

# UBC'S OKANAGAN CAMPUS



## YOUR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE DESTINATION

### CITY OF KELOWNA

UBC's Okanagan campus is located close to downtown Kelowna, cultural hub and popular tourist destination in the Okanagan Valley.

A growing city with a population of almost 120,000, Kelowna is large enough to be diverse and interesting yet small enough to create an intimate and friendly urban community.

It is also British Columbia's "four-season playground," a jumping-off point from which students can explore Okanagan Lake and surrounding Canadian landscapes any time of the year. Stunning ski hills, beautiful beaches, sunny skies, outstanding orchards — Kelowna has it all!

### OKANAGAN REGION

Living at UBC's Okanagan campus, in the heart of the Okanagan Valley, means having easy access to the best that British Columbia has to offer.

The Okanagan Valley is blessed with a semi-arid climate. In summer, weather is hot and sunny (Kelowna in July averages 300.5 hours of sunshine) with daytime temperatures often exceeding 35 C (95 F). Growing conditions are ideal for tree-borne fruits: apples, pears, peaches, apricots, cherries, plums. Grapes also thrive here. In fact, the Okanagan wine industry is recognized worldwide, and wine touring and tasting opportunities abound throughout the region.

Okanagan Lake's clear waters and sandy beaches provide a picturesque setting for swimming, wakeboarding, kitesurfing, SUP boarding, waterskiing, sailing, rowing, beach volleyball, and more. The Okanagan is also home to Skaha Bluffs, a world-famous rock-climbing destination.

In winter, temperatures are mild and snow abounds. Big White Ski Resort, Crystal Mountain, and Silver Star Mountain Resort are situated in and around Kelowna, providing an amazing variety of hills, runs, and activities to suit all.

### GETTING HERE

Kelowna and the surrounding Okanagan Valley are located in the southern interior of British Columbia, about 200 km (120 miles) north of the US border and just over 400 km (250 miles) from UBC's Vancouver campus.

By air: Kelowna is a one-hour flight from Vancouver, Calgary, or Seattle. UBC's Okanagan campus is just a few minutes away from the Kelowna International Airport (YLW).

By car: from UBC's Vancouver campus, it takes about five hours to drive to UBC's Okanagan campus.

By transit: UBC's Okanagan campus is easy to access via transit, with routes to/from Kelowna, Rutland, the North Okanagan, and West Kelowna.



Situated in one of the most scenic regions of Canada, our campus offers students a close-knit learning environment, opportunities for region-centred research, international perspectives, and more.



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## ACADEMICS

Purpose-built for the 21st century, UBC's Okanagan campus opened in 2005. As of September 2013, nearly 8,500 students from throughout the Okanagan region, across Canada, and 80 other countries were enrolled in 51 undergraduate and 14 graduate programs in eight faculties and schools.

With \$11.7 million in annual research funding, more than 480 research projects underway, and nearly 1.5 million sq. ft. of academic, social, and residential space, the Okanagan campus is earning a reputation as a vital, respected centre of learning and research, enhancing knowledge creation and innovation in our region and around the world.

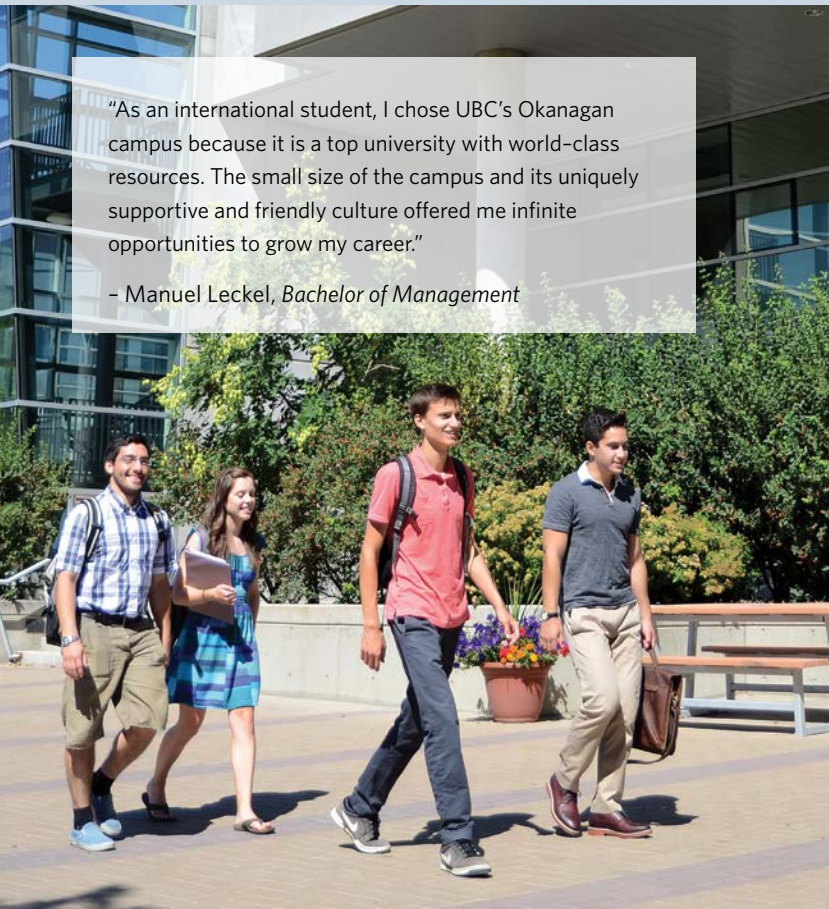
It's a close-knit learning community where dialogue reaches across disciplines and departments, cultivating bold new ways of thinking. It offers a campus life rich with opportunities to build cultural and social connections and to learn, grow, and express yourself.

Incoming exchange students can engage in a wide range of academic courses from the following faculties: Applied Science (Engineering), Arts and Sciences, Creative and Critical Studies, Health and Social Development, and Management.



"As an international student, I chose UBC's Okanagan campus because it is a top university with world-class resources. The small size of the campus and its uniquely supportive and friendly culture offered me infinite opportunities to grow my career."

- Manuel Leckel, *Bachelor of Management*



## RESIDENCE LIFE

Residence living at UBC's Okanagan campus supports you academically and socially, providing unique opportunities to meet creative, intelligent people and develop lifelong friendships.

Our campus community currently houses almost 1,700 students in a wide variety of accommodations: fully-furnished single rooms, semi-suites, quad units, studios, and one-bedroom apartments. Some residences have cooking facilities, while others offer a meal plan.

Accommodation on campus is guaranteed if you apply by the deadline.

For full details, please see <http://students.ok.ubc.ca/global/incoming/residence-life>

## THE CAMPUS

UBC's Okanagan campus is a young, exciting, and rapidly growing university situated in the centre of the stunning Okanagan Valley.

Its diverse campus community is active and engaged, with many clubs, societies, and social opportunities for student involvement.

Small class sizes enable close connections with faculty members, who are often on first-name terms with students. Close ties with businesses and organizations in the Okanagan and around the world empower our students, researchers, and community partners to create exciting opportunities for student learning, innovation, and knowledge creation.

Learn more about UBC's Okanagan campus at <http://ok.ubc.ca>

## HOW TO APPLY

Make Kelowna and UBC's Okanagan campus your destination for a fantastic exchange experience!

For complete details, please visit <http://students.ok.ubc.ca/global/incoming/about-us>



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