

Resources for Life in Vancouver

Please visit the [Life in Vancouver](#) section of the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies website for great information on things like climate, culture & lifestyle, housing, transportation, money, food, and more!

For wayfinding of UBC visit the [UBC campus map](#).

Living in student residence at UBC

[UBC Student Residences | Graduate School at The University of British Columbia \(UBC\)](#)

1. Year Round Residence—[Fraser Hall](#), [Marine Drive](#), [Ponderosa Commons](#), [Iona House](#), [Thunderbird](#), [Brock Commons Tallwood House](#), [Exchange](#)
2. [Green College](#)
3. [St. John's College](#)
4. Student Family Residence—[Acadia Park](#)

Costs for living on campus

Please visit each [residence profile](#) for costs.

Other campus housing options

Housing options for market rentals including on-campus housing that are not a student dedicated residence, as well as other neighbourhoods in Vancouver: [Housing | Graduate School at The University of British Columbia \(UBC\)](#)

- [MBA House](#)
- [Westpoint](#)
- [University Marketplace](#)
- [Axis](#)
- [Wesbrook Properties](#)

Living off Campus: [UBC's off-campus housing guide](#) and our [market housing rentals page](#) includes information on neighbourhoods, what to look out for in a listing and more.

Our [Tenant's Rights presentation](#) hosted by [Tenants Resource, & Advisory Centre](#) (TRAC) under the "Pre-arrival webinar resources & recordings" also goes over what you are entitled to as a BC tenant.

[Renting it Right](#): free online course from the Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre which can help you find rental housing and understand your rights.

Finding roommates and rentals, info

Online resources

- Craigslist
- Zumper
- Kijiji
- Padmapper
- Roomatesvancouver
- RentHello

- RentBC
- Easyroomate
- UV Rentsline
- ESL Rent
- Community.grad.ubc.ca
- Walkscore

Short-term rentals

- Homestay.com
- Airbnb
- [Make Yourself At Home](http://MakeYourselfAtHome.com)
- Roomorama

Facebook groups

- [UBC Graduate Student Housing Group](#)
- [UBC Roommates and Housing](#)
- [UBC Families](#)
- [UBC students searching for roommates/house/apts rental/sublet](#)
- [For Rent Vancouver](#)
- [Homes for Queers Vancouver](#)

Additional Housing Costs

- Utilities: Electricity (BC Hydro), Gas (Fortis BC), Heat, Hot water, Internet, Cable TV, Phone
- Laundry (In-suite, In-building, Laundromat? Coin-operated or free?)
- Deposits (Damage deposit, pet deposit)
- Insurance (tenant insurance to insure personal items and property is recommended)
- Household items (Dollar stores, IKEA, London Drugs, Walmart, etc)
- Facebook resources for household items: [UBC Buy and Sell Items](#), [UBC Families](#)
- Parking

Groceries

Many chains provide grocery delivery services; keep an eye out!

- On campus: [Save on Foods](#)
- Lower priced chain groceries around the city: [Real Canadian Superstore](#), [No Frills](#), [Walmart](#)
- Local produce: [farmers markets](#), [Granville Island](#), fruit stands
- Bulk food: [Costco](#) (requires a membership), Natural and bulk food: [Famous Foods](#)
- Organic/vegan/gluten-free: [Whole Foods](#), [Choices](#), [Greens](#), [Pomme](#)
- [Punjab Food Center](#)
- [Chinatown](#)
- [Persia Foods](#), West Broadway
- Many East and South Asian foods along Kingsway
- [Parthenon](#) for Mediterranean
- [Jasmine Foods](#), also for Mediterranean and Halal, Main Street
- Various Italian bakeries, grocers, delis on Commercial Drive
- Chinese groceries in Richmond (“Golden Village”)
- [Korean H-Mart](#) (downtown, Richmond, Coquitlam)
- [T&T](#) (downtown, Metrotown Mall) for various Asian foods
- Filipino groceries/bakeries along Joyce Street

- [Caribbean Market](#) in New Westminster
- [Fujiya](#) for Japanese bento and groceries
- La Win Supermarket for Chinese groceries
- [Sungiven Foods](#) for East Asian groceries

Food security options at UBC

- [UBC Food Bank](#) (Emergency food relief for UBC students)
- [Acadia Food Hub](#) (Community project at UBC supporting households with food and baby supplies)

Getting Around

When arriving in Vancouver, you can get to UBC through public transit, ride share services, or you can check out this [zone fare map](#) that shows how much a taxi is to different areas of Vancouver from the YVR airport.

Public transit

[U-Pass](#)

[Translink](#)

Cycling in Vancouver

- [Bike Sense](#) safety and operations manual for cycling in BC.
- Great bike trails: Stanley Park Seawall, UBC Loop, North Shore mountains...
- [The City of Vancouver](#) website is a great resource for bike routes and maps.
- [Mobi](#) public bike share program
- [HOPR](#) campus-wide public bike share program

Cycling on campus

The [Bike Kitchen](#)

- Learn how to maintain, repair and build your own bikes
- Kids Bike Library
- Purple and Yellow Bike Share
- Workshops
- Register for free access to secured, shared bike cages

[UBC Campus and Community Planning's Cycling Tips](#)

- Getting started, maintenance, rules, safety

[Carsharing](#)

- Modo
- Zipcar
- Evo

[Ride Hailing](#)

- Uber
- Lyft

Living in Vancouver

Vancouver is located on the traditional territories of three First Nations: [Musqueam](#), [Squamish](#), and [Tsleil-Waututh](#)

Fun things to do

Local Mountains

- Mt. Seymour
- Cypress Mountain
- Grouse Mountain
- Whistler

Things to do on campus

- Museum of Anthropology
- Beaty Biodiversity Museum
- Chan Centre for the Performing Arts
- UBC Botanical Gardens
- Nitobe Japanese Garden
- Wreck Beach

Things to do in the city

- Science World
- The PNE
- Reifel Bird Sanctuary
- Stanley Park, the aquarium
- Theatre at Granville Island
- Steveston Fishing Village

Websites to find events

- Events, activities, and tourism: [Tourism Vancouver](#), [Daily Hive Vancouver](#), [Bored in Vancouver](#), [Eventbrite](#)
- Visit our [Life in Vancouver page](#).

Religion & Spirituality – [UBC chaplains](#)

- Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, Bahá'í and Christian (Anglican, Baptist, Brethren Tradition, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, and United Churches)

Other resources

- [Cost of Living Calculator](#) can give you a rough idea about how much living and studying in Vancouver will cost
- [Grad student blog](#)
- [Vancouver is Awesome](#)
- [Miss 604](#)
- [Georgia Straight](#)