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International Student Services

[International Student Services \(ISS\)](#) is a centralized resource which provides international services, information and supports for students.



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International Student Advising

International Student Advising team specializes in questions related to temporary resident status in Canada and provides settlement support.

- *Canadian immigration documents
- *Work authorization
- *Health insurance
- *Housing
- *Identification cards
- *Banking
- *Mobile phones



- ISS website: [Living in Canada](#)
- Welcome packages and handouts
- Tia's Advice*: Global Community Newsletter
- Frontline advising, phone, email
- Appointments
- Information sessions and workshops



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International Student Exchange Program

ISS coordinates and supports student exchanges ([incoming](#) and [outgoing](#)) for undergraduate students in the Faculties of Humanities, Science and Social Sciences.

The ISS Student Exchange program has partnerships with over 50 universities in 20 countries



University of Copenhagen,
Denmark



Bocconi University, Rome, Italy



Doshisha Women's College, **University
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Kyoto, Japan

UVic International Commons

The [International Commons](#) (IC) is a welcoming space within the Library Learning Commons where students go to study and connect.

- International Academic Success Program
- Academic Advising for international students
- Conversation Cafes in multiple languages



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UVic Global Community

The [UVic Global Community](#) is an initiative within ISS that involves students, staff, and faculty working together to celebrate diversity, advance inter-cultural competency and cultivate an inclusive and globally minded campus.

Through many partnerships and community connections, our programs support international students' transition, integration, academic success.



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UVic Global Community Values:

- * **Connect** international, indigenous and domestic students
- * **Support** all students' well-being, social inclusivity and academic success
- * **Respect** the beliefs, values, abilities and sexual orientations of all people
- * **Empower** students to take leadership roles and get involved
- * **Unify** and enrich our campus community



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UVic Global Community Initiative

- * Orientation Programming
- * Facebook Group
- * Bi-weekly Online Newsletter
- * Volunteer & Leadership Opportunities
- * Mentorship & Conversation Partners Program
- * Holiday Dinner Program
- * Student Advisory Council
- * Presentations, Workshops & Events



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Orientation Programming

GC Arrival Programming



GC Welcome Tent



International Student Welcome



UVic Global Community Facebook Group



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Joined ▾ ✓ Notifications ➦ Share ⋮ More

Write Post Add Photo/Video Live Video More

Write something...

Photo/Video Poll Feeling/Activ... ⋮

RECENT ACTIVITY ▾

Julian Sketchley shared a link. ⋮
April 11 at 11:29am
Looking for a summer job? Find work and volunteer resources, job postings and more during Shift into Summer. <http://ow.ly/3c8q30jrpqR>

CO-OP + CAREER
into Summer

ADD MEMBERS
+ Enter name or email address...

MEMBERS 3,985 Members

You have 8 new members this week. Write a post to welcome them. Write Post

SUGGESTED MEMBERS Hide

Friends

Crystal Bergeron Add Member

Roxanne MacKay Add Member

Chris Anthony Add Member

See More

DESCRIPTION Edit

The UVic Global Community is a program area

UVic Global Community Facebook Group

Daily:

- Informative articles
- local and global opportunities
- on and off campus workshops and events
- services and supports
- scholarships



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UVic Global Community Newsletter



[The GC Newsletter](#) a bi-weekly on-line publication:

- important dates and information
- student life
- international opportunities:
 - Exchange
 - Co-op
 - Field school
 - Internships
 - Study abroad
- on and off campus workshops, events, festivals



[Tia's Advice](#)

Second term exams end next week! Are you ready for summer session?



[My UVic Life](#)

Being a [CAPI](#) Intern in India
Guest Post by Rachel Barr



[Your Opinion Matters](#)

Help shape orientation programming at UVic by filling out a 5 minute survey about your transition to university.



[Get your SIN on campus](#)

Are you new to Canada? May 10th and 11th, stop by the Welcome Centre to get a Social Insurance Number from Service Canada.



[Summer Program](#)

Participate in a FREE 4-week summer program at Philipps Universität Marburg in Germany! Contact go2global@uvic.ca to apply by the deadline of April 22!



[Mitacs Globalink Research Award](#)

\$6000 for 12 to 24 week research projects at universities overseas. Applications accepted any time! More funding opportunities [here](#).

[Subscribe](#) to the GC Newsletter (No need to create a password – simply enter your email address and click subscribe!)



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UVic Global Community Volunteer Training

1. Global Community Volunteer Role – Peer mentorship, expectations, responsibilities, reporting
2. UVic Student Support Services – Campus community recourses and referrals
3. Cross Cultural Competencies – Strategies for positive, supportive, effective cultural-cultural engagement
4. Indigenous Cultural Acumen Training – Territory acknowledgement, Colonization, how to support indigenous students
5. Boundaries and Self Care - Personal boundaries and establishing health and safe boundaries with others
6. Bystander Intervention Training – Checking-in and how to overcome barriers to successful intervention
7. Sexualized Violence Awareness Training – UVic SV Prevention and Response Policy, LGBTQ friendly environment
8. Student Mental Health Literacy – Effective listening, distinguish between urgent/non-urgent and how to respond



UVic Global Community Conversation Partners Program

The GC Conversation Partners Program provides students, who speak English as an additional language, with opportunities to practice, build confidence, and improve their conversational English skills.



I love having the chance to share diverse ideas with my conversation students and gain new perspectives.



The conversation partners program not only helps to develop my speaking skills, it also helps me to know the Canadian culture and meet interesting people.

UVic Global Community Mentorship Program

The GC Mentorship Program offers friendship and guidance for international students as they navigate their academic and cultural adjustment to Canada and Canadian post-secondary education.



To learn a new language, to understand a new culture, and to gain a new friend; these are the gifts of the GC Program. You can always find similarity and differences with others in the program and this place is your home of social connection.



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Community Engagement

GC Volunteers lead events that welcome and encourage international students to engage and participate in on and off campus activities.

Community (Civic) Engagement:

Volunteer opportunities, community library events, government visits, collaborations with student and community groups

Cultural/Community Discovery:

Local sport teams, winter specific events (curling, skating, snowshoeing), hiking/camping, festivals, lectures, natural and aquatic parks, museums

Academic Opportunities:

Symposiums, conferences, Intercultural Career Workshops

Social/Networking:

Peer mentor led activities/events, pot Lucks, board game nights, soccer tournaments



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Victoria Royals Hockey Game!



NATIONAL DAY *of*
REMEMBRANCE *and*
ACTION *on* VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN



Fresh Minds Symposium

A day-long youth conference for up to 200 grade 9 & 10 students from across BC
Workshop: *Globalization and Diversity: What Does It Mean For You?*



Holiday Dinner Program

"The dinner was fabulous... I also loved the diversity in the room, and the sharing of personal stories from our different hometowns and backgrounds."

- International Student



"I had a great evening. It was fun to cook a holiday dinner for people not familiar with our food, and I was gratified by how much they ate! I really enjoyed getting to know [our student guests]."

- UVic Alumni



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Global Community Student Advisory Council

Student leaders committed to supporting international students' success through peer connections, community engagement and inclusion.

* Events * Presentations * Consultations * Conferences * Projects



Students joined global and national policy makers, business leaders, academics and civil society representatives to take stock of Canada's successes and challenges in these areas, and to chart a way forward.

Victoria Forum: Canada@150: Promoting Diversity & Inclusion hosted by the University of Victoria and Global Affairs Canada.



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Goals and Outcomes

Volunteer Outcomes

- Students gain interpersonal skill and cross-cultural competence as they:
 - learn to communicate across differences
 - Broaden their global perspectives while helping others
 - Develop skills to meet people where they are at rather than expecting them to adapt to their own cultural norms or perspectives
- Employability skills (e.g. Leadership, logistics, teamwork, planning, problem solving, coaching)
- Recognition (Letter of Reference, Certificate, CCR, Recommendation)



Goals and Outcomes

Student Outcomes

Students are welcomed into a community where they are respected, valued, and included:

- Develop peer connections that support their transition to UVic and Canada
- Build a sense of belonging and a connection to place
- Overcome barriers to social and academic challenges
- Access campus support services, resources and opportunities
- Participate in social, cultural and academic engagements
- Gain an opportunity to volunteer as a Global Community Volunteer



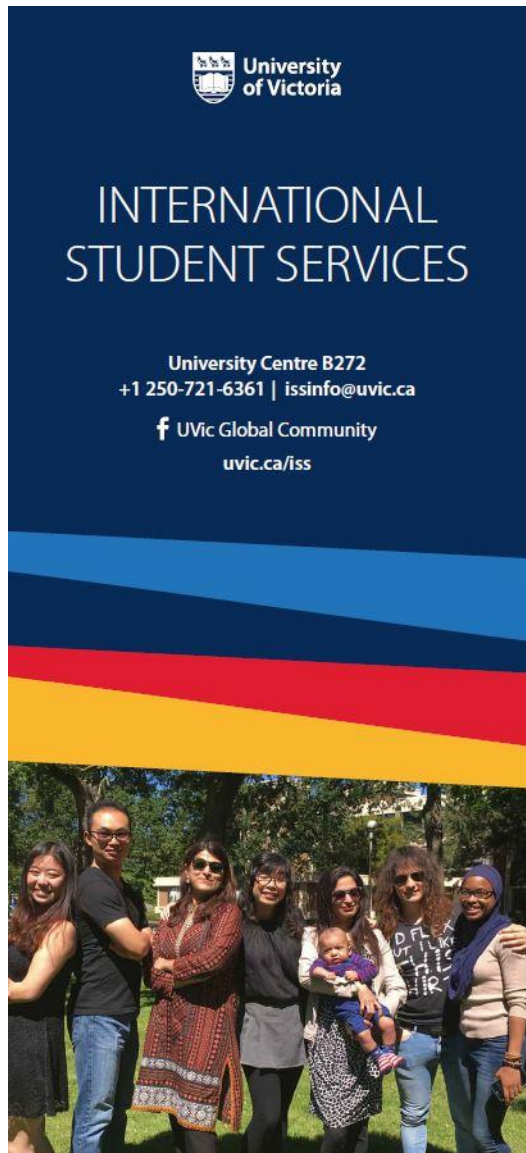
Shared Outcomes

Students gain interpersonal skill and cross-cultural competence as they:

- learn to communicate across differences
- Experience meaningful personal exchanges – friendships
- Belong to a network of globally minded individuals
- Gain a greater connection to community
- Share unique experiences and perspectives



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