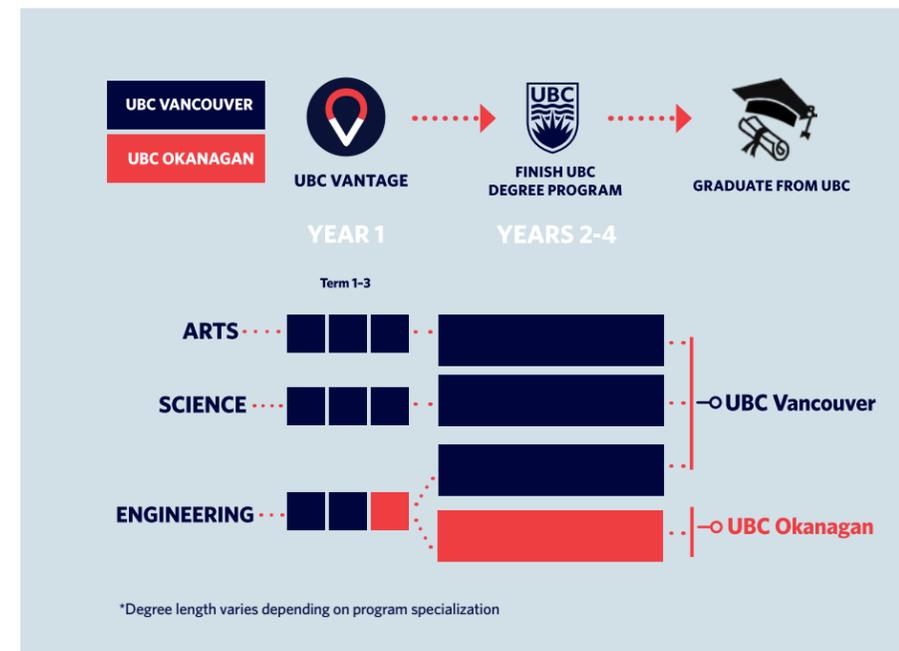
Computational Sciences

Learn how to understand a wide variety of complex systems, including the human brain, health policy and weather.

Physical Sciences

Ever wondered why the sky is blue, or what the earth is made of? Physical Sciences coursework explores key concepts of central scientific disciplines and discover essential knowledge about the world around us.

YOUR DEGREE PATH



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Bachelor of Arts:
For all of your 3 terms, you will be studying at the **Vancouver campus**.

Bachelor of Science:
For all of your 3 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



TOTEM PARK

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 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.

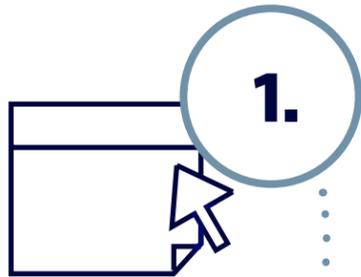


Before applying for work in Canada, you will need to register for a **Social Insurance Number (SIN)**.



+ 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.



1. 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



2. 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.



3. 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



4. 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**. Your program begins on August 24, 2019.

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

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

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

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

VANTAGE ONE FINANCES

\$49,927 — \$52,196
TUITION

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

and

\$17,000 — \$20,000
HOUSING + MEAL PLAN

Residence and meal costs will vary based on individual preference. Applying for housing automatically enrolls you in UBC's Jump Start program.

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



Financial Aid

UBC Vantage College will be awarding scholarships from March — June, 2019. All incoming students admitted to the program are automatically considered.

vantagecollege.ubc.ca/scholarships-awards

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, Instagram, and Weibo.

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

Warm regards,
UBC Vantage College

2019 DATES & DEADLINES

MAY 1, 2019

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, 2019

HOUSING NOTIFICATIONS

Students with a residence guarantee are notified of housing offers.

LATE JUNE, 2019

COURSE REGISTRATION

Course registration opens for first-year students at UBC.

AUGUST 24-30, 2019

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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