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EXCHANGE FACTSHEET 2026 - 2027



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IMPORTANT DATES

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	NOMINATION/ APPLICATION DEADLINES	SEMESTER DATES	APPLICATION PROCESSING & COURSE REGISTRATION
FALL SEMESTER	**NOMINATION** **March 15** Deadline for both Fall and Spring terms **APPLICATION** **Stage 1: Profile Submission** **April 15** Deadline for both Fall and Spring terms Supporting documents: Profile information, photo, transcripts of grades (in English) **Stage 2: Course Choice Submission** **June 2** Deadline for submission of course choices for **both** Fall and Spring terms	**September 4:** 2026 Fall Incoming Exchange Orientation ***(mandatory)*** **September 9:** First term classes begin **November 9-11:** Reading Break **December 7:** Last day of classes **December 10-23:** 2026 Fall term exam period*	**End of April/Early May:** Offer Letter (OL) and Letter of Acceptance (LOA) will be sent to students who were nominated by March 15 and submitted their profile by April 15. The documents will contain a UVic student number (V#). **Middle of May:** Course information will be available. **End of June:** Registration in business and non-business courses begins **Middle/End of July:** Communication to all students concerning course registration, orientation and more details about their exchange term.
SPRING SEMESTER		**January 5:** 2027 Spring Incoming Exchange Orientation ***(mandatory)*** **January 6:** Second term classes begin **February 15-19:** Reading Break **April 7:** Last day of classes **April 10-26:** 2027 Spring term exam period*	

*Please refer to our **Academic Calendar & Important Dates**

IMPORTANT: Consider the Academic Calendar when booking your flights to and from Canada, your return to work or any vacation period. Please guarantee that you will be on campus until the completion of your exchange term (classes and final exams), and that you book your return flights for after the final exams period.

Kindly wait until the final exam schedule is published which is usually at the mid-end of October (Fall) and February (Spring) before booking your return flights as dates may change.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR PARTNERS

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NOMINATION DEADLINE

March 15 (for both the 2026 Fall and 2027 Spring terms, and full year exchanges)

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

English Proficiency

We do not require students to submit their English proficiency scores. Students who typically succeed in our program have TOEFL scores of 90 (out of 120), or 4.5 (1-6 scale), or IELTS 6.5. We recommend partners to nominate students close to that range, if possible. Please note that senior-level business courses may require a more advanced level of English proficiency in that range.

Eligibility

Students must complete a minimum of 1 year of business courses prior to their exchange. Students who have taken Microeconomics, Statistics & Finite Math will have a larger course selection at Gustavson.



PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS

APPLICATION STAGE 2

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COURSE SELECTION

Please choose a **minimum of 10 business courses** (per term) and we will do our best to register you in up to five courses.

Kindly ensure you are choosing courses that are **approved** by your home institution and you are registered in the amount of credits required by your home university.

Students may choose to register in non-business courses but we cannot guarantee registration in non-business courses (courses offered outside the Gustavson School of Business). Registration in non-business courses needs to be approved by the individual faculty and students must meet pre-requisites.



NOTE:
A detailed application guide will be sent out to all nominated incoming exchange students during the third week/end of March. This guide will provide instructions on how to submit an exchange application and information about what documents are required.

IMPORTANT: Please do not purchase flights or secure accommodation until you have received your letters of acceptance from our institution and have the adequate immigration documentation needed to travel to Canada.

ANTICIPATED COSTS

*Note: All fees on this fact sheet are based on the 2025-2026 academic year and are **subject to change** during the 2026-2027 academic year.*

Optional Fees:

Exchange students are not automatically enrolled in these fees, and must opt-in. These 3 fees cannot be unbundled.

Universal Bus Pass: **CAD $81.00**

Wellness, Athletics, & Recreation: **CAD $100.08**

UVSS Membership: **CAD $86.55**
(University of Victoria Student Society)

CAD $267.63 total

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Mandatory Fee:

Mandatory Temporary Medical Insurance (MTMI): **CAD $265.00**

CAD $265 total

ESTIMATED LIVING COSTS

On-campus housing

CAD $1206.75 per month (cluster room, no meal plan)

CAD $2012.75 per month (New building, single dorm room with meal plan)

Textbooks

CAD $250 - $500

Off-campus housing

CAD $900 - 1500 per month

Food

CAD $550 + per month

HOUSING INFORMATION

Homestay Housing

The UVic Homestay Program has a very limited number of spots available for the 2026 Fall term, Unfortunately, the program will not available in the 2027 Spring term due to availability. If availability changes, students will be informed accordingly.



On-Campus Housing

Applications are submitted via the UVic Housing Portal. We ask fall only and fall/spring term students to apply for residence housing by May 15th. The 2027 Spring term portal will reopen on October 19 2026, 9:00am PST.

There are very limited spaces for on-campus housing and preference is given to students who are studying for two terms. Students who apply for the fall term (September to December) will be placed on a waitlist below full academic year applicants.

CONTINUED

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HOUSING INFORMATION

On-Campus Housing (Continued)

We are guaranteed 40 residence housing spaces for incoming exchange students per term. These limited spots are chosen by random selection in order to make the process fair and equitable for all incoming exchange students. **Requests from students to be on a priority list are not taken at any point as the selection is completely random.**

IMPORTANT: In order to remain eligible to live in residence, undergraduate students must be enrolled in at least **4.5 UVic units** of study during their exchange term.

For more information on On-Campus Housing, **click here**.

Off-Campus Housing

For more independence, students can search for off-campus accommodation through the following website: **UVic Off-Campus Housing**
Renting a shared apartment, basement suite or condo can range from $900 - $1500 CAD/month (not including food).

IMPORTANT: Be aware of scams and fraud

It is often very hard to determine if a listing is legitimate without actually meeting the landlord or viewing the property. Never send personal information (bank account details, SIN# etc) or money to someone you have not met and never pay a deposit before you have signed an agreement and viewed the accommodation. **Click here** for more resources and information.

Trust your instincts. Ask questions and do not send money to anyone you have not met. You can always consult with us when in doubt.



ENTRY INTO CANADA

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Check the **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) webpage** to determine what documents you will need to enter Canada.

Please make sure you **apply in advance** via the IRCC website for your Canadian immigration document considering the current **processing times**.

Be aware you must receive the approval before you travel to Canada and start your program.



Study Permit

Study Permit is required for any student attending our institution for longer than 6 months. Students of some countries require a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) in addition to a study permit; others need to apply for an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).

Please refer to the **IRCC website** for more information about the study permit application process.

Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

Visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly or transit through Canada must have an eTA. Please refer to **this webpage** in order to determine whether you require an eTA.

The cost of the document is CAD $7.00 and it is valid for five years or the duration of your passport, whichever comes first.

Temporary Residence Visa (TRV)

Foreign nationals who are not visa-exempt must apply for a Temporary Residence Visa (TRV). Learn what a visitor visa is, who is eligible, and how to apply at **this website.**

HEALTH INSURANCE & ACCESSIBILITY

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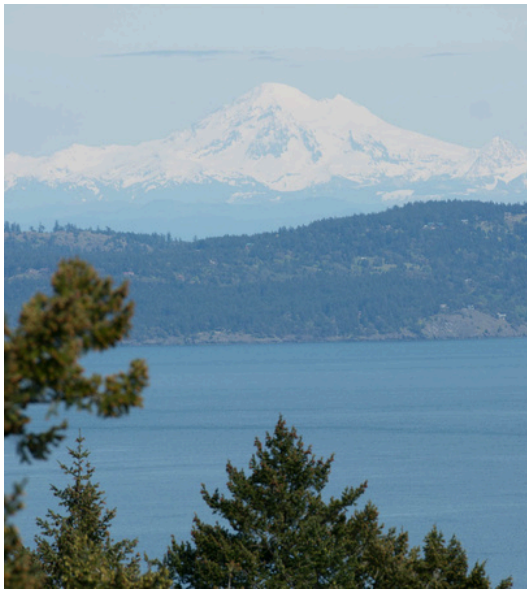
MANDATORY TEMPORARY MEDICAL INSURANCE

The University of Victoria has implemented a mandatory medical insurance plan, which will cover exchange students for one semester while studying at UVic. If your students are studying at our institution for two semesters, they would have to apply for the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) upon arrival for medical coverage during the Spring semester.

The cost of this mandatory plan is **CAD $265.00** for the semester, and payment must be submitted before the tuition deadline. For more information, please visit the website **here.**

NOTE: It is critical that students pay their MTMI fee as it could have implications for their transcript issuance upon the completion of their program.







UVIC'S CENTRE FOR ACCESSIBLE LEARNING

The Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) is part of UVic's Student Services. Their office works with faculty and students to promote educational equity and accessibility for students with disabilities and chronic health conditions.

If you are a student who needs an academic accommodation to address barriers to your education, please look into the CAL services and consider registering **here**.

COURSE, GRADING AND TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

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COURSE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Each undergraduate business course is worth 1.5 UVic units and approximately 39 contact hours. Please note, 1.5 UVic units is the equivalent to 6 ECTS credits. During one term, **the full-time course load is 6.0 units** and the maximum course load students may register for is **7.5 units.** Kindly ensure you check with your home institution to verify how many credits you need to fulfill your exchange course credit requirement while studying at our institution.

Your course selection is completed in the second stage of your application. The course list will be sent to students the **middle of May.**

Please be mindful of your selection and ensure you:

1. Register in courses approved by your home university.
2. Have the pre-requisites for your chosen courses.
3. Register in your home university's required course load.

NOTE: We register Fall and Spring students in courses starting the **end of June.** Course changes can be made during the first week of term, but course selection will be **limited.**

GRADING

To view the University of Victoria grading legend, please see **here**.

TRANSCRIPTS

Official transcript of grades for the fall term will be sent to partner institutions late January/early February. Spring term official transcripts will be sent to partner institutions late May/early June.

Questions?
Contact **gsbwelcome@uvic.ca**

