# UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA, FACULTY OF LAW

## FACT SHEET

### UNIVERSITY AND AREA

| About the University | University of Victoria  
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|                     | UVic is one of Canada’s leading research-based institutions and offers innovative programs for more than 20,000 students on our diverse and welcoming west coast campus.  
| Location             | Victoria, British Columbia  
|                     | Victoria is the capital of British Columbia, located at the southern tip of Vancouver Island. Victoria is home to the warmest winters in Canada. Residents enjoy a mild climate all year round. It has a reputation for beautiful gardens, breathtaking vistas of ocean and mountains, a wide variety of outdoor activities enjoyed almost year round, distinctive architecture, a vibrant culture and excellent cuisine.  
| Websites             | University website: [www.uvic.ca](http://www.uvic.ca)  
|                     | Faculty of Law website: [www.uvic.ca/law](http://www.uvic.ca/law)  
|                     | International Student Services website: [www.uvic.ca/international](http://www.uvic.ca/international)  

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

| Academic Year | September – April  
|---------------|-------------------|  
|               | Fall Term: September to December  
|               | Spring Term: January to April  
|               | Each term consists of 13 weeks of classes followed by a formal examination period of approximately two weeks during which there are no classes.  
| Deadline for Applications | May 15  
| Application Process | You must first apply to your home university who will select students based on the criteria in the exchange agreement and advise our office of nominations. Once you have been nominated by your home university, you will need to submit a completed [application for admission](#) to the exchange program and all necessary documents.  

| Address | Mailing:  
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|         | Attn: Assistant to the Associate Dean  
|         | Faculty of Law  
|         | University of Victoria  
|         | PO Box 1700 STN CSC  
|         | Victoria, BC V8W 2Y2  
|         | Canada  
| Courier: | Attn: Assistant to the Associate Dean  
|         | Faculty of Law  
|         | University of Victoria  
|         | Fraser Building, Room 102  
|         | McGill at Ring Road  
|         | Victoria, BC V8P 5C2 Canada  

| Course Information | The language of instruction at UVic is English.  
|                    | To select courses please refer to our faculty calendars, lists of course offerings, registration restrictions, exam schedules, and Preliminary Course Information Summaries (PCIS). Note that we will do our best to accommodate your course selection, however, some courses will fill quickly and some courses have pre-requisites which may limit accessibility to exchange students.  

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<th>Course Credits</th>
<th>Courses are valued in terms of units and most vary between 1.0 and 2.0 units. A 1.0 unit class meets 2 hours per week; a 1.5 unit class meets 3 hours per week; and a 2.0 unit class meets 4 hours per week. One hour of class time requires approximately 1-2 hours of study or reading per week.</th>
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<td>Full-time Academic Load</td>
<td>Full time students must take a minimum of 7.0 units per term and 14.5 units per academic year. Students may not take more than 8.5 units per term or 16.5 units per academic year without the permission of the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations.</td>
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<td>Registration</td>
<td>Registration will be completed by the Office of the Associate Dean. Your course selection must first be approved by your home institution, and then by the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations or her Assistant. To access your student record you will need to obtain a Netlink ID.</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
<td>You are responsible for making your own accommodation arrangements. If you are interested in campus housing, apply directly to Residence Services as soon as possible. Campus housing is in extremely high demand. Residence Services also provides a listing of off-campus housing.</td>
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<td>Visa Information</td>
<td>You must obtain a study permit if you intend to study and live in Canada for more than six months. If you are coming to Canada for one term only (four months), you do not require a permit. We recommend that you get one anyhow in case you want to extend your stay or work on campus. You may need a temporary resident visa to enter Canada if you’re from certain countries.</td>
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<td>Health Insurance</td>
<td>The cost of medical treatment in Canada is extremely high if you are not covered by insurance. You must make sure that you have adequate medical coverage. Learn about health insurance here.</td>
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<td>Fees</td>
<td>Although tuition fees are paid to your home university, you will still be responsible for student fees such as textbooks, course materials, and the photocopy fee. Exchange students may opt in to the UPass, Athletics and Recreation, and the UVSS Extended Health Plan.</td>
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<td>International Office</td>
<td>The International Student Services office supports incoming international students and UVic students who wish to study abroad. Please visit this page for resources available to new students visiting UVic for a short time.</td>
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<td>Orientation</td>
<td>The first day of fall term is Opening Day, and there will be an orientation session for new upper year students including visiting and exchange students. There will also be other activities hosted by the Law Students’ Society and the International Office. In the spring, the Manager Academic Administration and Student Services will hold a short orientation session for new students.</td>
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