



SUMMER ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PROGRAM
“Canadian Culture and Summer Recreation”
August
July 3 – 27, 2018

Vancouver Island University (VIU) invites students to attend a 4-week English Language and Culture Program, scheduled to take place at the VIU Nanaimo Campus from July 3rd to 27th, 2018. The program will focus specifically on Canadian culture and summer recreation.

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY

Vancouver Island University is a government-funded institution located on central Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada. Currently, more than 10,000 full-time students are enrolled in academic, technical, and vocational programs, and more than 25,000 students take general interest courses on an annual basis. VIU delivers educational programs in four campus locations, with the main campus in Nanaimo. Nanaimo is on the scenic east coast of Vancouver Island in the heart of western British Columbia’s tourism area. With a high standard of living, Nanaimo is a city of 86,000 people and has a mild climate, which allows for a variety of summer and winter recreational activities.

VIU has a long history of involvement in international education, and has assisted individuals and groups from many countries with specialized courses and custom programs. In addition, the VIU Faculty of International Education caters solely to international students and offers extensive services, including dedicated advising and counseling, an English Language Centre with highly-trained English language instructors, extensive cultural and activity offerings, and a “Safe Harbour” building where students are offered comfortable classrooms, a general gathering area, and welcoming staff and faculty.

For further information on VIU, please visit our website at www.viu.ca.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Upon arrival at VIU, students will be tested to assess their English language skills and be placed in a class appropriate for their level (advanced beginner, intermediate, or advanced). Throughout the program, students will participate in English classes (20 hours of instruction per week) with plenty of opportunity to practice their speaking skills, as well as learn about Canadian culture. Students will be required to complete a selection of short assignments, and may be required to complete a research project. Throughout the program, students will participate in a variety of recreational activities that reflect the program theme and give the opportunity to experience Canadian culture firsthand. A Certificate of Completion will be given to students at the end of the program. A full program outline is included in attached Appendix A (activities are subject to date changes depending on availability of local service providers).

HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

Homestay provides an opportunity for students to learn about Canadian family life and customs. Students are able to practice their English and receive help in a variety of areas that can be confusing to newcomers. Host families involve our program participants in their everyday activities and include them as members of their families. The students will have a comfortable room and be **provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner**. Most students will have to commute by public transport to VIU (all homes are within 1-hour commute time to the University), therefore students will be required to purchase a bus pass. Students will be placed one or two per home depending upon host family availability at the time of confirmation of student numbers (required **8 weeks** before program start).

HOMESTAY FEES

\$150 CAD per student: Homestay Placement Fee

\$29 CAD/night (maximum \$850/month) per student: Homestay Rent

PROGRAM FEE

\$1,975 CAD per student: 4 Week Summer English Language and Culture Program

Included in the PROGRAM fee:	NOT included in the PROGRAM fee:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Tuition fees;➤ Activity program, as indicated on the schedule;➤ Farewell reception for students and their hosts at the end of the program;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Accommodation and meals (Homestay participants will receive breakfast, lunch, and dinner)➤ Personal expenses or costs incurred during free time;➤ Daily travel from accommodation to Vancouver Island University and return;➤ Notebooks and pens required for class;➤ Travel from the group's home country to Nanaimo and return;➤ Accommodation for accompanying chaperones;➤ Optional activities and regional tours;➤ Medical Insurance (Mandatory - \$65)

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APPENDIX A – PROGRAM

TIME	MONDAY July 2	TUESDAY July 3	WEDNESDAY July 4	THURSDAY July 5	FRIDAY July 6	SATURDAY July 7	SUNDAY July 8
9:00 – 12:00		8:30 Welcome 9:00 – 12:00 Testing	VIU Tour/English Class	English Class	<u>Day Trip to Victoria</u> Includes: Royal BC Museum and Shopping. Optional: Whale Watching OR Butchart Gardens (Additional Cost)	FREE DAY Optional Cultural Connections Trip hosted by VIU (Additional Cost) Mini Golfing & Rathtrevor Beach	FREE DAY
12:00 – 1:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
1:00 - 3:00		Program and Homestay Orientation	Student Account Set-Up and Waivers	English Class			
3:15 – 6:00		Free time	Free Time	Bowen Park: Disc Golf, Beach Volleyball, Hiking			
TIME	MONDAY July 9	TUESDAY July 10	WEDNESDAY July 11	THURSDAY July 12	FRIDAY July 13	SATURDAY July 14	SUNDAY July 15
9:00 - 2:00	English Class	English Class	English Class	English Class	<u>Caving and Coombs</u> Includes: Caving at Horne Lake Caves, Coombs Market, & Parksville Sandcastle Competition	FREE DAY Optional Cultural Connections Trip hosted by VIU (Additional Cost) Tofino Day Trip	FREE DAY
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
1:00 - 3:00	English Class	English Class	English Class	English Class			
3:15 – 6:00	Free Time	Indoor Rock Climbing	Free Time	Beadwork Class			
TIME	MONDAY July 16	TUESDAY July 17	WEDNESDAY July 18	THURSDAY July 19	FRIDAY July 20	SATURDAY July 21	SUNDAY July 22
9:00 – 12:00	English Class	English Class	English Class	English Class	<u>Day Trip to Mt. Washington</u> Includes: Chairlift Ride, Bungee Trampoline, Mini Golf, & Disc Golf	FREE DAY Optional Cultural Connections Trip hosted by VIU (Additional Cost) Wildplay	FREE DAY
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
1:00 - 3:00	English Class	English Class	English Class	English Class			
3:15 – 6:00	Free Time	Canoeing / Kayaking	Free Time	Neck Point Park			
TIME	MONDAY July 23	TUESDAY July 24	WEDNESDAY July 25	THURSDAY July 26	FRIDAY July 27	SATURDAY July 28	SUNDAY July 29
9:00 – 12:00	English Class	English Class	English Class	English Class	<u>Mayfair Mall Shopping Extravaganza</u> Optional: Butchart Gardens (Additional Cost)	DEPARTURE	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
1:00 - 3:00	English Class	English Class	English Class	English Class			
3:15 – 6:00	Free Time	Bowling	Free Time	Farewell Potluck			