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Go Global: International Learning Programs

Information Sheet 2022/2023

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Facts and Figures	http://www.ubc.ca/about/facts.html	
Images of UBC	https://www.flickr.com/photos/134760388@N08/sets/72157656112598800	

Important dates

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Class Dates	Early September – Early December 2022	Early January – Early April 2023
Exam Period	December 2022	April 2023
Breaks	Late December 2022 – Early January 2023	February 20 - 24, 2023
Orientation	September 2022	January 2023
Academic Calendar	http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/Vancouver/index.cfm?page=deadlines (UBC Vancouver) http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?go=deadlines (UBC Okanagan)	

Nomination & Application

	Round 1 (Term 1, Term 2, Full Year, Split Year)	Round 2 (Term 2, Split Year) (Not available to Law students)
Nomination Periods	January 15, 2022 – March 15, 2022 (Strongly encouraged)	July 1, 2022 – August 25, 2022 (for partner schools that are not able to nominate students in Round 1)
Nomination Process	Nomination is made online. https://secure.students.ubc.ca/global/nominate.cfm. This portal will be open for 2022/2023 Round 1 nominations on January 15, 2022. **Please note:** Split Year students are those who wish to attend UBC for January to April 2023 (2022-23 Term 2) and September to December 2023 (2023-24 Term 1). ****For Split Year students, housing is NOT guaranteed for Sept to Dec 2023 (2023-24 Term 1).**	
Application Documents Deadlines	April 1, 2022 (files of all the students nominated in Round 1)	September 15, 2022

Application Documents	http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange/apply-exchange UBC Go Global **only accepts supporting documents in electronic format** submitted to office by the partner university via **UBC OneDrive. One complete application in PDF format per individual student.** Each required document for an individual student must be compiled in the order as shown on the Document Checklist.
Application Process	**Go Global will email the exchange online application URL directly to nominated students.** The URL is for exchange students **only**. Please kindly advise your students **NOT** to use the UBC Undergraduate Program application/admission portal for their exchange application.

Admission & Course Registration

Admission Process	Application files are reviewed by Go Global and/or faculties. Go Global sends Letter of Acceptance to partner schools as of mid-May / mid- October for Round 1 and Round 2 students respectively.
Course Registration	July – August: registration for both Term 1 **and** Term 2 courses. November – December: Term 2 course registration for Round 2 students • Students who are nominated in Round 1 have the full range of courses to select. • Students who are nominated in Round 2 have **limited** selection of courses.

Academic Information & Transcript

Language of Instruction & Requirements	English requirements: https://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global-may-deadline/coming-ubc-study-abroad/coming-ubc-exchange/english-language
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: http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/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 the partner institutions that have Coordinated International Experience (CIE) or faculty specific agreements with UBC Faculty of Applied Science. Priority access to Computer Science (CPSC) courses is given to students who are majoring in Computer Science at their home university.
Advanced / Graduates Studies	If any of your students may be interested in learning more about master's and doctoral degrees at UBC, please direct them to https://www.grad.ubc.ca. Feel free to use any of these promotional materials at https://www.grad.ubc.ca/promotional-materials.
Transcripts and Additional Transcript Ordering	We will provide the official transcripts to the exchange office of the partner institution approximately six weeks after the end of exchange term. Students can order extra transcripts online at: https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/records/ordering-transcript

Accommodation

Campus	**UBC Vancouver:** www.housing.ubc.ca	**UBC Okanagan:** http://okanagan.housing.ubc.ca/
On-campus Housing	Limited number of rooms is reserved for exchange students. Due to high demand, on-campus housing for Term 1 exchange is not guaranteed; in fact, **about 53% of Term 1 only exchange students will receive on-campus housing**. This includes Split Year students. We recommend that **Engineering CIE Term 1 only exchange students** look for off-campus housing because of the low chance of getting into a UBC residence.	Currently, the housing office in the Okanagan will prioritize all exchange applicants if they apply by the deadline. Term 2 students will be able to apply for housing in the fall semester.
Apply to Residence	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.**	

Housing Placement	For **Term 1 only students**, priority is given to: • Students from partner schools that evenly distribute Term 1 and Term 2 nomination spots; • Students whose nomination is submitted during the regular nomination periods. **Full year and Term 2 students** have priority access. All residence offers are sent by email from Vancouver housing office and include an expiry date to respond and pay a deposit.	All residence offers are sent by email from 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 are required for 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: http://students.ubc.ca/international
Study Permit	A study permit is required for international students who will study 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 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	http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange/costs-coming-ubc-exchange

Health Insurance & Student Services

Medical Insurance (Mandatory Plan)	**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 $315 CAD + a one-time $9.94 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 ($75/month) for the first three months before they can be enrolled in BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) ($75/month). BC MSP is the basic medical insurance provided and required by BC government. The iMED plan will ensure that 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. The total cost of health insurance for Full Year students is $609.94 CAD. Full year and split-year students must apply for BC MSP (online application available) as soon as they arrive in BC, Canada. There is a three-month waiting period before students can be enrolled in MSP, during which time the students are covered under iMED. More information: iMED and BC MSP.
Resources and Advising	**Go Global** assists students with registration and liaises with faculties and departments on academic matters. **International Student Development at UBCV** isa@students.ubc.ca and **International Programs and Services** at **UBCO** ips.ubco@ubc.ca provide advising and support in the areas of visas, study permits, health insurance, etc.) Other campus resources include **Global Lounge, First Nations House of Learning, Centre for Accessibility (Disability Resource Centre), Career Services, Wellness Centre, and Counselling Services.** For more information: www.students.ubc.ca **(Vancouver);** http://students.ok.ubc.ca/welcome.html **(Okanagan)**
Orientation	Students will receive orientation invitation (Pre-arrival Webinar and International Welcome) though email with detailed information and schedule for September start or January start.
Recommended Arrival Dates	Term 1: first week of September (classes begin Sept. 6) Term 2: first week of January (classes begin Jan. 9)