Serving British Columbia communities

The University of Victoria serves all of British Columbia. We provide a rich and welcoming learning environment to thousands of students from across the province, offering educational programs that help them become thoughtful, engaged citizens and community leaders. Our international calibre researchers are involved in projects throughout BC that address issues of provincial and local concern. And in many other ways UVic enhances the social, cultural and economic well-being of British Columbians.
Educating citizens to build strong communities

The University of Victoria provides a broad range of undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs and lifelong learning offerings, helping British Columbians realize their potential and contribute to their communities.

- UVic has 10 faculties and two divisions:

  Faculty of Business  Faculty of Humanities
  Faculty of Education  Faculty of Law
  Faculty of Engineering  Faculty of Science
  Faculty of Fine Arts  Faculty of Social Sciences
  Faculty of Graduate Studies  Division of Continuing Studies
  Faculty of Human & Social Development  Division of Medical Sciences

- Our faculty are inspiring and award-winning teachers, delivering 63 undergraduate degree programs, 57 master’s programs and 24 doctoral programs.

- UVic is a leader in co-operative education, in which students integrate academic studies with relevant paid work experience. In 2005/06, our co-op students completed 1,959 work term placements with 1,436 employers throughout BC. Through UVic’s extensive real-life learning programs—co-op, practicum placements, and internships—students gain practical experience and employers benefit from highly trained and motivated personnel.

- UVic is a leader in distance education, enabling BC residents to upgrade their knowledge and get a degree where they live and work. UVic offers 145 courses via distance education, including three bachelor’s programs, three master’s programs, and eight certificate programs across a wide range of fields.

- Through the Island Medical Program, we are helping to train physicians to meet BC’s need for doctors.

Writing co-op student Matthew Gauk, on a work term as a reporter for the Comox Valley Record, covered the CFB Comox beat and many military stories, including this ride-along helicopter training flight.
A youngster proudly displays his crop in a community garden established by residents of a Victoria neighborhood participating in a community health promotion research project involving UVic’s Centre on Aging.
All figures pertain to the 2005/06 academic year.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TOTALS**
- 13,809 UVic students from BC
- 58,156 UVic alumni living in BC
- 1,436 UVic co-op employers in BC
- 1,963 Co-op student work terms in BC

**SKEENA**
- 151 UVic students from region
- 870 UVic alumni living in region
- 14 UVic co-op employers in region
- 17 Co-op student work terms in region

**VANCOUVER ISLAND**
- 7,690 UVic students from region
- 33,770 UVic alumni living in region
- 958 UVic co-op employers in region
- 1,360 Co-op student work terms in region

**SUBREGIONS**
- Greater Victoria
  - 5,952 UVic students from region
  - 26,982 alumni living in region
  - 879 UVic co-op employers in region
  - 1,247 Co-op student work terms in region
- Central/North Vancouver Island
  - 1,738 UVic students from region
  - 6,788 Alumni living in region
  - 79 UVic co-op employers in region
  - 113 Co-op student work terms in region

NOTE: Regionalization based on BC Ministry of Environment. BC community of origin unavailable for 331 UVic students.
Research that benefits BC communities

Our faculty members and graduate students conduct research of international calibre yet focused on issues of critical importance to BC, building close relationships with communities across the province. UVic faculty also participate in public policy development, provide expert commentary and in many other ways contribute to the life of the province.

- UVic is known for its research strengths in the arts and sciences and selected professions. Some areas of note are oceans and climate change, Indigenous initiatives, community-based research and environmental sustainability.

- The BC Institute for Co-operative Studies focuses on the ways in which co-operatives help empower people and contribute to sustainable economies. The institute’s research includes a major study of the role of co-ops in rural and remote BC communities and a situational analysis of BC co-ops, which involves 60 case studies, eight community studies and an overall report on co-ops in the province. The institute also offers professional development courses in such areas as co-op management and issues facing the co-operative movement.

- Substance abuse contributes to more than 7,000 deaths a year in BC and over $2 billion in social costs. Through vigorous programs of research and knowledge exchange, the UVic-based Centre for Addictions Research BC (CARBC) is providing the scientific evidence on which effective policy, prevention and treatment must be based. CARBC has drafted a substance abuse prevention strategy for the BC Ministry of Health services and maintains an active Communication and Resource Unit in Vancouver.

- UVic is the leader of two major projects that are revolutionizing oceans research and generating new knowledge about fish stocks, earthquakes, climate change and potential energy resources: the NEPTUNE project, an international effort to create a high-tech, cabled observatory network across the ocean floor from Oregon to Vancouver Island, and VENUS, the world’s most advanced seafloor observatory network in the waters off Southern Vancouver Island.

▶ A young girl with cerebral palsy plays with a specially adapted Eeyore toy, one of many devices developed for people with disabilities by the UVic Assistive Technology Team.
Helen Clifton of the Gitga’at Nation dries her edible seaweed on the boardwalk at Hartley Bay. Dr. Nancy Turner works with the Gitga’at community to help document and perpetuate their traditional uses of plants.
Contributing to our quality of life

In providing quality education, generating new knowledge and making a difference in people’s lives through research, the University of Victoria also contributes substantially to the economic and cultural life of British Columbia.

- UVic generates $1.66 billion annually in economic activity in BC, including such direct and indirect expenditures as salaries and benefits, student and visitor spending, taxes, spin-off companies, patents and licenses and the effects of an educated workforce. The university directly and indirectly supports 11,000 jobs in BC.

- UVic’s Innovation and Development Corporation helps develop the commercial potential of UVic research and provides technology transfer services to post-secondary institutions across Vancouver Island. IDC has assisted more than 35 UVic spin-off companies and filed more than 200 patents based on UVic research and innovations.

- UVic owns and operates the Vancouver Island Technology Park, the greatest concentration of high-tech companies on Vancouver Island, helping power continued growth in the region’s technology sector.

- Campus events, including plays, concerts, ceremonies, art exhibitions, conferences, continuing studies programs, public lectures, films, and athletic events, attract a total audience of more than 500,000 annually.

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On the cover: Monitoring water quality in the Coquitlam Reservoir are UVic grad and field assistant Crystal Lawrence (standing) and Kelly Field, field manager for UVic’s NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Environmental Management of Drinking Water, which is involved in water quality research in communities from Sooke to Kimberley.