

## 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](http://Community.grad.ubc.ca)
- Walkscore

#### Short-term rentals

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