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Go Global: International Learning Programs

Contact Information		
Go Global Website	https://global.ubc.ca/go-global	https://students.ok.ubc.ca/involvement-activities/go-global/
Facts and Figures	http://www.ubc.ca/about/facts.html	
Images of UBC	https://www.flickr.com/photos/134760388@N08/sets/72157656112598800	

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Important dates	Term 1 - Winter Session 2023/2024	Term 2 – Winter Session 2023/2024
Class Dates	September 5 - December 7, 2023	January 8 – April 13, 2024
Exam Period	December 11 - 22, 2023	April 16 – 27, 2024
Breaks	November 13 - 15, 2023	February 19 - 23, 2024
Orientation	September 5, 2023	January 8, 2024
Academic Calendar	https://vancouver.calendar.ubc.ca/dates-and-deadlines (UBC Vancouver) https://okanagan.calendar.ubc.ca/dates-and-deadlines (UBC Okanagan)	

Nomination & Application

Application Documents Deadlines	**April 1, 2023** (files of all the students nominated in Round 1)	**September 15, 2023** (files of all the students nominated in Round 2)
Application Documents	https://global.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc-study-abroad/coming-ubc-exchange/apply-ubc-exchange 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.	
Application Process	**Upon nomination, the student receives a link by email to complete online Go Global application.** 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 a UBC student ID number. They must also forward their supporting application documents (see "Application Documents" above) to their home university for submission through the nomination portal by the application document deadlines. Then, they should follow the remaining steps as indicated on our application instructions page to obtain a CWL account and apply for housing if needed.	

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Admission & Course Registration

Admission Process	Application files are reviewed by Go Global and/or faculties for admission. Once admitted, students can download a Letter of Acceptance (LOA) from the student application portal. LOAs will be available mid to late May for Round 1 and mid to late October for Round 2 students.
Course Registration	UBC's course schedule can be found here: https://courses.students.ubc.ca/cs/courseschedule 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 (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. For more information about course registration timelines, please see: https://vancouver.calendar.ubc.ca/dates-and-deadlines

Academic Information & Transcripts

Language of Instruction & Requirements	English language requirements: https://global.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc-study-abroad/coming-ubc-exchange/english-language-requirements-coming-ubc
GPA Requirement	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).
Program Restrictions	Vancouver: https://global.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc-study-abroad/coming-ubc-exchange/register-courses-ubc-exchange Okanagan: https://students.ok.ubc.ca/involvement-activities/go-global/study-abroad-at-ubc-okanagan/ **Note:** 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. Priority access to Computer Science (CPSC) courses is given to students majoring in Computer Science at their home university and nominated during Round 1.
Graduate Students	UBC Go Global welcomes graduate students wishing to do coursework through exchange. For more information, please see: https://global.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc-study-abroad/coming-ubc-exchange/studying-graduate-student-ubc-exchange Students interested in conducting research may consider coming to UBC through our Visiting International Research Students pathway: https://global.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc-study-abroad/visiting-international-research-students-virs 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 exchange term**. Students can order extra transcripts 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% of single-term only exchange students receive on-campus housing**. This includes Split Year students. We recommend **Engineering CIE Term 1 only exchange students** to look for off-campus housing because of the low chance of getting into a UBC residence. ***For Split Year students, housing is NOT guaranteed for Sept to Dec 2024 (2024-25 Term 1)**	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, nominated students 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://global.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc-study-abroad/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** • 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 you apply for a study permit, you do not need to apply for a TRV or eTA because it will be issued to you when your study permit application is approved. **International Student Guide** – How to apply for initial Study Permit.

Cost

Estimated Expenses	Vancouver: https://global.ubc.ca/go-global/coming-ubc-study-abroad/coming-ubc-exchange/budgeting-exchange 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 $10.54 CAD direct billing fee. **Students staying for more than 6 months (full year or split-year students):** Full year students are automatically covered by iMED ($237) 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.

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.)**:**
	   o **International Student Advising** (**Vancouver**): isa@students.ubc.ca
	   o **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 Services**
	• **Wellness Centre**
	• **Counselling Services**
	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 sessions) by email with detailed information and a schedule for September or January start.
Recommended Arrival Dates	Term 1: first week of September (classes begin Sept. 5, 2023) Term 2: first week of January (classes begin Jan. 8, 2024)

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