



# UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA, FACULTY OF LAW

## FACT SHEET

UNIVERSITY AND AREA			
About the University	University of Victoria UVic is one of Canada's leading research-based institutions and offers innovative programs for more than 20,000 students on our diverse and welcoming west coast campus.		
Location	Victoria, British Columbia Victoria is the capital of British Columbia, located at the southern tip of Vancouver Island. Victoria is home to the warmest winters in Canada. Residents enjoy a mild climate all year round. It has a reputation for beautiful gardens, breathtaking vistas of ocean and mountains, a wide variety of outdoor activities enjoyed almost year round, distinctive architecture, a vibrant culture and excellent cuisine.		
Websites	University website: <a href="http://www.uvic.ca">www.uvic.ca</a> Faculty of Law website: <a href="http://www.uvic.ca/law">www.uvic.ca/law</a> International Student Services website: <a href="http://www.uvic.ca/international">www.uvic.ca/international</a>		
ACADEMIC CALENDAR			
Academic Year	Winter Session: September – April Fall Term: September to December Spring Term: January to April Each term consists of 13 weeks of classes followed by a formal examination period of approximately two weeks during which there are no classes.		
Deadline for Applications	May 15 (Preferred deadline. Please contact us if you cannot meet this deadline. Applications must be received 3 months prior to the start of term.)		
Application Process	You must first apply to your home university who will select students based on the criteria in the exchange agreement and advise our office of nominations. Once you have been nominated by your home university, you will need to submit a completed <a href="#">application for admission</a> to the exchange program and all necessary documents.		
Address	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <b>Mailing:</b>            Attn: Assistant to the Associate Dean            Faculty of Law            University of Victoria            PO Box 1700 STN CSC            Victoria, BC V8W 2Y2            Canada         </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <b>Courier:</b>            Attn: Assistant to the Associate Dean            Faculty of Law            University of Victoria            Fraser Building, Room 102            McGill at Ring Road            Victoria, BC V8P 5C2 Canada         </td> </tr> </table>	<b>Mailing:</b> Attn: Assistant to the Associate Dean Faculty of Law University of Victoria PO Box 1700 STN CSC Victoria, BC V8W 2Y2 Canada	<b>Courier:</b> Attn: Assistant to the Associate Dean Faculty of Law University of Victoria Fraser Building, Room 102 McGill at Ring Road Victoria, BC V8P 5C2 Canada
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Course Information	The language of instruction at UVic is English.  To select courses please refer to our <a href="#">faculty calendars</a> , <a href="#">lists of course offerings</a> , <a href="#">registration restrictions</a> , <a href="#">exam schedules</a> , and <a href="#">Preliminary Course Information Summaries (PCIS)</a> . Note that we will do our best to accommodate your course selection, however, some courses will fill quickly and some courses have pre-requisites which may limit accessibility to exchange students.		

Course Credits	Courses are valued in terms of units and most vary between 1.0 and 2.0 units. A 1.0 unit class meets 2 hours per week; a 1.5 unit class meets 3 hours per week; and a 2.0 unit class meets 4 hours per week. One hour of class time requires approximately 1-2 hours of study or reading per week.
Full-time Academic Load	Full time UVic students take between 7.0 – 8.5 units per term. The number of units required for an exchange student is set by your home institution.
Registration	Registration will be completed by the Office of the Associate Dean. Your course selection must first be approved by your home institution, and then by the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations or her Assistant. To access your student record you will need to obtain a <a href="#">Netlink ID</a> .
<b>STUDENT SERVICES AND SUPPORT</b>	
Housing	You are responsible for making your own accommodation arrangements. If you are interested in campus housing, apply directly to <a href="#">Residence Services</a> as soon as possible. Campus housing is in extremely high demand. Residence Services also provides a listing of <a href="#">off-campus housing</a> and if English is your second language you may be eligible for <a href="#">homestay</a> .
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>	
Visa Information	You must obtain a <a href="#">study permit</a> if you intend to study and live in Canada for more than six months. If you are coming to Canada for one term only (four months), you do not require a permit. We recommend that you get one anyhow in case you want to extend your stay or work on campus. You may need a <a href="#">temporary resident visa</a> to enter Canada if you're from certain countries.
Health Insurance	The cost of medical treatment in Canada is extremely high if you are not covered by insurance. You must make sure that you have adequate medical coverage. Learn about health insurance <a href="#">here</a> .
Fees	Although tuition fees are paid to your home university, you will still be responsible for student fees such as textbooks, course materials, and the photocopy fee. Exchange students may opt in to the UPass, Athletics and Recreation, and the UVSS Extended Health Plan.
International Office	The International Student Services office supports incoming international students and UVic students who wish to study abroad. Please visit this <a href="#">page</a> for resources available to new students visiting UVic for a short time.
Orientation	The first day of fall term is Opening Day, and there will be an orientation session for new upper year students including visiting and exchange students. There will also be other activities hosted by the Law Students' Society and the International Office.  In the spring, the Manager Academic Administration and Student Services will hold a short orientation session for new students.
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	
Contact Person	Cheryl Lawrence Assistant to the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations <i>Address noted above.</i> Email: <a href="mailto:lawada@uvic.ca">lawada@uvic.ca</a> Tel: 250.721.8152 Fax: 250.721.6390