A UNIVERSITY LIKE NO OTHER

Located in the spectacular landscape of Northern British Columbia, UNBC is Canada’s best small university as ranked by Maclean’s magazine. We have a passion for teaching, discovery, people, and the North.

Welcome!

UNBC is an extraordinary place filled with tremendous academic opportunities.

This handbook is filled with information meant to show you how attending UNBC can shape your future.

UNBC’s intense focus on research combined with our small class sizes means our students have the opportunity to engage with faculty on cutting-edge research projects while earning their undergraduate degree.

Our students, faculty, staff, and alumni all make meaningful contributions to society and the communities we serve. We’re looking to create the next generation of leaders; are you ready to become one of them?

Join us at UNBC – our community will make you feel welcome the moment you set foot on campus, and help you become the leader I know you are.

Dr. Daniel Weeks,
President and Vice-Chancellor

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PRINCE GEORGE

CAMPUS
AT A GLANCE

Countless opportunities to participate in ground-breaking research.

LONGEST
indoor track
at a British Columbia University (280 m)

299 days of sunshine in Prince George

1:9 Faculty to student ratio (3,592 Total Students)
Learning

UNBC is big enough to offer a wide array of courses to suit your interests and meet your academic needs, yet small enough to ensure you have the opportunity to stand out.

You can participate in ground-breaking research as early as your first year, and we have some of the smallest class sizes in the country.

Many of our degree programs focus on applied education. You’ll work in regional communities and apply coursework to real scenarios. And students take part in local and international field schools, and travel abroad in our exchange programs. Regardless of your educational aspirations, we’ve got a structure and a learning environment that will work for you.

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Residences

UNBC’s campus housing is more than just a place to live for the school year — it is a convenient, safe and supportive community. Home to 540 students, our Neyoh and Keyoh Residence buildings offer fully-furnished apartment-style living located less than a five-minute walk from the heart of campus.

Each student’s suite comes with its own private bedroom (equipped with bed and desk), a full kitchen, a large furnished living room, and a shared bathroom. Each building offers WiFi, a full laundry facility on each floor, and a large student common area for events, socials, study halls, and games.

Residence life is the perfect blend of community and convenience.

Students are connected to both on and off-campus resources through their Resident Assistants, who are senior student leaders who provide educational and social programming for students living in residence. Whether it’s a movie and board games night, study skills workshop, or a floor-wide exercise night at the Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre, our Residence Life Team is here to build a community where our students can thrive.

Food Services

There is no shortage of food services available on campus, including the UNBC Dining Hall, student-run pub, snack outlets, and “grab-and-go” options.

The UNBC Dining Hall is terrific, featuring an all-you-care-to-eat, 7-Day Meal Plan that provides students with unlimited access to a variety of healthy and nutritious food options.

We even have a fully-stocked pantry and kitchen facility where you can prepare meals exactly to your liking or dietary preferences.

And let’s face it – caffeine at times is essential. UNBC offers Degrees, a student-run coffee shop with two locations, and an on-campus Tim Hortons.

unbc.ca/housing

unbc.ca/food-services
Paddle on countless rivers and lakes.
Take in an orchestra concert, art gallery opening, or performance in the park.
Shift gears and tackle challenging mountain bike trails.
Experience a mix of shopping, from big box to boutiques.
Or strap on your skis and experience great cross country or downhill skiing.
No matter your passions, Northern B.C. has it all – in spring, summer, winter or fall.

Prince George, where UNBC’s main campus is located, is Northern B.C.’s largest city, home to an amazing variety of cultural and entertainment venues and unique restaurants. And UNBC has campuses located throughout the North, from the Peace country all the way to the coastal rain forest.

You’ll have access to a rich, Northern B.C. lifestyle and incredible recreation and natural wilderness, all just minutes away from each campus community.
Our students & faculty conduct research that has a local, national, and global impact.

Live in residence, just 207 steps from the heart of campus.
Green is UNBC’s official colour – and way of life. UNBC students operate a compost garden, and can buy locally grown food at UNBC’s weekly Farmers’ Market.

Since 2011, we’ve been reducing our carbon footprint with our award-winning Bioenergy Plant. It heats the main campus, residence buildings, the campus Childcare Centre and I.K. Barber Enhanced Forestry Lab by using wood waste from a local sawmill, and has already significantly reduced the University’s consumption of fossil fuels.

We honour our environment with our campus architecture, the focus of our teaching and research, and the initiatives of our staff, faculty, and students. Situated within a tremendous natural laboratory, there’s no better place to learn about natural resources, environmental sustainability, and community vitality.

unbc.ca/green
Howl with the Timberwolves
The UNBC Timberwolves basketball and soccer teams compete against the top teams in Canada as part of the Canada West conference of U Sports. Our varsity athletes are exceptional students and leaders in the classroom too, often taking home Academic All-Canadian honours as they strive towards earning their degrees.

Prince George boasts impressive sports facilities that hosted the 2015 Canada Winter Games. A four-season climate ensures students can golf, play tennis, speed skate, and snowshoe. Cheer on the Cougars (our WHL team), the Spruce Kings (our BCHL team), go fishing, or float down the Nechako River at least once while you’re here.

unbc.ca/timberwolves

A Sport Centre for the North
The Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre features an elevated track and FIFA-approved turf in our field house, which makes it one of the most impressive sport facilities in B.C. And you don’t have to be a varsity athlete to play sports at UNBC; the intramural league is vibrant, offering many different sports.

Outdoor Activities 24/7/365
For outdoor recreation, Prince George is full of parks and nature trails. In fact, more than 50 km of trails surround campus, and offer some of the best mountain biking and trail running in the city. Winter sport options are plentiful; Nordic skiing is nearby and three ski hills are within 45 minutes of campus.

unbc.ca/northern-sport-centre
Big enough to offer the program you want, yet small enough that you won’t get lost in the crowd.

Take your learning beyond the classroom.

Unparalleled real-life settings challenge our students to apply their practical knowledge to solve problems.
Bachelor's Degrees

*Honours Offered

**Arts (BA)**
- Anthropology*
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Studies
- First Nations Studies
- General Arts
- Geography
- Global and International Studies
- History*
- Nature-Based Tourism Management*
- Northern Studies
- Political Science
- Public Administration and Community Development
- Women’s Studies

**Science (BSc)**
- Biology*
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*
- Chemistry*
- Computer Science*
- Environmental Science*
- Geography
- Integrated Science
- Mathematics*
- Natural Resources Management
  - Forest Ecology and Management*
  - Outdoor Recreation and Conservation*
  - Wildlife and Fisheries*
- Physics*
- Psychology*

**Applied Science (BASc)**
- Environmental Engineering
  A UBC/UNBC joint degree

**Nursing (BScN)**
- Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing
- Post-Diploma Baccalaureate Nursing

**Planning (BPI)**
- First Nations Planning
- Natural Resources Planning
- Northern and Rural Community Planning

**Social Work (BSW)**
- Child Welfare Specialization
- First Nations Specialization

**Master’s Degrees**

**Arts (MA)**
- Development Economics
- Disability Management
- English
- First Nations Studies
- Gender Studies
- History
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- International Studies
  - Global Environmental Policy
  - International Development
  - Regional Relations
- Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
- Political Science
- Tourism Management

**Education (MEd)**
- Counselling
- Multidisciplinary Leadership
- Special Education

**Engineering (MEng)**
- Integrated Wood Design

**Business Administration (MBA)**

**Science (MSc)**
- Business Administration
- Health Sciences
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Mathematical, Computer, Physical, and Molecular Sciences
  - Biochemistry
  - Chemistry
  - Computer Science
  - Mathematics
  - Physics
- Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
  - Biology
  - Environmental Science
  - Forestry
  - Geography
  - Outdoor Recreation, Conservation, and Tourism
  - Psychology

**Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (MNRES)**
- Nursing (MScN) (MScN: FNP)

**Social Work (MSW)**

**Doctorate Degrees (PhD)**

**Health Sciences**
- Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
- Psychology

**Northern Medical Program (MD)**
- A UBC degree delivered in partnership with UNBC.

**Other Programs**

**Northern Transitions Program**
- Supportive transition year of study intended for, but not limited to, rural and/or First Nations communities.

**Graduate Certificates**

**Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health**
- Leading for Learning
- Special Education

**First Nations Certificate Programs**
- Aboriginal Community Resource Planning
- Aboriginal/Indigenous Health and Healing
- First Nations Language
- First Nations Public Administration
- General First Nations Studies
- Metis Studies
- Nisga’a Studies
- Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- Public Administration

**Nursing Certificate Program**
- Rural Nursing

**Social Work Certificate Programs**
- Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health
- Child Welfare

**Diplomas**

**Associate of Arts Degree**

**Associate of Science Degree**

**First Nations Diploma Programs**
- Aboriginal/Indigenous Health and Healing
- First Nations Language and Culture

**Post-Baccalaureate Diplomas**
- Curriculum and Instructional Studies
- Montessori Education
## Admission Requirements

**unbc.ca/calendar**

### Approved Academic Courses

#### BC/Yukon High School

- Applications of Mathematics 12, BC First Nations Studies 12, Biology 12, Business/Entrepreneurship Management 12, Calculus 12, Chemistry 12, Comparative Civilizations 12, Economics 12, English Literature 12, Français 12, Français Langue Secondaire-Immersion 12, French 12, German 12, Geography 12, Geology 12, History 12, Japanese 12, Latin 12, Law 12, Mandarin 12, Math Foundations 12, Middle Earth 12, Physics Pre-Calculus 12, Principles of Mathematics 12, Punjabi 12, Social Justice 12, Spanish 12, Sustainable Resources 12, Technical and Professional Communications 12, Writing 12

#### Alberta/NWT/Nunavut High School

- Aboriginal Studies 30, Biology 30, Blackfoot Language and Culture 30, Chemistry 30, Chinese Language and Culture 30, One 30, One Language and Culture 30, English 35, Experiential Science 30, Français 30-1 or 30-2, French 30, French 31A/BC, French Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2, German 30/305, German 31, German Language and Culture 30, German Language Arts 30, Gonaw Ke’ 35, Inuktitut Studies 35, Italian Language and Culture 30, Japanese Language and Culture 30, Latin 30, Mathematics 30-2, Mathematics 31, Mathematics 11, Physics 30, Pure Mathematics 30, Science 30, Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2, South Slavey 35, Spanish Language and Culture 30, Ukrainian Language and Culture 30/30S, Ukrainian Language Arts 30

Additional: An additional 30 or 31 level course necessary for the successful completion of grade 12 (6th course must be from the 4 approved courses e.g., English Language Arts 30-1 and 30-2 cannot both be used)

### Programs

#### Application Deadline

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#### Applicant Type

- **BC/Yukon High School**
  - English 12 or English First Peoples 12. Three approved academic grade 12 courses. One additional grade 12 course. Recommended: Pre-Calculus 12.

- **Alberta/NWT/Nunavut High School**
  - English Language Arts 30-1. Three approved academic 30/31/35 courses. One additional 30/31 level course. Recommended: Mathematics 30-1 (for Economics).

- **Ontario High School**
  - ENG4U, Four 4U/4M courses. Recommended: MHF4U or MCV4U (for Economics).

#### Minimum Average and Requirements

- **Non-Competitive**
  - Meeting minimum average and requirements to apply guarantees admission.

- **Competitive**
  - Meeting minimum average and requirements to apply does not guarantee admission, as space in each program is limited.

#### Admission Average

- For all provinces and territories, the best grade for each required course will be used (either the course mark or the course mark blended with the provincial exam).

- Please visit unbc.ca/calendar/undergraduate/other-admissions to view official admission requirements and other admission categories, such as Audit Only and Interest Only.

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*Nursing*: To apply, please contact our partner institutions.

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*Advanced Placement/ International Baccalaureate*

- Acceptable AP/IB courses for transfer credit: bctransferguide.ca.

- Approved AP/IB (all standard and higher level) courses can be used in place of any approved academic grade 12 Canadian high school course.

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*Transfer Credit:*

- Min. of 15 credit hours of acceptable transfer course work, in good academic standing and have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0.

- Acceptable courses for transfer credit within BC/Yukon: bctransferguide.ca.
Approximate Costs per Academic Year

- **Tuition***
  - Domestic: $5,213.40
  - International: $18,246.90
- **Student Fees***
  - Domestic: $946.62
  - International: $1,386.62
- **Books***
  - Domestic: $1,600
  - International: $1,600

* Tuition, fees, and books are subject to change and vary among programs.

Cost of Living per Academic Year

- **On-campus living expense**
  - ($250 damage deposit not included) $4,720.08
- **On-campus meal plan** $4,732
- **Off-campus living expense (approximate)** $6,520

Application Deadlines for Awards

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| Varies, up to $25,000                      | March 1

Last year, one in every four students at UNBC received a financial award. Visit [unbc.ca/financial-aid/awards-guide](http://unbc.ca/financial-aid/awards-guide) to view the hundreds of available scholarships, bursaries, and awards.

Current high school students are encouraged to apply to UNBC by December 15 to be automatically eligible for Early Entrance Awards and to apply for Leadership Awards.

$1 in 4
students
receives a
UNBC
financial
award.
BECOME A UNBC STUDENT

1. Explore
Begin by exploring our program information (pg 20), admission requirements (pg 22), and fees and deadlines (pg 25). Then check out our online budget calculator, find out more about our student life, see our beautiful campus, and join the UNBC community on social media.

2. Sign up | unbc4u.unbc.ca
Create an account for emails tailored to your programs of interest, insider tips and hints, faculty information, student life, and so much more!

3. Apply | unbc.ca/apply
Apply for admission through unbc.ca/apply. Apply for housing and scholarships through myUNBC.

4. Submit
Submit your official transcripts and any additional documentation (e.g. English language proficiency). Current B.C. high school students can submit their transcripts via the B.C. Ministry of Education’s Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) selection form.

5. Accept
Wait for your acceptance letter in the mail. (Congratulations!) Once accepted, we will email you registration tips, orientation information, and schedules for upcoming activities and events.

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The UNBC experience is unparalleled and prepares students for successful careers. Alumni become leaders across the globe, and are making the world a better place. Even though our university is young, each one of our graduates’ stories of success builds the reputation and promise of a UNBC degree. We invite them to stay connected with us, and proudly share the highlights of their journeys.

What makes UNBC unique? When our graduates reflect on their experience, they tell us that the access to professors, research opportunities, interdisciplinary learning, and interaction with small cohorts creates a community of support that directly benefits their success.

Our graduates tell us that UNBC helped them become better critical thinkers, improved their ability to acquire skills and knowledge, provided them with a comprehensive knowledge of their chosen subject area, and enhanced their problem-solving skills.

unbc.ca/alumni

81% of UNBC grads work in fields related to their program.

80% of UNBC alumni are recommending UNBC to others.

69% of UNBC grads are in management.

84% of UNBC grads are employed within 6 months of graduating.

85% of alumni are satisfied with their job.

93% of alumni are satisfied with their UNBC experience.

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Contact us at alumni@unbc.ca if you’d like to meet a graduate of UNBC.

#UNBCAlumni
Do you know what program interests you? Wonder what life is like as a UNBC student? Experience the campus in person with our Student for a Day program.

Here’s what you can do as a Student for a Day:
- Spend a day on campus
- Sit in on a class or two of your choice
- Receive a personal campus tour
- Visit residence
- Chat with a Recruitment Officer
- Get a feel for the UNBC community
- Enjoy lunch on us in the UNBC Dining Hall

Some travel costs will be reimbursed if you are admitted to UNBC and attend. Reimbursement amounts can total up to $500 for those who reside in British Columbia, and up to $1,000 for those who reside outside of British Columbia and in the United States.

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