2015 Vancouver Summer Program
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.
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
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
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
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
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)
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.
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).
VSP Program Packages
July 18 to August 18, 2015

Applied Science
Engineering
Civil Engineering Materials
Project Based Learning in Civil Engineering Materials

Architecture
Urban Design
Sustainability by Design: The Design of the North American Sustainable City and its Implications for the World
Perspectives on the Development of the City of Vancouver

Arts
Package A – The World of Manga and Anime
Manga and Anime in the World
Writing for Graphic Forms: Manga

Package B – Global Journalism, Culture and Communications: Practice and Principles
Culture and Communication
Global Journalism

Package C – Environmental Economics & Introduction to Resource and Sustainable Practices
Environmental Economics
Environment, Resources, and Sustainable Development: An introduction to sustainable practices

Package D – International Trade, Financial Markets and Politics
International Trade and Financial Markets
Dynamics of International Politics

Business
Package A – International Business and International Marketing
International Business Management
International Marketing

Package B – Introduction to Marketing and Organizational Behaviour
Introduction to Marketing
Organizational Behaviour and Management

Package C – Strategic Management and New Enterprise Development
Strategic Management
New Enterprise Development

Dentistry
Oral Cancer: Why haven’t the clinical outcomes improved?
Dental Caries: the most common infectious disease in humans

Education
Package A – Educational Psychology and Special Education
Classroom Management
Assessment and Positive Behaviour Support in School and Community Settings

Package B – Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)
Applied Linguistics for Teachers
Introduction to Teaching English as a Second Language

Forestry
Package A – Forest Management and the Effects of Carbon
An Introduction to the Ecology, Economics and Politics of Carbon
Sustainable Forest Management

Package B – Forest Products, Trade and Business Management
Forest Product Markets and International Trade
The Wood Industry and Business Management

Package C – Urban Forestry
An Introduction to Urban Forestry
Green-Space Management in North America
Kinesiology
Package A – Sport and Exercise Performance
- Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Applied Exercise Physiology
Package B – International Sport Marketing and Culture
- International Sport Marketing
- Leisure and Sport in a Global Context

Land and Food Systems
Package A – Food: Science and Safety
- Introduction to Food Science
- Food Safety and Food Safety Management
Package B – Agribusiness Management
- Food and Agribusiness Enterprise Management
- Food and Agribusiness Marketing Management
Package C – Nutritional Science
- Essentials of Nutrition
- Healthy Eating – The Canadian Way

Law
Topics in Law: International Business and Canadian Common Law
- The Law and Practice of International Business
- Canadian Common Law – Rights & Responsibilities

Medicine
Package A – Clinical Research and Clinical Medicine
- Introduction to Clinical Research in the Sciences
- Introduction to Clinical Medicine at the Bedside
Package B – Pharmacology
- Pharmacology of Everyday Life
- Systems Pharmacology
Package C – Medical Imaging and Medications for Controlling Pain
- Introduction to Medical Imaging
- Medications for Controlling Pain in Everyday Life and in Surgery
Package D – Biochemistry & Molecular Biology in Human Health, Disease, and the Environment
- Molecular Basis of Disease
- Environmental Biochemistry
Package E – Neuropsychopharmacology and Neuropsychiatry
- Introductory Neuropsychopharmacology
- Introductory Neuropsychiatry
Package F – Understanding the Recovery and Treatment from Injury and Chronic Disease
- Exercise is Medicine
- Introduction to Rehabilitation Sciences: A case-based approach to understanding the recovery from injury and disease
Package G – Population and Public Health
- The Social Determinants of Health
- Biological Concepts of Public Health Practice

Science
Package A – The Dynamic Earth and its Beautiful Treasures
- Our Dynamic Planet
- Earth Treasures
Package B – Fossils, Fuels and Mineral Resources
- The Active Earth and its Resources
- Earth and Life Through Time
Package C – The Geometry of Nature
- The Size of Things
- Symmetry

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.
## Sample 2015 VSP Class and Social Schedule

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*Individuals arriving outside of group flights and regular hours will be expected to make their own way to UBC campus.

*Activities listed are examples only. Actual activities will vary by package.

Note: Schedules for each of the individual packages will be finalized closer to the program dates.
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
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.
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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