



OKANAGAN COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT VIEWBOOK





WELCOME TO CANADA

CANADIAN EDUCATION IS LEADING THE WORLD IN QUALITY, AFFORDABILITY AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Recent visa policies have made it easier to study and work in Canada
- ◆ You will pay less for your education compared to the United States, United Kingdom, and Australia
- ◆ Internationally-recognized education

WHY OC?

Students from more than 60 countries have chosen Okanagan College for their education. With campuses in Kelowna, Vernon, Penticton, and Salmon Arm, Okanagan College is the largest college in the Interior of British Columbia. Founded more than five decades ago, we welcome students from around the world and have established ourselves as a leading college for international students in Canada.

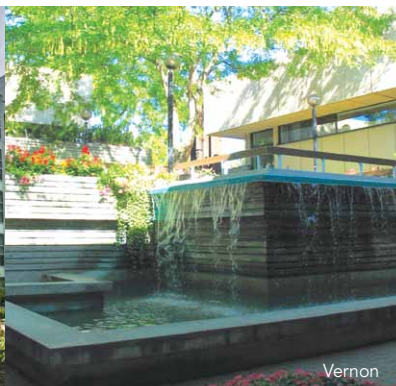
As an international student at Okanagan College, you'll live, study and work in the heart of the Okanagan, an area renowned for its stunning mountains, lakes, vineyards, and beaches in one of Canada's fastest growing urban settings. Our leading-edge programs and expert professors will help you make valuable connections for a successful future.

Okanagan College offers more than 120 career-focused programs and over 1700 courses to choose from. With an average classroom size of about 20 students, personal interaction with world-renowned professors, strong ties to industry, and program development that meets the needs of a changing economy, Okanagan College is a leading-edge education provider.





Kelowna



Vernon



Salmon Arm



Penticton

OUR SCHOOL

- ◆ 8,500 academic students across 4 campuses
- ◆ International students from over 60 countries
- ◆ Bachelor degrees, diplomas, certificates, and trade programs
- ◆ Affordable tuition

KELOWNA: Home to the college's main campus and the economic hub of the Okanagan, Kelowna has become a major player in the fields of technology, business and health. Tourism and recreation play a major part in community with several wineries, golf courses and skiing at Big White.

VERNON: The commercial and entrepreneurial heart of the North Okanagan. Vernon has an active creative community and is within close proximity to Kalamalka Lake and world-class Silver Star Mountain Ski Resort.

SALMON ARM: Offering university transfer, certificate and trades training, Salmon Arm is also renowned for its summer and winter outdoor activities, including the nearby Revelstoke Mountain Resort.

PENTICTON: Learn in one of the most sustainable buildings in the world. The Penticton campus offers a wide variety of programs and courses and is in the centre of British Columbia's wine industry and is a hub for year-round sports enthusiasts.





PROGRAMS

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

- ◆ Two beginner levels
- ◆ 20 hours per week (reading, writing, listening, speaking)
- ◆ Start in January, May, July, and September

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP)

- ◆ Four intermediate to advanced levels
- ◆ 20 hours per week (reading, writing, listening, speaking)
- ◆ Start in January, May, July, and September
- ◆ Minimum completion grade of 70% at Level 4 meets the English admission requirement to the BBA program
- ◆ Minimum completion grade of 60% at Level 4 meets the English admission requirement for all other degree and diploma programs
- ◆ Level 3 and 4 EAP can be combined with many degree or diploma courses

BUSINESS

PROGRAM	LENGTH	SEPT.	JAN.	MAY	JULY	CAMPUSES
Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA)	48 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	K, P, SA, V
Accounting				K only	K only	
Finance				"	"	
Marketing				"	"	
Management				"	"	
Human Resources Management				"	"	
Tourism and Hospitality Management				"	"	
Business Administration Diplomas	24 Months	✓	✓	✓	✓	K, P, SA, V
Accounting				K only	K only	
Finance				"	"	
Marketing				"	"	
Management				"	"	
Human Resources Management				"	"	
Tourism and Hospitality Management				"	"	
Business Administration Certificates	12 Months	✓	✓	✓	✓	K, P, SA, V
Accounting				K only	K only	
Financial Services				"	"	
Tourism & Hospitality Management				"	"	
Human Resources Management				"	"	
Marketing				"	"	
Operations Management				"	"	
Post Baccalaureate Diplomas	24 Months			✓	✓	K, P, SA, V
Accounting		✓	✓	K only	K only	
Marketing		✓	✓	"	"	
Specialty Diplomas						K, P, SA, V
Commercial Aviation	24 Months	✓	✓			
Culinary Management	24 Months	✓	✓			
Office Administration Certificates						
Legal Administration – Litigation Specialty	18 Weeks	✓				K
Legal Administration – Corporate/Conveyancing Specialty	20 Weeks	✓	✓			K
Administrative Assistant	8 Months	✓				K, SA, V

TRANSFER INSTITUTIONS TO BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Over 30 post-secondary institutions in Canada transfer students into the BBA including Lethbridge College, Red Deer College, Olds College, SIAST, Red River College, College of the North Atlantic, Yukon College, Confederation College, Algonquin College, Fanshawe College, Humber College, and Seneca.



ARTS AND SCIENCE

PROGRAM	LENGTH	SEPT.	JAN.	MAY	JULY	CAMPUSES
Associate Degree (University Transfer)	24 Months					
Arts		✓	✓	K only	K only	K, P, V, SA
Science		✓	✓	K only	K only	K, P, V, SA
Diplomas	24 Months					
Criminal and Social Justice		✓	✓			P
Environmental Studies		✓	✓	✓	✓	K
Human Kinetics		✓	✓			P
International Development		✓	✓	✓	✓	K
Communications, Culture, and Journalism Studies		✓	✓	✓	✓	K
Writing & Publishing		✓	✓			V
Certificates	12 Months					
Advanced Communication		✓	✓			K

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

- ◆ Transfer from Okanagan College to other Canadian universities, including: the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, and Thompson Rivers University. Capilano University, University of the Fraser Valley, Vancouver Island University, University of Northern British Columbia.
- ◆ Our Education Advisors will assist students in selecting the right courses to make a successful transition.

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES

PROGRAM	LENGTH	SEPT.	JAN.	MAY	JULY	CAMPUSES
Diplomas						
Civil Engineering Technology	24 Months	✓				K
Electronic Engineering Technology	"	✓				K
Mechanical Engineering Technology	"	✓				K
Network and Telecommunications Technology	"	✓				K
Water Engineering Technology	30 Months	✓				K
Sustainable Construction Management Technology	36 Months	✓				P

BRIDGING PROGRAMS – UBC OKANAGAN

- ◆ Transfer from Okanagan College to University of British Columbia Okanagan Campus.
- ◆ This program allows graduates of OC's Civil, Electronic or Mechanical Engineering Diploma Programs to bridge to second year of Engineering at UBC Okanagan.



COMPUTER SCIENCE

PROGRAM	LENGTH	SEPT.	JAN.	MAY	JULY	CAMPUSES
Bachelor Degree	48 Months					
Computer Information Systems		✓				K P, V (Year 1)
Diplomas	24 Months					
Computer Information Systems		✓				K

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAM	LENGTH	SEPT.	JAN.	MAY	JULY	CAMPUSES
Diplomas	24 Months					
Early Childhood Education		✓				K
Human Service Work		✓				K, SA, V
Therapist Assistant		✓				K

TRADES FOUNDATION

PROGRAM	LENGTH	SEPT.	FEB.	MAY	JULY	CAMPUSES
Aircraft Maintenance Engineer M-License	62 Weeks	✓	✓			V
Aircraft Maintenance Engineer S-License	37 Weeks		✓			K
Automotive Service Technician Certificate	30 Weeks	✓	✓	✓		K
Carpentry / Joinery	30 Weeks	✓	✓			K
Automotive Collision Repair/ Painting and Refinishing	36 Weeks	✓				K
Heavy Mechanical Foundation Certificate	38 Weeks	✓	✓			K
Residential Construction Certificate	26 Weeks	✓	✓			K, P, SA, V
Studio Woodworking Certificate	35 Weeks	✓				K
Welding Foundation	28 Weeks	✓	✓	✓	✓	K, P, SA, V



FINANCES

Prices are in Canadian dollars.

This is an estimate of some programs and fees only.
Please note these amounts may be subject to change
and not all programs are listed.

For a full list of all up-to-date fees please refer to:
okanagan.bc.ca/internationalfees

	ESL Only	University Transfer, CIS, Arts, Science, and Business	Engineering Technology
Duration of study	4 Months (1 semester)	8 Months (2 semester)	8 Months (2 semester)
Application Fee	\$100	\$100	\$100
Tuition	\$5,100	\$12,750	\$18,115
Non-instructional fees	\$260	\$515	\$515
Medical Insurance	\$250	\$550	\$550
Homestay	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Total	\$8,710	\$19,915	\$25,280



STUDENT LIFE

WORK

International students studying in full-time academic programs may be eligible to work up to 20 hours per week while attending school and full-time during scheduled breaks.

RECREATION

Okanagan College offers a wide range of student events, intramurals, fitness classes, sports clubs and also operates on-campus fitness facilities.

Some activities and events include:

- ◆ CoEd Indoor Soccer
- ◆ CoEd Indoor Volleyball
- ◆ Oktoberfest
- ◆ Ping Pong
- ◆ Skating Parties
- ◆ CoEd Basketball
- ◆ Snowshoeing & Cross Country Skiing
- ◆ Baseball
- ◆ Half Marathon, 10K and Relay Race
- ◆ Chinese New Year & International Day
- ◆ Seasonal Celebrations
- ◆ CoEd Dodgeball
- ◆ Orientation Week
- ◆ Aboriginal Culture Pow Wow
- ◆ Skiing & Snowboarding
- ◆ Beach & Water Sports
- ◆ Summer BBQ
- ◆ Fitness Challenges

In addition, while living in the Okanagan Valley your off-campus extracurricular activity options are endless. Tour organic farms, explore the local wineries, relax at the beaches and parks, or golf at one of the many courses available.

ACCOMMODATION

Students have the option of living with a local family selected by an Okanagan College Homestay Coordinator. The homestay experience provides an excellent opportunity for students to improve their English, adapt to a new environment, and learn about Canadian culture.

The Kelowna campus student residence, Skaha Place, offers an affordable, convenient alternative to students: okanagan.bc.ca/housing

Students may also choose to arrange their own private accommodation.





SNAPSHOTS

WHAT ARE OUR STUDENTS SAYING?

“I love the Okanagan. It has it all – quality education, breath taking scenery, vibrant culture and some of the friendliest people I’ve met.”

Harnoor Bhattal, India

“The courses are great and the professors are amazing. I love the one-to-one attention I get. They genuinely care about me and how I’m doing. And they know me by name!”

Keiko Simoda, Japan



“Today I had classes in the morning. I worked in the afternoon. By evening I was out mountain biking and then took a swim in the lake to cool off. There aren’t many places in the world where you can do all that in a day.”

Amber Brown, New Zealand



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

- ◆ Admission requirement equivalencies vary by country and program. Please review our admissions requirements before applying. Visit: okanagan.bc.ca/international/admission_requirements

AND

- ◆ Meet the English proficiency requirements. English proficiency can be demonstrated by one of the following:
 - ◆ High school English 12* or equivalent
 - ◆ An official, verifiable IELTS result with an overall band score of 6.0 or 6.5 on the academic version, depending on the program
 - ◆ An official, verifiable TOEFL result of 79 on the internet-based test
 - ◆ Okanagan College English for Academic Purposes Level 4*

*Minimum grade of 60-70% depending on the program.

HOW TO APPLY

- ◆ Complete and submit the Okanagan College application form at: okanagan.bc.ca/international/apply
- ◆ A non-refundable \$100 CAD application fee is required for all programs
- ◆ For programs longer than six months, applicants must obtain a study permit. Visit: cic.gc.ca/study

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