



Ocean Leadership

UBC's Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries is offering two Vancouver Summer Program sessions in 2024, focused on providing international undergraduate students with a grounding in ocean leadership.

Grand Challenges Facing the Ocean

This project-based course will develop leadership and advocacy skills that are required to address key challenges facing the ocean, from overexploitation and marine pollution to climate change and ocean acidification. Students will learn about key marine and coastal issues and how to apply technical expertise to address real-world marine challenges. Working in groups on timely problems facing the ocean, students will learn to analyze the challenges, identify opportunities for resolution, and then embark on that path to change. In so doing, they will gain experience applying their technical expertise to address actual challenges facing the oceans today.

How to be an Ocean Leader

This course will train students to help create a world in which the oceans are healthy and their resources are used sustainably and equitably. Through lectures and workshop activities, students will learn about integrating and synthesizing disparate knowledge, policy analysis and briefing, public communication, and knowledge translation. The instructors focus on developing transferable capacity to improve the future of the ocean, rather than teaching technical skills that are specific to particular disciplines. That means that students will develop skills in collective leadership, facilitating collaboration, interdisciplinary teamwork, oral presentations, conventional and social media, public communication, and knowledge translation.

The Vancouver Summer Program (VSP) is a four-week experience for international undergraduate students at one of the world's top universities. The program provides the opportunity to take two academic courses while engaging in socio-cultural extracurricular activities specific to Vancouver and its surroundings.

"What I liked the most about my experience in the Vancouver Summer Program is how welcoming and warm everyone is. On the first day of instruction, our two instructors greeted us in a much friendly way. They wanted to make sure we felt welcome. Everyone is just super supportive."

Ler Shan
2023 participant



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Sessions

#1: June 7 – July 7, 2024

Registration deadline: April 1, 2024

#2: July 12 – August 12, 2024

Registration deadline: April 30, 2024

Each session includes two courses, each approximately 39 hours of class time. Courses are directed by UBC faculty members and taught by researchers, graduate students and guest lecturers in our community. Classes are interactive and include group discussions, short fieldtrips and other engaging learning opportunities. Students can expect team-based learning activities and assignments.

Classes are held 5 days a week, from Monday to Friday, running from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, with a lunch break.

Course packages that do not have the minimum number of students will not be offered, but students may transfer to other packages.

Note: Courses do not receive UBC credit, however course credit may be granted by the student's home university (at its discretion).

2024 program fee

TBA, and will include:

- Course materials and tuition for two courses
- Shared accommodation on UBC campus
- Medical insurance
- Transportation by shuttle bus to and from airport (during peak hours)
- Vancouver city tour
- Orientation and farewell events
- Social activities (some activities may require an additional fee)

Note: Students are responsible for the cost of food and transportation around the city, as well as any other personal expenses they may incur.

Information

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