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Important dates	Term 1 - Winter Session 2026/2027	Term 2 – Winter Session 2026/2027
Class Dates	September 8 - December 7, 2026	January 5 – April 12, 2027
Exam Period	December 11 - 22, 2026	April 16 – 27, 2026
Midterm Breaks	November 9 - 11, 2026	February 15 - 19, 2026
Orientation	September 8, 2026	January 5, 2027
Academic Calendar	https://vancouver.calendar.ubc.ca/dates-and-deadlines (UBC Vancouver) https://okanagan.calendar.ubc.ca/dates-and-deadlines (UBC Okanagan)	

Visiting International Research Students (VIRS) Program

Program Information	The VIRS pathway offers undergraduate and graduate students an opportunity to engage in meaningful research under the supervision of a UBC faculty member. VIRS maintain their student status while gaining access to UBC's world-class research facilities and resources and the dynamic academic community. Applications accepted year-round. Program details: https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/visiting-international-research-students

Nomination & Application for Exchange

	Round 1 (Term 1, Term 2, Full Year, Split Year)	Round 2 (Term 2, Split Year) (For partners with spaces remaining or who are unable to nominate students in Round 1)
Nomination Periods	January 15, 2026 – March 15, 2026	July 1, 2026 – August 25, 2026 (Law & Computer Science not available)
Nomination Process	Nominations are completed online through our partner university nomination portal on Salesforce. Log into the nomination portal (https://ubccrm.my.site.com/ggpu). The account username will be your email address. If logging in for the first time, you will be asked to verify email. Afterwards, you will be able to access the nomination portal to **submit your nominations** AND **upload your students' application documents**. A tutorial video on how to nominate students is available here. Please ensure your contact information is accurate & up-to-date. For any changes to contact details, or if you do not have access to the portal, please notify the Go Global team at: go.global@ubc.ca. **UBC Terms for reference when nominating students:** • Term 1 (one semester space): Sept-Dec 2026 • Term 2 (one semester space): Jan-Apr 2027 • Full Year (two semester spaces): Sept-Dec 2026 + Jan-Apr 2027 • Split Year (two semester spaces): Jan-Apr 2027 + Sept-Dec 2027	
Application Documents Deadlines	April 1, 2026 (files of all the students nominated in Round 1)	September 15, 2026 (files of all the students nominated in Round 2)
Application Documents	**UBC Vancouver:** https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/coming-ubc-exchange/step-2-application-process **UBC Okanagan:** https://students.ok.ubc.ca/global-engagement-office/go-global/study-abroad-at-ubc-okanagan-2/documents/ UBC Go Global **only accepts supporting application documents in electronic format** uploaded by the partner university via the nomination portal. Please refer to the Document Checklist section for the required documents. We ask partners to gather the documents from the students and upload them by the application document deadline. Partners will need to upload each document separately for individual students. A handy tutorial video on how to upload documents is available here.	

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Application Process & Instructions	**UBC Vancouver:** https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/coming-ubc-exchange/step-2-application-process **UBC Okanagan:** https://students.ok.ubc.ca/global-engagement-office/go-global/study-abroad-at-ubc-okanagan-2/apply/ **Upon nomination, the student receives a link by email to complete online Go Global application** on the separate Go Global Student Portal. This link is for **Go Global exchange and visiting students only**. Please advise your students **NOT** to use the UBC Undergraduate Program application/admission portal for their application. After submitting the online application in the student application portal, students receive an email with their UBC student ID number. They must also forward their supporting application documents (see "Application Documents" above) to their home university for submission through the partner nomination portal by the application document deadlines. Then, they should follow the remaining steps as indicated on the respective application instructions pages by campus to apply for on-campus student housing if needed (prior to admission) and create a Campus-Wide Login (CWL) account (after admission).

Admission & Course Registration

Admission Process	Application files are reviewed by Go Global and/or faculties for admission. Once admitted, students will receive an email notification prompting them to download a Letter of Acceptance (LOA) from the student application portal. LOAs will be available late May for Round 1 and late October for Round 2 students. As an administrative step, students will also need to accept their admission offer in the Applicant Service Centre (ASC) by the stated deadline on their admission notification email. The steps for students to accept the offer are: 1. Go to the ASC to obtain a login link 2. Select "Student, Applicant, External Student Portal" 3. Enter your UBC student number and the email used to create your Go Global application 4. You will get an email with a link* that logs you into UBC Applicant Service Centre (ASC) with no password required 5. Accept your admission offer in ASC before the deadline indicated ***NOTE**: The link in step 4 expires after 15 minutes. To receive a new link, repeat steps 1- 3. Check your junk mail in case the email gets accidentally sorted there. If you do not receive an email, please submit a ticket to the UBC IT Help Desk for technical support. After accepting the offer in the ASC, the student can proceed with creating a CWL account to access UBC's online systems, including Workday Student (UBC's new student information system). More information about admissions can be found under the section on Admission & Acceptance Procedures here: https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/coming-ubc-exchange/step-2-application-process
Course Registration	UBC's course schedule can be found here: https://courses.students.ubc.ca/ Registration period: July - Sept: registration for both Term 1 **and** Term 2 courses for Round 1 students Nov - Jan: Term 2 course registration for Round 2 students Students nominated in **Round 1** have the full range of courses to select from (restrictions here) Students nominated in **Round 2** have a **limited selection** of courses as some may already be full Course registration is NOT finalized until after the course add/drop deadline in the third week of classes. Go Global cannot guarantee access to specific courses, even if they are required by the home university. For more information about course registration timelines, please see: https://vancouver.calendar.ubc.ca/dates-and-deadlines. For details about course registration processes and restrictions, please see: https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/coming-ubc-exchange/step-4-course-registration.

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Academic Information & Transcripts	
Language of Instruction & Requirements	English language requirements: https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/coming-ubc-exchange/english-language-requirements-coming-ubc-exchange
GPA Requirement	Academic standing must be established at the nominating partner institution at time of application. For UBC to assess admissibility, students must have completed a minimum of one term of full-time studies at the nominating institution. Minimum **70%** on average or equivalent ranking in the top half of the student's class in previous academic work at the home university (OR **B** OR 2.8 on a 4.33 scale; OR 3.0 on a 4.0 scale). More information about eligibility requirements can be found here: https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/coming-ubc-exchange/step-1-planning-eligibility
Program Restrictions	**Program restrictions at the Vancouver Campus:** https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/coming-ubc-exchange/step-4-course-registration • **Engineering/CIE:** Students must be pursuing a degree in engineering at their home university. Priority access to engineering programs is given to students from partner institutions that have a Coordinated International Experience (CIE) or faculty-specific agreements with UBC's Faculty of Applied Science. • **Law:** Law exchange students must be nominated during Round 1. Details about studying law on exchange can be found here. • **Commerce**: Details about studying commerce on exchange at UBC Vancouver can be found here. • **Computer Science:** Access to computer science (CPSC) courses is given to students majoring in Computer Science at their home university and nominated during Round 1. Students must also be prepared to provide proof of completed prerequisites by submitting updated transcripts and detailed course syllabi. More information here. **Program restrictions at the Okanagan campus:** https://students.ok.ubc.ca/involvement-activities/go-global/study-abroad-at-ubc-okanagan/
Graduate Students	UBC Go Global welcomes graduate students wishing to do coursework through exchange. For more information, please see: https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/coming-ubc-exchange/step-1-planning-eligibility/studying-graduate-student-ubc Students interested in conducting research may consider coming to UBC through our Visiting International Research Students pathway: https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/visiting-international-research-students For more info about graduate programs at UBC: https://www.grad.ubc.ca
Transcripts and Additional Transcript Ordering	Go Global provides official PDF transcripts to the exchange office of the partner institution **approximately eight weeks after the end of the exchange term**. Students can order additional or hardcopy transcripts for personal use (additional fees apply) online at: https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/records/ordering-transcript.

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Accommodation

Campus	UBC Vancouver: https://vancouver.housing.ubc.ca/	UBC Okanagan: http://okanagan.housing.ubc.ca/
On-campus Housing	A limited number of spots are reserved for exchange students. Due to very high demand, on-campus housing is not guaranteed, and only about **50-60% of exchange students will receive on-campus housing**. ***For Split Year students, housing is NOT guaranteed for Sept to Dec 2027 (2027-28 Term 1)** More information about housing at UBC Vancouver can be found here: https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/coming-ubc-exchange/step-3-housing	While housing is not guaranteed, the Housing office in the Okanagan prioritizes exchange applicants who apply by the deadline. Term 2 students will be able to apply for housing in the fall semester.
Apply for Housing	As soon as students receive their UBC ID number, they should submit a housing application online at https://secure.housing.ubc.ca/. **There is a $50 non-refundable application fee.** Deadlines for the housing application vary by nomination period and the term the student is coming for. Details can be found here: https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/coming-ubc-exchange/key-dates-applying-ubc-exchange	
Housing Selection & Placement	Priority consideration for on-campus housing is given to: • Full year students • Students in special cohort programs (e.g. Tec JAP, Global SCLM, etc.) • students with disabilities, medical conditions and extenuating circumstances** • indigenous students** • students from partner schools that evenly distribute Term 1 and Term 2 nomination spots • students whose nomination is submitted during the regular nomination periods **Go Global contacts partner universities to help identify these students prior to the selection process. After the priority considerations, Go Global conducts a random lottery of students to receive housing offers. All residence offers are sent by email from the Vancouver Housing office and include an expiry date to respond and pay a deposit. Specific residence and room assignments are managed by the Vancouver Housing office.	Priority consideration for on-campus housing is given to: • All inbound exchange students All residence offers are sent by email from the Okanagan Housing office and include an expiry date to respond and pay a deposit.

Immigration Requirements

Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)	International students who will study at UBC for **less than 6 months** will need to apply for a **Temporary Resident Visa** (TRV, "entry visa" or "visitor visa") or **Electronic Travel Authorization** (eTA) in order to ENTER Canada. To find out if you require a TRV or eTA, please check http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp or contact the nearest Canadian visa office. Additional information and tutorials can be found at: https://students.ubc.ca/international-student-guide

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Study Permit	A study permit is **required for international students studying at UBC for more than 6 months**. Single-term students need to obtain a study permit if they intend to work on campus, want to extend their study to full-year, or plan to enter Canada early (more than one month before school starts). If students arrive too early without a study permit, their extension request for the period of authorized stay in Canada may not be approved by immigration officers. If students apply for a study permit, they do not need to apply for a TRV or eTA because it will be issued to them when their study permit application is approved. Please see the information on the UBC **International Student Guide:** How to apply for initial Study Permit. **Study permits** are **required for students studying longer than 6 months in Canada** (i.e. full-year and split-year students), but optional for single-term students. At present, **exchange students are now exempt from the Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) requirement**. More information about documents required for study permits can be found here: https://students.ubc.ca/international-student-guide/immigration/study-permits/ubc-documents-required-study-permit

Cost

Estimated Expenses	Vancouver: https://goglobal.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc/coming-ubc-exchange/step-1-planning-eligibility Okanagan: https://students.ok.ubc.ca/global-engagement-office/go-global/study-abroad-at-ubc-okanagan-2/finances/

Health Insurance & Student Services

Medical Insurance (Mandatory)	**Students staying less than 6 months (one term only):** Single-term students are automatically covered under iMED (mandatory health insurance plan) for the duration of their exchange at UBC. The cost of iMED for one term students is $338 CAD + a one-time $10.95 CAD direct billing fee (fees subject to change). **Students staying for more than 6 months (full year or split-year students):** Full year students are automatically covered by iMED ($237, subject to change) for the first three months before they can be enrolled in BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) ($75/month). MSP is the basic medical insurance provided and required by BC government. iMED ensures students have adequate medical coverage from the time they leave home (up to ten days prior to arrival if within the coverage dates) and while they are waiting to be enrolled in BC MSP. Full year and split-year students must apply for MSP as soon as they arrive in BC, Canada. More information: iMED and BC MSP.
Public Transit Pass	All UBC students registered in a minimum of three credits are charged mandatory fees for the U-Pass, a universal public transportation pass with unlimited access to TransLink services including buses, the Skytrain and SeaBus in Metro Vancouver. The U-Pass fee (subject to change) is $187.60 per term. Details here.
Resources and Advising	**Go Global** assists students with registration and liaises with faculties and departments on academic matters. UBC also offers many supports, resources & services for students including: • Support for international students (immigration, visas, health insurance, working on campus, etc.)**:** ○ **International Student Advising** (**Vancouver**): online contact form here ○ **Global Engagement Office** (**Okanagan**): geo.ubco@ubc.ca • **International Student Guide**: Vancouver here and Okanagan here • First Nations House of Learning • Centre for Accessibility (Disability Resource Centre) • Career Centre • Wellness Centre • Counselling Services • Student Health Service For more information: https://students.ubc.ca/ **(Vancouver)**; https://students.ok.ubc.ca/ **(Okanagan)**
Orientation	Students will receive invitations to orientations (pre-arrival webinars and Imagine Day/International Welcome orientations) by email with detailed information and a schedule for September or January start.
Recommended Arrival Dates	Term 1: last week of August (classes begin Sept. 8, 2026) Term 2: first week of January (classes begin Jan. 5, 2027)

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