

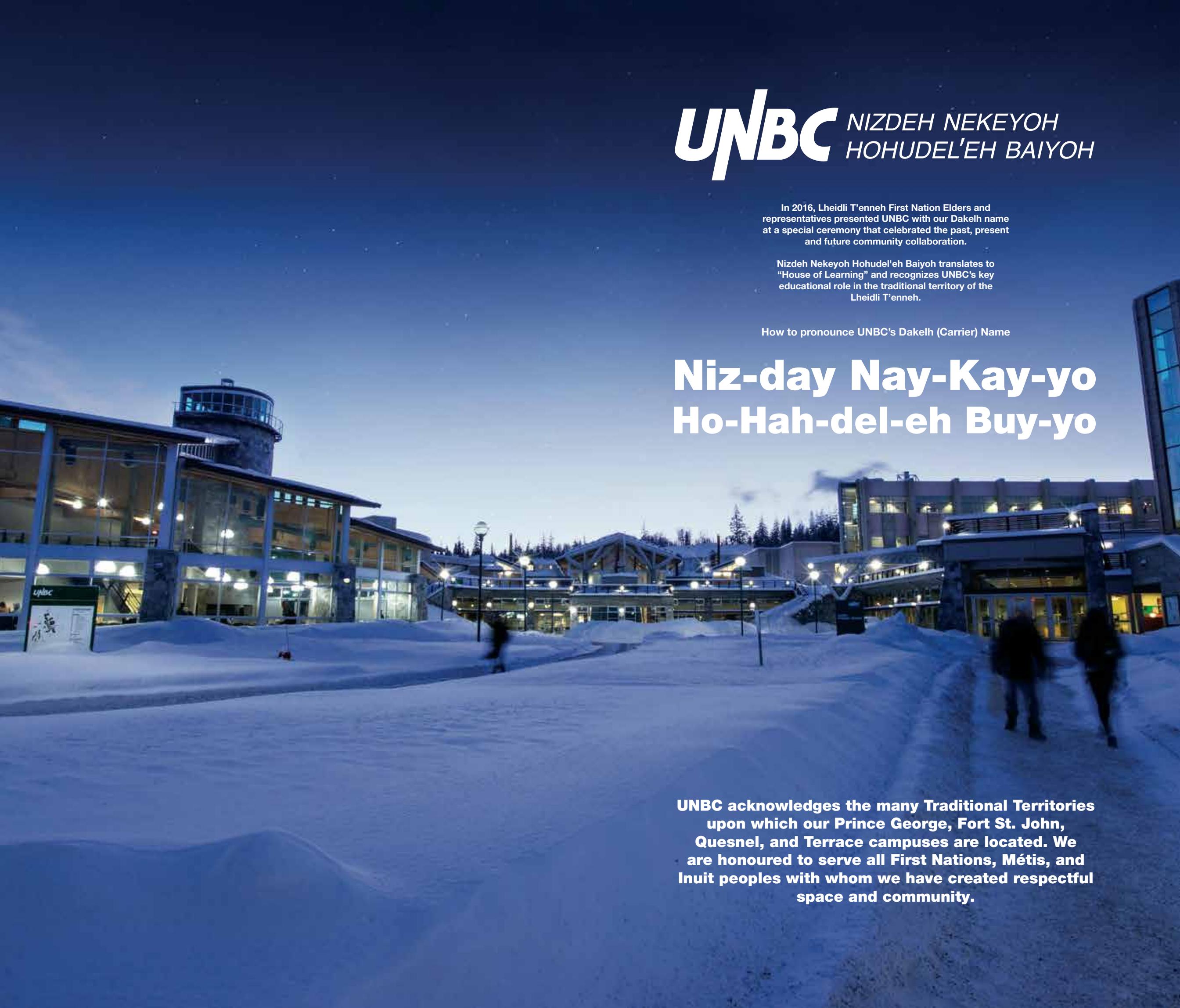
UNBC UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

2021/22

Indigenous Students Handbook

UNBC



The background of the entire page is a photograph of a university campus in winter. The ground is covered in a thick layer of snow. In the foreground, a few people are walking, their figures slightly blurred. In the middle ground, there are several modern buildings with large glass windows, some of which are illuminated from within. The sky is a deep blue, suggesting dusk or dawn. The overall atmosphere is quiet and serene.

UNBC *NIZDEH NEKEYOH HOHUEL'EH BAIYOH*

In 2016, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation Elders and representatives presented UNBC with our Dakelh name at a special ceremony that celebrated the past, present and future community collaboration.

Nizdeh Nekeyoh Hohuel'eh Baiyoh translates to "House of Learning" and recognizes UNBC's key educational role in the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh.

How to pronounce UNBC's Dakelh (Carrier) Name

Niz-day Nay-Kay-yo Ho-Hah-del-eh Buy-yo

UNBC acknowledges the many Traditional Territories upon which our Prince George, Fort St. John, Quesnel, and Terrace campuses are located. We are honoured to serve all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples with whom we have created respectful space and community.



“UNBC is a very welcoming place, and from the first day, I have felt at home here.”

– Garfield Staats
Six Nations Mohawk
BA Student
Political Science and Environmental Studies



236 courses featuring Indigenous content

UNBC was the first university in B.C. to offer Bachelor's Degrees in First Nations Studies

UNBC was the first university in Canada to offer Master's Degrees in First Nations Studies

1:8 faculty to student ratio

12% of all UNBC students self-identify as Indigenous



Green is UNBC's official colour - and way of life.

We honour our environment with our campus architecture, teaching and research, and initiatives led by our students, faculty and staff.

unbc.ca/green

Our Bioenergy Plant uses local sawmill residue, reducing our fossil fuel consumption to heat the university by 85%.

The Wood Pellet Plant saves 140 tonnes of CO₂ per year.

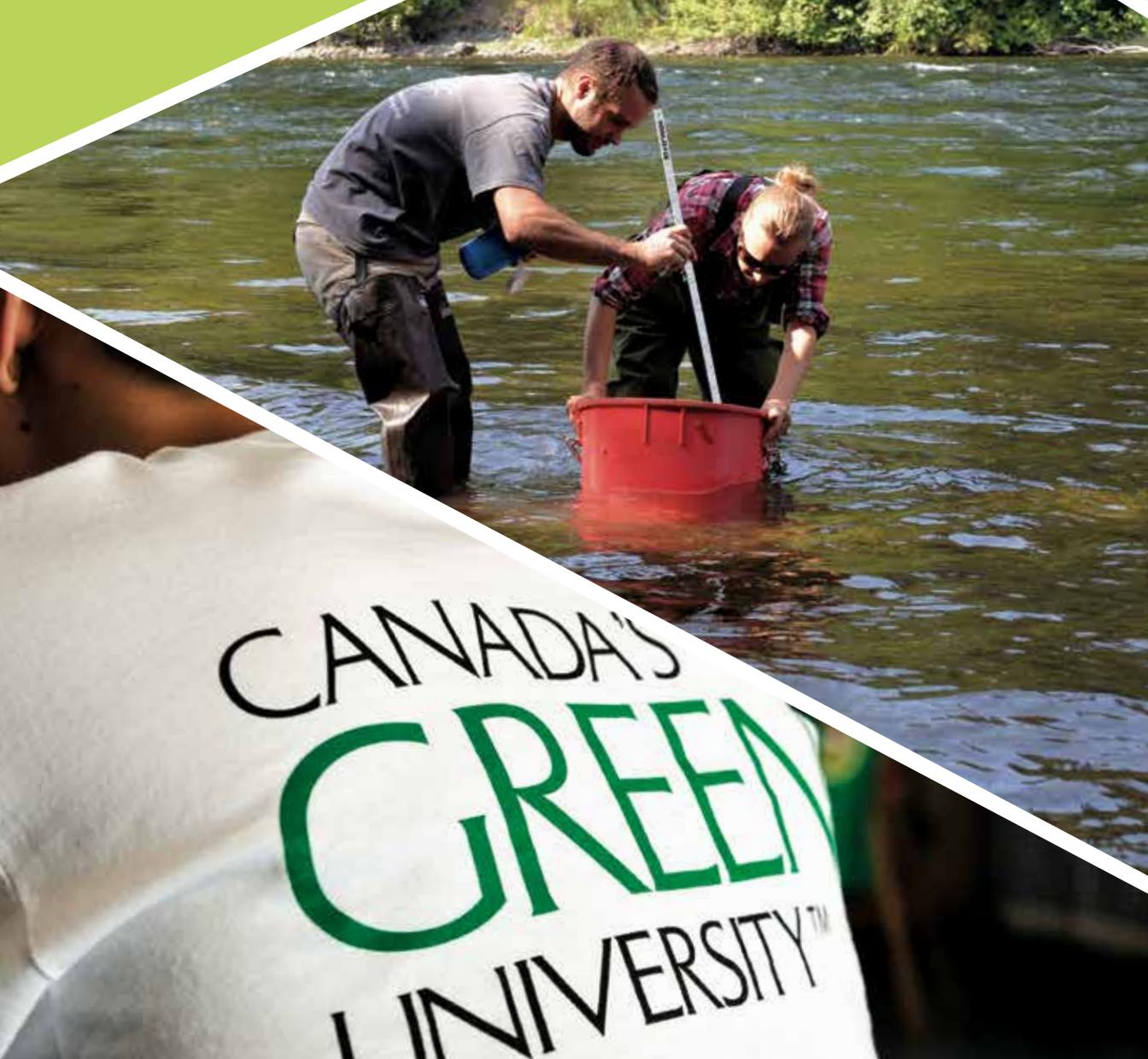
Package-free bulk foods store on campus.

Secure, covered bike storage, stand-alone bike lockers, a bike repair station and shower facilities.

Carpooling program.



The Green Fund provides grants for innovative projects to create a more sustainable campus.





Greetings from the First Nations Centre!

On behalf of the First Nations Centre at UNBC I welcome you. Navigating your way through university can sometimes be challenging and the First Nations Centre is here to help and provide supports as you make your way through your educational journey.

The First Nations Centre has been identified by many students as a “home away from home” and we hope to continue that legacy. Staff at the First Nations Centre specialize in different areas of student life and are here to help, support, and guide students to success in higher education. We have faith in every student’s ability to succeed and are honoured to be on that journey with you, both culturally and academically.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you through the many formal and informal functions at the First Nations Centre and throughout UNBC. If you see me on campus, please do not hesitate to say “Hi”.

Snachailya!

Beverly Best, BEd, MA
Manager, Aboriginal Student Engagement
Prince George Campus
Lheidli T’enneh Traditional Territory

Indigenous Student Life At UNBC



The First Nations Centre (FNC) is honoured to provide holistic support services to students, staff and faculty at UNBC.

The First Nations Centre is a culturally safe, accessible space where leadership, academic growth, relationships, and personal supports are fostered.

We offer a wide variety of services, activities, and programs that help to improve educational outcomes for Indigenous students, create awareness and understanding of Indigenous perspectives and worldviews, and celebrate Indigenous culture. Our team is here to welcome everyone who visits or accesses the First Nations Centre.

First Nations Centre Spaces + Supports

Elders Room

A casual space to gather, study, eat or socialize.

Quiet Study Space

Computer Lab

Eight desktop workstations, the FNC library, and space for tutoring support.

Cultural Room

Elder in Residence office and a space for students to gather and work on cultural projects.

Smudging and Meditation Room

The Gathering Place

A cultural space available to host events and activities for up to 100 people.

Wabooz Garden

A beautiful outdoor, multipurpose space that grows traditional plants and medicines.

Students can improve their academic skills and understanding with in-house tutoring support in partnership with the Academic Success Centre.

Cultural Activities

Smudging Ceremonies | Talking Circles | Drum Making and Traditional Art Workshops
Singing and Storytelling | Potlucks

First Nations Centre Graduation

Every year the First Nations Centre is honoured to celebrate the successful graduation of UNBC students who utilize the Centre. Graduating students who access, volunteer, or are regularly involved in First Nations Centre events and programs are invited to come and be a part of this grand celebration.

The annual First Nations Centre Graduation Celebration is held on the Thursday before UNBC's Convocation and features a story ceremony in the Canfor Theatre, followed by snacks and refreshments in the Gathering Place. Everyone is invited to come and witness the celebration and to join us as we wish our newly graduating students the very best as they continue on their journey in life.

The Campus Cousins program is an Aboriginal Student Leadership program that helps support the development of Aboriginal leaders at UNBC.

The program's goal is to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal, Métis, and Inuit students at UNBC while building community connections on campus through events and partnerships.

The Campus Cousins have access to workshops, training, and support to enhance their leadership skills while providing meaningful opportunities to influence the UNBC community in a positive and culturally-significant manner.

Connect with a Campus Cousin to access supports and services, meet other students, find your way around campus, or build a lasting relationship with the First Nations Centre family!

Each year the program consists of a combination of Campus Cousins, a Campus Cousin Ally and a Campus Cousin Junior.

unbc.ca/aboriginal-resource-dati



Elder in Residence

The Elder in Residence program ensures that cultural knowledge and activities are accessible to all students, staff, and faculty at UNBC.

The Elder in Residence Program, as well as weekly visits from Métis and Dakhla Elders, offer a tangible link to Indigenous tradition, identity, and history.

Elders demonstrate many of the core values UNBC holds in high priority: experiential learning and discovery, inclusiveness and diversity, leadership, integrity, and community.

By connecting with Elders, students build a sense of community, belonging and identity.



Student Services at UNBC

Campus Community

Childcare Centre
Northern B.C. Graduate Student Society
Northern Pride Centre
An LGBTQ2S+ safe space
Northern Undergraduate Student Society
Northern Women's Centre
A 24-hour accessible space for women
50+ Student-led clubs and organizations

Health and Wellness

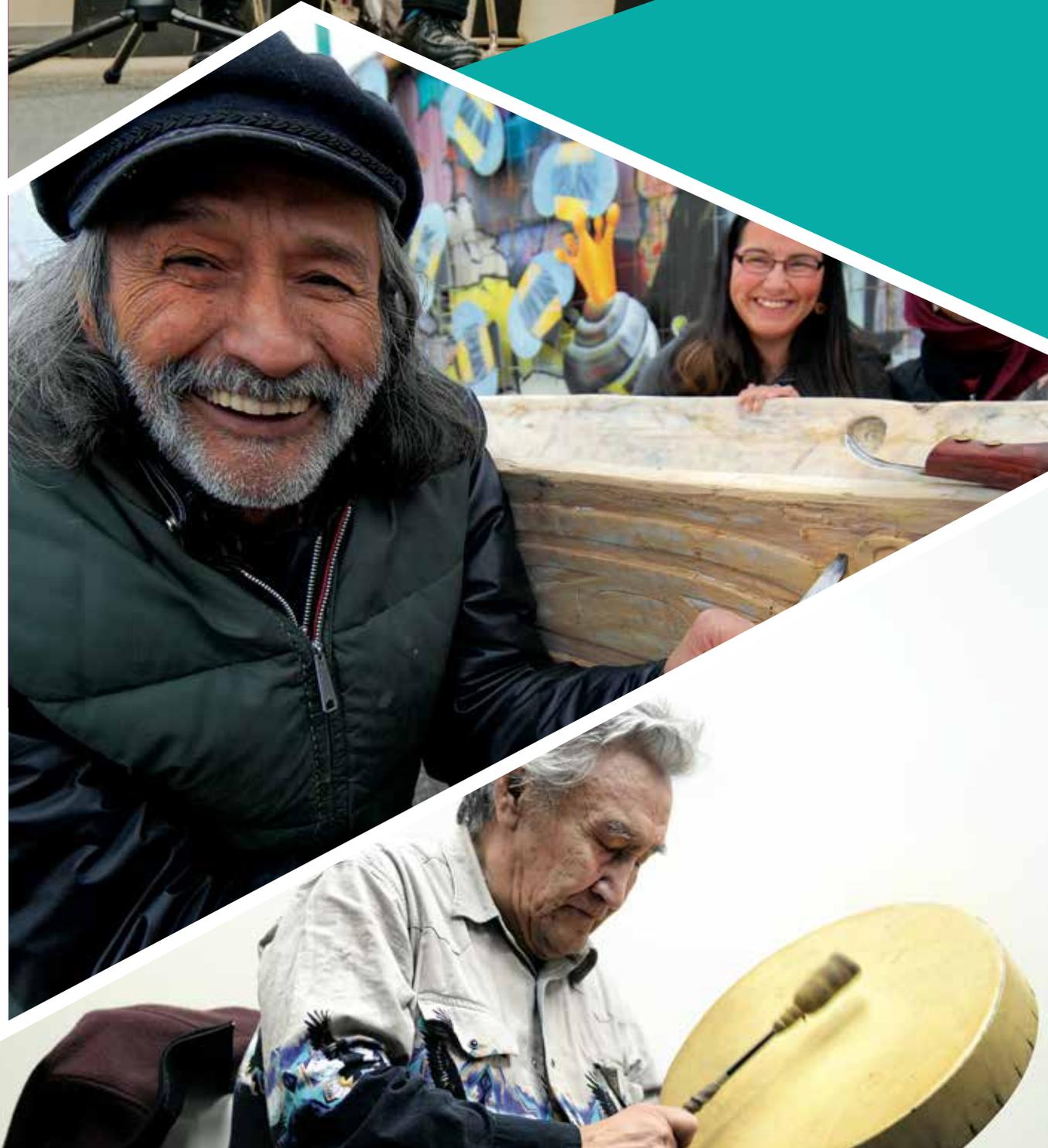
Access Resource Centre (ARC)
Accessibility and advocacy for students with disabilities
Counselling Services
1 on 1 and group counselling available
Health Services
Nurse, nurse practitioner, physician and psychiatric supports
Northern Sport Centre
Recreation and intramural sports, classes, workout spaces, squash courts, and more

Student Resources

Academic Success Centre
Tutoring services
Awards and Financial Aid
Bookstore
Co-operative Education
Academic programs combined with practical work experience
Library
Mathematical Academic Centre for Excellence (MACE)
Math-based tutoring and help
Office of the Registrar
Admissions, registration, calendars and graduation
Student Advising
Academic guidance and support
Student Career Centre
Employment based training and support

Other

Athletics
UNBC Timberwolves
Varsity women's and men's basketball
Varsity women's and men's soccer
Food Services
Residence Meal Plans
Tim Hortons
Garden Market
Thirsty Moose
Degrees Coffee
Col Juicery
Student run media
CFUR Radio
Over-the-Edge Newspaper
U-Pass
Access to PG transit, local pools and more





Photos courtesy of Tourism Prince George

Get to Know Prince George

Cost of living comparison (per month)

- Prince George \$1,464**
- Calgary \$1,832
- Victoria \$2,002
- Vancouver \$2,441

Something for everyone

- Plenty of local restaurants, shopping, live music and nightlife to choose from
- Vibrant arts & culture – museums, galleries, performing arts
- Cross-country, downhill skiing and snowboarding all close to the city with lots of options
- 11.9 square km of parks
- 1,200 lakes within an 80km radius

UNBC's main campus is located in Prince George, British Columbia, on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

As the largest city in northern British Columbia, many consider Prince George as “the hub of northern B.C.” It is a modern city surrounded by beautiful wilderness.

With a population of nearly 75,000, Prince George is big enough to offer students access to all the amenities, culture, arts, and entertainment you would expect from a major city, but small enough that you will feel at home and connected to your community.

Prince George is an affordable city where you can earn the education you desire, begin your career or business, and even make it your home.



Winter

Avg Daytime Temp
-8 °C



Spring

Avg Daytime Temp
+16 °C



Summer

Avg Daytime Temp
+25 °C



Fall

Avg Daytime Temp
+8 °C

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Learning Opportunities

- Small Class Sizes
- Undergrad Research
- Study Abroad
- Academic Supports
- Academic Success Centre



Social Life

- On-Campus Cafes
- Student Clubs
- On-Campus Pub
- Student Societies
- Intramural Sports



Safe Campus

- Safe-Walk Program
- UNBC Safety App
- On-Campus 24-hr Security



Career Support

- Co-op
- Research
- Internships
- Field Schools
- Career Centre
- Employer Networking



Community Support

- Women's Centre
- Pride Centre
- Counsellors
- First Nations Centre
- Wellness Centre



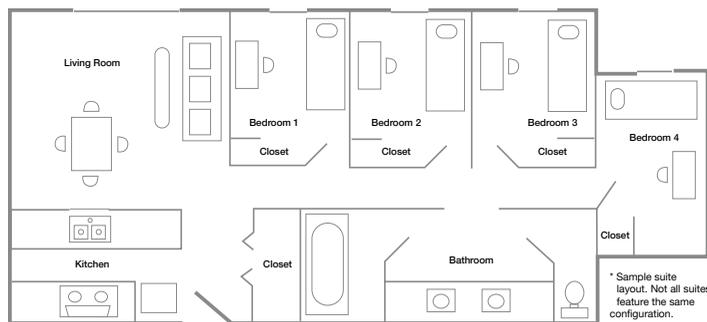
Connection to Nature

- Provincial Parks
- City Trails
- Nearby Lakes
- Hiking
- Biking
- Skiing
- Snowshoeing

Ranked Best in Western Canada for mental health supports 4 years running.

- Maclean's Magazine

Student housing is just 5 minutes away
from the heart of campus.



“I have found a home within the First Nations Centre and I am grateful for this. Haawa (Thank You).”

– Yalhnaaw (Aaron Grant)
Skidegate Haida Nation
BA First Nations Studies, 2018
MA Student (First Nations Studies)

UNBC Residence

unbc.ca/housing

UNBC Residence is more than just a place to live during the school year – it is a convenient, safe and inclusive community that supports your personal and academic success. Home to more than 500 enthusiastic, full-time students, Neyoh and Keyoh (Dakelh for “for the home” and “for the community”), offer fully-furnished, modern, apartment-style living.

Each student has a private bedroom (includes a bed and desk), and suites are equipped with a full kitchen, large furnished living room and a shared bathroom.

The Neyoh and Keyoh buildings provide 24-hour support and security. Other amenities include wi-fi, laundry facilities located on each floor, 24/7 quiet study rooms, and large common areas that are perfect for hosting events.

A successful UNBC student experience lies in diverse social and academic opportunities but is also considerate of shared interests, backgrounds and educational goals.

Students living on campus can choose from four specialty living communities:

1. Academic Intensive
2. Sustainability & Eco-Friendly
3. Mature (age 25 +)
4. Female Only

Students are also connected to on- and off-campus resources through their Residence Assistants (RAs). As senior student leaders who live in Residence, the RAs’ role is to help build community, provide support to students and deliver educational and social programming.

There are two RAs per floor plus Specialty Focus RAs scattered throughout Neyoh and Keyoh such as:

- Aboriginal Focus RA
- Academic – Arts & Social Sciences RA
- Academic – Sciences RA
- 2X International Focus RAs
- Sustainability Focus RA

Priority Housing

You are our priority! If you are a first-year student, Indigenous student, Varsity Athlete or former youth in care, contact us about priority housing today!

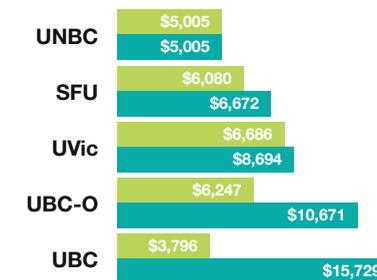
Affordable Housing

Students at UNBC have access to safe and affordable on- and off-campus housing options as compared to metropolitan areas in Canada.

\$840 Average Monthly Rent vs \$1,990 in Vancouver or \$2,060 in Toronto

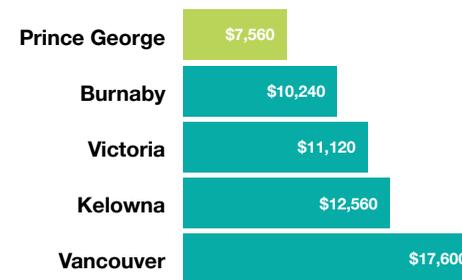
On-campus Housing

Rental cost per academic year



Off-campus Housing

Average rental cost for 1-bedroom per academic year



Minimum / Maximum
unbc.ca/housing/fees

Plenty of food options on campus!

Visit the Agora Dining Hall, student-run pub and grab-and-go locations.

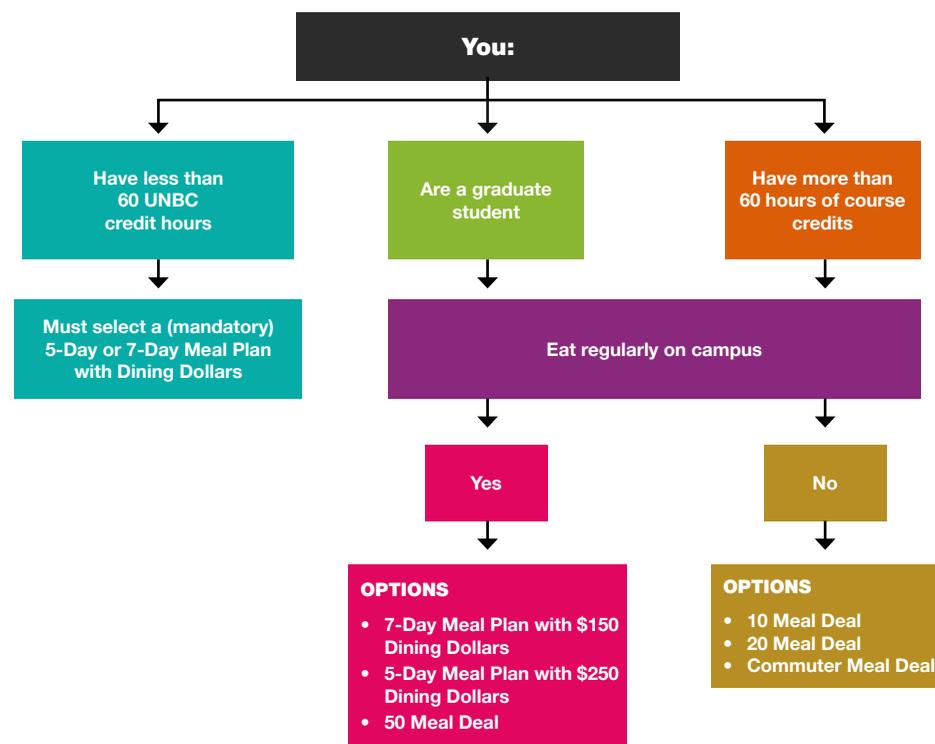
The 7-Day and 5-Day Meal Plans are all-you-care-to-eat options in the Agora Dining Hall. Ask a chef to assemble-your-own and let us do the cooking with fresh and tasty items hot off the grill.

Our on-site Executive Chef creates a menu daily with appetizing entrees and snack features, made-from-scratch desserts, hearty homemade soups, salads and more. The Agora Dining Hall is a showcase of natural light, open seating and a great place to connect with friends.

Students can enjoy coffee, tea, and cold drinks at Degrees—a student-run coffee shop with two locations—or the on-campus Tim Hortons.

Students on the **7-Day** Meal Plan have full access to the Agora Dining Hall **every day**. Students on the **5-Day** Meal Plan have access to the Agora Dining Hall **Monday to Friday**.

Which UNBC Meal Plan applies to students who live on campus?



Vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options available!

Learn more about the 7-Day and 5-Day Meal Plans at unbc.ca/food-services





A Sport Centre for the North

The Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre is a high-performance sport facility located on UNBC's Prince George campus. Equipped with an elevated running track, modern fitness equipment, full-sized basketball court and FIFA-approved indoor soccer turf, it is one of the most impressive sport and recreation facilities in B.C.

All UNBC students receive a membership to the Northern Sport Centre as part of their student fees, providing you access to fitness, recreation and drop-in sports programs.

2 squash courts

50 hours a week of drop-in fitness classes

2 indoor soccer fields

3 gymnasiums

280m 3-lane indoor track

6 cardio and strength training fitness zones

As the home of the UNBC Timberwolves, you can take in a basketball game on weekends but also hit the court yourself for drop-in sessions or join one of our various intramural leagues.

All drop-in classes are part of your membership fee. Up to 50 hours of weekly programming is provided, with classes in Cycle Fit, Yoga, Zumba, Fit Camp and more. Need to update your fitness routine? Our staff of certified Personal Trainers will keep you accountable and motivated. Purchase an individual package or grab a friend and buy tandem sessions (members receive a discounted rate!)



Membership included in your fees.

Student memberships run from semester start to semester end. Just activate your membership in person and purchase a \$10 facility access fob.

unbc.ca/nsc

RUN AS ONE

The UNBC Timberwolves varsity basketball and soccer teams compete at the highest level of university sport in the country, as part of the Canada West conference and U SPORTS.

The TWolves are exceptional student-athletes in the classroom, while displaying tremendous leadership in northern B.C. and their communities.

Perennially among the most-attended games in Western Canada, the Timberwolves continue to set the green and gold standard at UNBC.

unbc.ca/timberwolves
#RunAsOne



2 soccer teams
2 basketball teams
36 Timberwolves home games





Take your learning beyond the classroom.

We have a structure and learning environment that will work for you.

Co-op

The UNBC Co-operative Education (Co-op) program offers students the ability to gain practical, paid work experience while completing an undergraduate degree. UNBC Co-op students benefit from our welcoming and supportive environment through job readiness training and access to unique work experience opportunities, and can look forward to connecting with employers who are instrumental in helping UNBC Co-op students become agile, dynamic, and resilient professionals.

Alternate academic terms with co-op work terms – put what you’ve learned into action.

Field Schools

Imagine travelling to Guatemala and working with local Indigenous communities or building a robot in your class? How about engaging in a class simulation about the impacts of climate change? Across the University, field schools are specifically designed for you to apply your knowledge and reflect on your learning through experiences inside and outside the classroom.

Field school opportunities in more than 17 programs

unbc.ca/experiential-learning

Past field schools include:

- Babine Lake, Canada
- Death Valley, USA
- Douglas, Isle of Man, British Isles
- Dublin, Ireland
- Likely, Canada
- Prince George, Canada
- Various locations, Guatemala
- Various locations, Peru
- Various locations, South Africa



35
study abroad
options
in 15 countries.

Study Abroad

Explore the world while you study! Experience new independence with UNBC Study Abroad opportunities and grow your self-reliance and confidence. Become immersed in a new culture and broaden your personal and educational perspectives. See the world and make every day an adventure.

Big
enough
to offer
the experience
you want,
yet small enough
that you won't get lost
in the crowd.

Research

UNBC provides exceptional undergraduate and graduate learning and research opportunities.

1 of 4 original
research intensive
Universities in B.C.



Ann Duong
BSc. (Hons) Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

UNBC Research Ambassador & Quality Assurance Officer for the Northern Analytical Laboratory Services department at UNBC.

Meet Ann!

A UNBC Research Ambassador

“UNBC is a great university if you want to have a personalized education. The class sizes are small so you really get to know your peers and professors, and it really comes in handy when you're looking for a research or career opportunity. If your priority is to receive a great education and you love the outdoors, UNBC is the way to go!

There are so many opportunities to get involved in research at UNBC as an undergrad. You can start even in your first year by volunteering in the lab. That's how I got my feet wet.

The skills that I learned from research are quite practical. Research really enabled me to become a better thinker and how to approach problems from different perspectives.

The earlier you can start research the better because it is a lifetime endeavour. That one research question you'll work on in undergrad will turn into a masters thesis, then a PhD, and eventually it might even be your career. That's why developing those skills early on in your undergrad is so important, and even if you decide not to have a research career, the skills, perseverance and knowledge you gain will be invaluable in anything you wish to pursue in the future.”

Programs

Bachelor's Degrees

Arts (BA)

Anthropology
Economics
English ■
Environmental and Sustainability Studies
First Nations Studies ■◆
General Arts ■
Geography
Global and International Studies
History *
Nature-Based Tourism Management *
Northern Studies
Political Science
Public Administration and Community Development
Women's Studies

Commerce (BComm)

Accounting *
Finance *
General Business *
Human Resources Management *
International Business *
Management Information Systems *
Marketing *

Education (BEd)

Elementary (K-7)
Secondary (8-12)

Health Sciences (BHSc)

Biomedical Studies *
Community and Population Health:
Aboriginal and Rural Health *
Community and Population Health:
Environmental Health *

Science (BSc)

Biology *
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology *
Chemistry *
Computer Science *
Conservation Science and Practice
- Wildland Conservation and Recreation *
- Landscape Conservation and Management *
Environmental Science *
Forest Ecology and Management *
Geography
Integrated Science ■
Mathematics and Statistics *
Physics *
Psychology *
Wildlife and Fisheries *

Applied Science (BASc)

Civil Engineering
Environmental Engineering (UNBC)
4 year degree
Environmental Engineering (UNBC/UBC)
4.5 year Joint Degree

Nursing (BScN)

Northern Baccalaureate Nursing ●
NBN offered only at Peace River-Liard Campus
Northern Collaborative
Baccalaureate Nursing ★■
Post-Diploma Baccalaureate Nursing

Planning (BPI)

First Nations Planning
Natural Resources Planning
Northern and Rural Community
Planning

Social Work (BSW) ★■●

Child Welfare Specialization
First Nations Specialization

Master's Degrees

Applied Science (MASc)

Engineering **

Arts (MA)

Development Economics
Disability Management ▲
English
First Nations Studies ◆
Gender Studies
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
International Studies
Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Geography
- Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management
Political Science

Education (MEd)

Counselling ★■
Multidisciplinary Leadership ★■
Special Education ▲

Engineering (MEng)

Integrated Wood Design

Business Administration (MBA)

Science (MSc)

Business Administration
Health Sciences
Interdisciplinary Studies
Mathematical, Computer, Physical,
and Molecular Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
- Biology
- Environmental Science
- Forestry
- Geography
- Outdoor Recreation, Conservation,
and Tourism
Psychology

Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (MNRES)

Nursing (MScN) (MScN: FNP)

Social Work (MSW) ●

Physical Therapy (MPT-N)

The Master of Physical Therapy - North is a UBC degree delivered in partnership with UNBC. Apply through UBC.

Occupational Therapy (MOT-N)

The Master of Occupational Therapy - North is a UBC degree offered in partnership with UNBC and is available to students Sept. 2022.

Doctorate Degrees (PhD)

Health Sciences
Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
Psychology

Northern Medical Program (MD)

A UBC degree delivered in partnership with UNBC.

Graduate Certificates

Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health
Leading for Learning
Special Education

Certificates

First Nations Certificate Programs

Aboriginal Community Resource Planning
Aboriginal/Indigenous Health and Healing
First Nations Language ★◆
First Nations Public Administration
General First Nations Studies ◆
Métis Studies
Nisga'a Studies ◆
Traditional Ecological Knowledge
First Nations Studies ■
Economic Development Certificate (FN) ★

Local Government Administration Certificate

Nursing Certificate Program

Rural Nursing ▲

Social Work Certificate Programs

Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health
Child Welfare

Diplomas

First Nations Diploma Programs

Aboriginal/Indigenous Health and Healing
First Nations Language and Culture ★

Post-Baccalaureate Diplomas

Curriculum and Instructional Studies

Identifies programs historically available at a UNBC Regional Campus.

● Peace River-Liard ■ Northwest ★ South-Central ◆ WWNI ▲ Online
* Honours Offered

Admission Requirements

Non-Competitive Entry

Deadline: March 1

The deadline for non-competitive entry programs is based on awards deadlines and course registration dates. Late applications to non-competitive programs are generally accepted but will not be guaranteed registration into a full first-year course schedule, nor will they be eligible for full awards and bursaries. For the most up-to-date list of program deadlines, please visit: unbc.ca/apply/undergraduate/undergraduate-application-deadlines. For a full list of Approved Academic Grade 12 courses, please refer to the lists on the bottom right.

Minimum Average Required: 65%

Meeting the listed admission requirements and the minimum average needed to apply guarantees admission to a non-competitive entry program. The admission average is calculated using English 12 (or BC First Peoples 12), and the next three highest academic Grade 12 courses with an additional Grade 12 class (which can be an elective or an additional academic Grade 12 - whichever is highest).

Upon application, students will be applying with "self-declared" grades as final Grade 12 grades are not yet available. Self-declared grades will be used for awards consideration if awards application deadlines are met. Students will be given a 5% margin in awards consideration (e.g. award recipients declaring an 85% average will still receive their award if their final average is 80%).

Students applying to a major who do not possess or self-declare any of the "high school courses required for degree completion and clear admission to major" but do meet our general entrance requirements will be granted admission to General Studies (Arts). From there, students are able to work with the UNBC Future Students Office to identify courses they can take to meet the missing high school prerequisites, either through upgrading options at other institutions or through first-year UNBC electives. Once they have taken these prerequisite courses, they can re-declare their intended major and receive clear admission to their program of choice. Contact us if you have questions!

Program	Admission Requirements	Major	High School courses required for degree completion and clear admission to major	
Arts <i>Min. 65% avg</i>	English 12 3 Approved Academic Grade 12 courses One Additional Grade 12 course (Academic or Elective)	Anthropology	---	
		Economics	Pre-Calculus 12 (60%)	
		English	---	
		Environmental and Sustainability Studies		
		First Nations Studies		
		General Arts		
		Geography		
		Global and International Studies		
		History		
		Nature-Based Tourism Management		
		Northern Studies		
		Political Science		
		Public Administration and Community Development		
Women's Studies				
Commerce <i>Min. 65% avg</i>	English 12 3 Approved Academic Grade 12 courses One Additional Grade 12 course (Academic or Elective)	Accounting	Pre-Calculus 12 (67%)	
		Finance		
		General Business		
		Human Resources Management		
		International Business		
		Management Information Systems		
		Marketing		
Science <i>Min. 65% avg</i>	English 12 3 Approved Academic Grade 12 courses One Additional Grade 12 course (Academic or Elective)	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (67%), Physics 11	
		Biology	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (60%), Physics 11	
		Chemistry	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (67%), Physics 11	
		Computer Science	Pre-Calculus 12 (67%)	
		Conservation Science and Practice	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (60%)	
		Environmental Science	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (67%), Physics 11	
		Forestry Ecology and Management	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (60%)	
		Geography	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (60%), Physics 11	
		Integrated Science	---	
		Mathematics		Pre-Calculus 12 (67%)
		Physics		Physics 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (67%)
		Psychology	---	
Wildlife and Fisheries	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (60%)			
Planning <i>Min. 65% avg</i>	English 12, 3 Approved Academic Grade 12 courses, One Additional Grade 12 course (Academic or Elective)	First Nations Planning	---	
		Natural Resources Planning		
		Northern and Rural Community Planning		

Approved Academic Grade 12 Courses

BC/Yukon High School

American Sign Language, Anatomy and Physiology, Applications of Mathematics, Applications of Physics, Apprenticeship & Workplace Mathematics, Apprenticeship Mathematics, Asian Studies, BC First Nations Studies, BC First Peoples, Biology, Business/Hospitality Management, Calculus, Chemistry, Comparative Civilizations, Comparative Cultures, Comparative World Religions, Composition, Computer Science, Contemporary Indigenous Studies, Core French, Creative Writing, Economics, Economic Theory, English First Peoples, English Literature, English Studies, English, Environmental Science, Foundations of Mathematics, Français Langue et Culture, Français Langue Seconde – Immersion, French, Genocide Studies, Geography, Geology, Geometry, German, History, Human Geography, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Law, Law Studies, Literary Studies, Mandarin Chinese, Middle Earth 12, Philosophy, Physical Geography, Physics, Pre-calculus, Punjabi, Social Justice, Spanish, Spoken Language, Statistics, Sustainable Resources, Twentieth Century World History, Urban Studies, Writing.

Competitive Entry

Meeting the minimum average and course requirements for a competitive entry program does not guarantee admission, as space is limited in each program. A competitive average is established yearly based on that year's applicant pool. Students are admitted on a rolling basis as students accept or decline their seat. Deadlines may be extended based on capacity. For the most up-to-date deadline extensions, please see unbc.ca/apply/undergraduate/undergraduate-application-deadlines.

Program	Admission Requirements in addition to 1 additional Grade 12 course (academic or elective)	Major	High School courses required for recommended first year schedule	Minimum Average Percentage Requirement	Deadline
Applied Sciences	English Studies 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (min. 67%), Two Academic Science 12 courses, Chemistry 11**	Civil Engineering	Physics 12* Chemistry 12 (recommended due to related first year course content)	75%	March 1
		Environmental Engineering <i>(two options available: 4-year UNBC stream or 4.5-year UNBC/UBC stream)</i>	Physics 12* Chemistry 12 (recommended due to related first year course content)		
Health Sciences	English Studies 12 (min. 70%), Anatomy & Physiology 12 (min. 70%), two other Academic Grade 12 courses, Chemistry 11 (min. 70%), Pre-Calculus 11 (min. 70%)	Biomedical Studies	Pre-Calculus 12*	70%	February 1
		Community and Population Health: Aboriginal and Rural Health	---		
		Community and Population Health: Environmental Health	---		
Nursing*** <i>(Direct Entry from high school route)</i>	English Studies 12 (min. 70%), Anatomy & Physiology 12 (min. 73%, completed within 5 years of acceptance), two other Academic Grade 12 courses, Chemistry 11 (min. 70%), Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11 (min. 70%)	Nursing <i>(Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program)</i>	---	70%	March 31

*An alternative UNBC prerequisite is offered **not used in admission average calculation
***Direct-Entry Nursing: To apply, please contact our partner institutions:
Prince George and Quesnel: College of New Caledonia - cnc.bc.ca, Terrace: Coast Mountain College - coastmountaincollege.ca

Post-Secondary Required

University credit for the following programs must be from an accredited institution. All transfer credit and GPA calculations will be assessed upon application to the University.

Program	Admission Requirements	Specialization/Stream	Additional Information	Minimum UNBC GPA Requirement	Deadline
Education	3- or 4-year degree OR 90 credit hours of university coursework, all including min. 60 credit hours in Arts, Sciences, or BC Schools' teachable fields.	Elementary Years (K - 7)	Must provide references and additional non-academic supplementary application. Please visit unbc.ca/education	2.33 GPA ("C+" Average) from most-recent 60 credit hours of transferable study	January 15
		Secondary Years (8 - 12)			
Nursing <i>(Year 3 entry; Peace River-Liard Campus only)</i>	60 credits of university-transferable coursework including 24 credits of required prerequisites (min. B-) and at least 24 credits transferable to UNBC at 200-level or above.	Nursing <i>(Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program)</i>	Must provide Rural/Remote Suitability Index, CASPer score, resume, statement of intent, and two references. Please visit unbc.ca/nursing	3.00 GPA ("B" Average) from most-recent 60 credit hours of transferable study	January 15
Social Work	60 credit hours of university-transferable coursework including: FNST 100, WMST 100, SOCW 200, SOCW 201 or equivalent.	Child Welfare Specialization	Must provide references, statement of intent and other supplementary materials. Please visit unbc.ca/social-work	2.67 GPA ("B-" Average)	February 1
		First Nations Specialization			

Alberta/Northwest Territories/Nunavut

Aboriginal Studies 30, Biology 30, Blackfoot Language and Culture 30, Chemistry 30, Chinese Language and Culture 30, Cree 30, Cree Language and Culture 30, English 35, Experiential Science 30, Français 30-1 or 30-2, French 30, French 31A/B/C, French Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2, German 30/30S, German 31, German Language and Culture 30, German Language Arts 30, Gonawo K'e 35, Inuktitut 35, Inuktitut Studies 35, Italian Language and Culture 30, Japanese Language and Culture 30, Latin 30, Mathematics 30-1, Mathematics 30-2, Mathematics 31, Physics 30, Pure Mathematics 30, Science 30, Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2, South Slavey 35, Spanish Language and Culture 30, Ukrainian Language and Culture 30/30S, Ukrainian Language Arts 30.

Ontario

4U/4M courses, with no more than one course from the "Arts" category. Each course used as prerequisites for UNBC courses must be from the "University" designation.

Canadian Secondary School Provincial High School Equivalents

Please note, all percentage grades will be converted to the B.C. high school grading scale.

	English Studies 12	Pre-Calculus 12	Anatomy & Physiology 12	Life Sciences 11	Chemistry 12	Chemistry 11	Physics 12
Alberta & Northwest Territories	ELA 30-1	Math 30-1	Biology 30	Biology 20	Chemistry 30	Chemistry 20	Physics 30
Saskatchewan	English A30 and English B30	Pre-Calculus 30	Biology 30	Biology 20	Chemistry 30	Chemistry 20	Physics 30
Manitoba	English 40S (Comprehensive/ Literary/Transac- tional Focus)	Pre-Calculus 40S	Biology 40S	Biology 30S	Chemistry 40S	Chemistry 30S	Physics 40S
Ontario	ENG4U	MHF4U	SBI4U	SBI3U	SCH4U	SCH3U	SPH4U
Quebec Grade 12	Please contact us at futurestudents@unbc.ca or 250-960-6306						
Quebec CEGEP	Please contact us at futurestudents@unbc.ca or 250-960-6306						
Nova Scotia	English 12 or English 12 African Heritage	Advanced Math 12 or Math 12	Anatomy & Physiology 12	Biology 11	Chemistry 12	Chemistry 11	Physics 12
New Brunswick	English 121 or 122	Pre-Calculus A 120 and Pre-Calculus B 120	Anatomy & Physiology 122	Biology 112	Chemistry 122	Chemistry 112	Physics 121 or 122
Prince Edward Island	English 611 or 621	Math 621B	Biology 621	Biology 521	Chemistry 611 (A) or 621 (A)	Chemistry 511 (A) or 521 (A)	Physics 621
Newfoundland & Labrador	English 3201	Math 3204 or 3205	Biology 3201	Biology 2201	Chemistry 3202	Chemistry 2202	Physics 3204
Nunavut	ELA 30-1	Math 30-1	Biology 30	Biology 20	Chemistry 30	Chemistry 20	Physics 30

Other Admission Categories

Advanced Placement	Students who take the College Board Advanced Placement courses in high school may be awarded transfer credit upon receipt of the official exam results from the College Board. Courses completed with a grade of four or above will be awarded transfer credit. Students who have completed AP courses with a grade of three may be considered for Advanced Standing in a first-year course. A listing of acceptable AP courses for transfer credit is available in the B.C. Transfer Guide found at bctransferguide.ca	Approved AP and IB (all standard level and higher level) courses can be used in place of any approved Grade 12 Canadian high school course.
International Baccalaureate	Students who are awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma may be awarded up to 30 credit hours of transfer credit upon receipt of the official transcript from the IB headquarters. Students who are awarded the diploma must have an overall standing of four, with no course below a three. Students who are awarded the International Baccalaureate Certificate must have a grade of four in each higher level subject to be eligible for individual course transfer credit. A list of acceptable IB courses is available in the B.C. Transfer Guide found at bctransferguide.ca	
International Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International student applicants are reviewed on their own merits and must be able to demonstrate an acceptable level of English language proficiency. Completed, appropriate secondary qualifications will be considered for high school admissions and study at a recognized university and/or college will be considered for transfer admission. English language proficiency requirements found at: unbc.ca/calendar/undergraduate/international-admissions 	
Mature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature student applicants are reviewed on their own merits (transcripts of any post-secondary work completed and a resumé is required). Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Must have been out of secondary school for three years, be 21 years of age on or before the first day of classes, and have attempted fewer than 15 credit hours of acceptable university transferrable course work. 	
Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Min. of 15 credit hours of acceptable transfer course work, be in good academic standing and have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 (C average) from most-recent coursework. Official transcripts are required from all post-secondary institutions attended, including distance education schools. Acceptable courses for transfer credit within B.C./Yukon found at bctransferguide.ca 	

Visit unbc.ca/futurestudents to view other admissions categories such as Audit Only and Interest Only studies.

Become a UNBC Student

futurestudents@unbc.ca

unbc.ca/futurestudents

unbc.ca/apply



1. Explore

Begin by exploring our program information, admission requirements, fees, and deadlines. Then check out the online budget calculator, find out more about student life, see our beautiful campus, and join the UNBC community on social media.

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2. Sign up

unbc.ca/futurestudents

Create an account for personalized emails about your programs of interest, insider tips and hints, faculty information, student life, and so much more!



3. Apply

unbc.ca/apply

Apply for admission through unbc.ca/apply. Applications are submitted through EducationPlannerBC. Apply for housing and scholarships through [myUNBC](#).



4. Submit

Email your unofficial documents to admissions@unbc.ca. Mail any and all official, sealed transcripts to: University of Northern British Columbia, Undergraduate Admissions 3333 University Way, Prince George, BC, V2N 4Z9



5. Accept

Wait for your acceptance letter in the mail. Once accepted, (congratulations!) we will email you registration tips, orientation information, and schedules for upcoming activities and events.



6. Don't forget to register!

Now that you've been accepted, let's make it official. Course registration at UNBC is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Register early for both September and January for the best selection! Once you have registered you will receive your invite to Orientation, and access to information about University events and future-student updates.

Why Self-Identify?

Self-identifying helps UNBC provide the best programs and opportunities to our Indigenous students. Students can learn more about their culture and connect with a vibrant community on campus. You can self-identify at any time during your university career. If you identify as First Nations (Status or non-Status), Métis, or Inuit, please consider letting us know! For more information, please visit or contact the First Nations Centre at 250-960-5772.

Finances + Scholarships

1 in 4 students receive a UNBC financial award

\$3,500,000 in financial awards given each year

Visit unbc.ca/financial-aid/awards-guide to view the hundreds of available scholarships, bursaries, and awards. Current high school students are encouraged to apply to UNBC by December 15 to be automatically eligible for Early Entrance Awards and to apply for Leadership Awards.

Application Deadlines for Awards

unbc.ca/financial-aid

	Value	Deadline
Early Entrance Scholarships	\$2,500 and \$5,500	December 15
Leadership Awards	\$3,000	December 15
President's Silver Anniversary Awards for Excellence in Leadership	\$6,000 (renewable at \$5,500 for up to three additional consecutive years)	December 15
General Scholarships, Bursaries, and Awards	Varies, up to \$25,000	March 1

Approximate Costs per Academic Year

(30 credit hours, 10 courses)

unbc.ca/fees

	Domestic	International
Tuition*	\$5,530	\$22,020
Student Fees*	\$990	\$1,680
Books*	\$1,600	\$1,600

* Tuition, fees and books are subject to change and vary among programs.

Cost of Living per Academic Year

unbc.ca/housing

On-campus living expense (\$250 damage deposit not included)	\$5,024	
On-campus meal plan	7-Day \$4,970	5-Day (Mon-Fri) \$4,412
Off-campus housing (approximate)	\$7,560	

The UNBC Awards and Financial Aid team helps students obtain the funds necessary to support their UNBC education.

Funds may be obtained from a variety of sources, including government and bank loans, private, corporate, and public scholarships and bursaries, Band/Community funding, and UNBC awards. We also provide information about emergency-need resources.

Phone: 250-960-6319

Email: awards@unbc.ca

Location: Office of the Registrar

UNBC Award Competitions

October 15th to March 1st: Annual UNBC Award Competition (available after receiving admission)

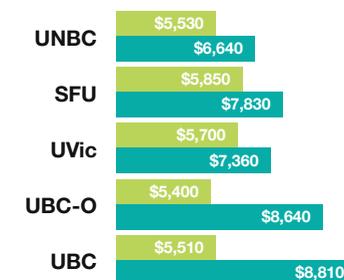
September 15th to October 14th: Fall UNBC Award Competition (occurs during the first semester of study)

Each year, students can apply for In-Course Undergraduate Awards, General Awards or Graduate Awards. As long as you submit an online awards application for the award types above, we will try to match you to any UNBC Awards you are eligible for. Apply online through the awards application found in the *myUNBC* student portal.

To view compiled lists of UNBC awards designed for specific groups of students, such as Indigenous students or residents of northern B.C., visit unbc.ca/financial-aid and scroll down the website to the UNBC Awards column. There are a number of links there to check out.

Domestic tuition costs

Based on 1st year calculations/Approx. 30 to 36 credits



Minimum / Maximum
unbc.ca/fees

We've compared our annual tuition costs with other BC Research Universities. Minimum and Maximum tuition costs depend on factors such as total credit count per year and any program fee differentials applied.

External Awards

Many organizations provide external awards to incoming and continuing students. You can find information on, and applications for, non-UNBC awards on the UNBC Awards and Financial Aid website.

Government Student Loans (repayable) & Grants (non-repayable)

Students may borrow money in the form of a government student loan on a promise to repay the loan at a specified time in the future. Government student loans are available to students who can demonstrate financial need. Both full-time and part-time student loans are available.

Grants are another type of funding available through application to the government, but do not require repayment.

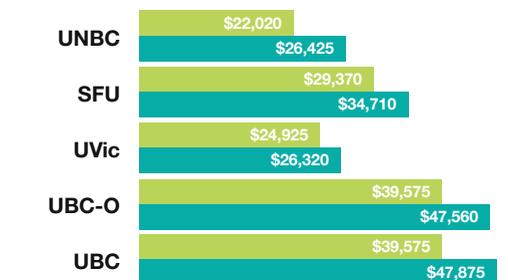
Email us at awards@unbc.ca to find out more – we are here to help and can assist you with completing the online government student loan application.

Band/Community Funding

Options may be available for you to receive financial support for Post-Secondary Education through your Band/Community. Each Band/Community has different options and availability to access funding. Contact your Band office or Community to find out if this option is right for you. If you need more information about this process or need assistance with the Band/Community funding application, please feel free to contact UNBC's First Nations Centre.

International tuition costs

Based on 1st year calculations/Approx. 30 to 36 credits



Tips For Success

Visit, and get to know your professors during their office hours!

Ask questions about their research, education, and career pathways – these can be valuable connections later in your education and career.

Access the support UNBC offers!

Whether it's the Academic Success Centre to get some writing help, Mathematical Academic Centre for Excellence to get some assistance with your math homework, the Wellness Centre to see a counsellor, or any of the other many support systems that UNBC offers. These supports are free and they are here for YOU!

Visit the First Nations Centre and have a chat with one of the Campus Cousins.

Or, while you're there, connect with our Aboriginal Connections Coordinator and see what kinds of cultural activities are on the go!

It's okay to ask for help—whether it's finding your class, making an appointment with your advisor, or asking when the next bus arrives to campus.

Don't be afraid to reach out to the students, staff, and faculty around you. We're all here to help you succeed!

Get lost on campus.

Explore the paths you might not typically take around UNBC and enjoy all the hidden gems, such as the salt water aquarium, the echo lounge, the Smudging Room, and much more!

Bring your favorite dish to a monthly potluck at The Gathering Place.

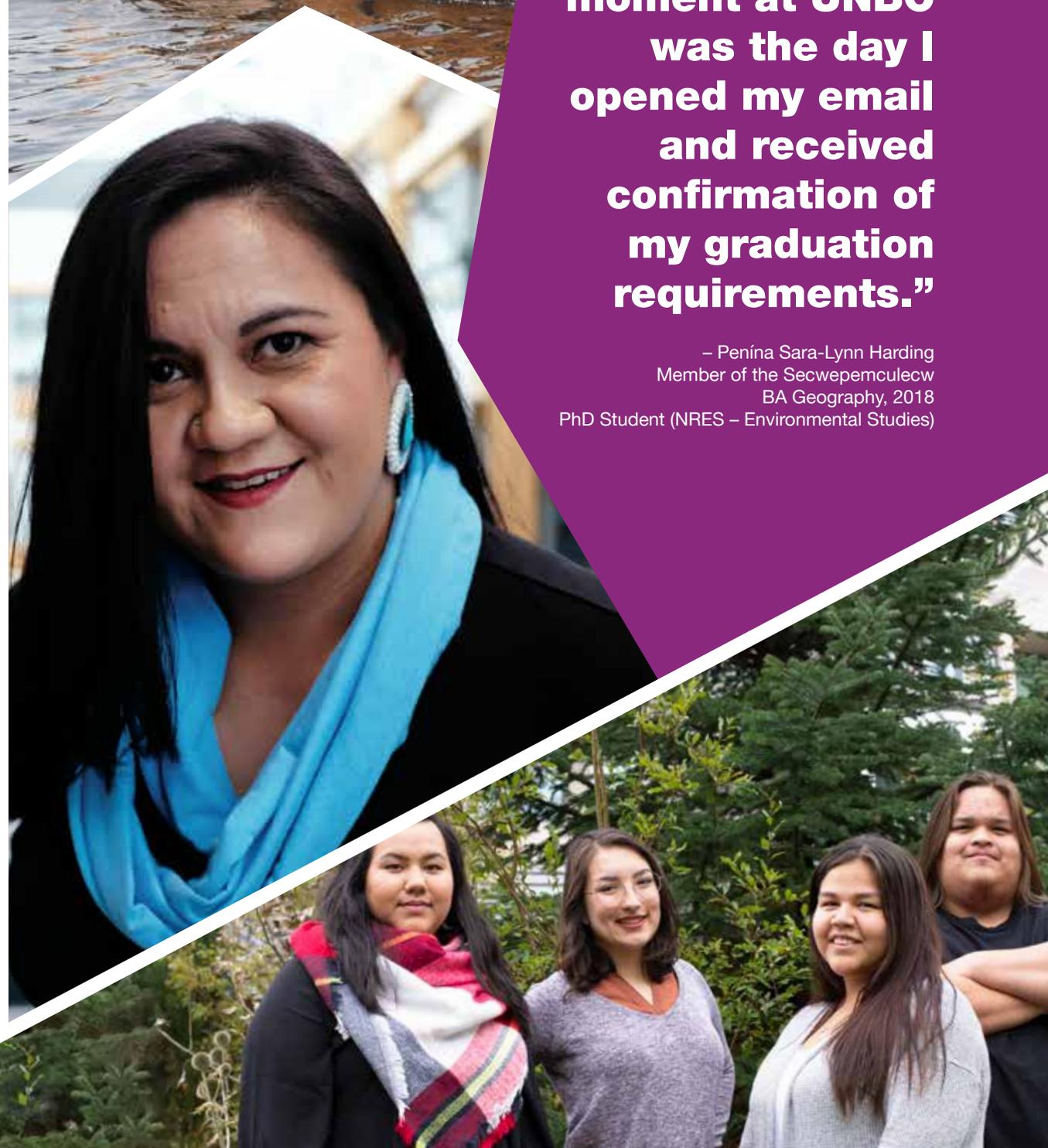
It's a great opportunity to meet students, faculty, and staff, and enjoy great food in a casual, cultural environment.

Take advantage of the Northern Sport Centre.

It's a beautiful facility that offers a variety of fitness activities, workout spaces, squash courts and more. Try your hand at Fit Camp, slow things down with a yoga class, or do some laps on the longest indoor track at a B.C. university.

Enjoy what Northern B.C. has to offer!

Paddle on countless rivers and lakes. Take in an orchestra concert, art gallery opening, or performance in the park. Shift gears and tackle a challenging mountain bike trail. Or strap on your skis and experience great cross-country or downhill skiing.



“My proudest moment at UNBC was the day I opened my email and received confirmation of my graduation requirements.”

– Penina Sara-Lynn Harding
Member of the Secwepemculecw
BA Geography, 2018
PhD Student (NRES – Environmental Studies)

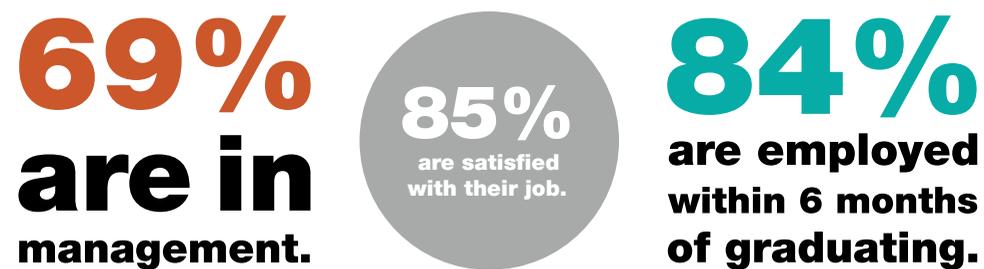
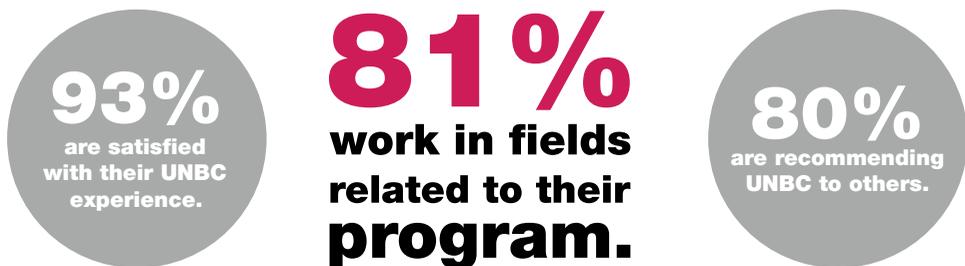
Leaders of Tomorrow

The UNBC experience is unparalleled and prepares students for successful careers. Alumni become leaders across the globe and make the world a better place. Each of our graduates' stories of success builds the reputation and promise of a UNBC degree. We invite them to stay connected with us and proudly share the highlights of their journeys.

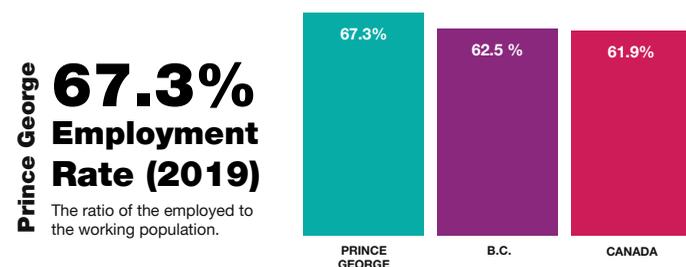
What makes UNBC unique? When our graduates reflect on their experience, they tell us that the access to professors, research

opportunities, interdisciplinary learning, and interaction with small cohorts creates a community of support that leads to their success.

Our graduates tell us that UNBC helped them become better critical thinkers, improved their ability to acquire skills and knowledge, provided them with a comprehensive knowledge of their chosen subject area, and enhanced their problem-solving skills.



Contact us at alumni@unbc.ca if you'd like to connect with a graduate of UNBC.



University Lingo

Alumni	Students who have graduated from a school, college, or university.
Asynchronous Learning	Courses that enable students access to the same course material at different times.
Bachelor's Degree	Also called an undergraduate degree, this credential generally requires four years of study, longer if the student studies at a part-time pace.
Breadth Requirement	In addition to a bachelor degree's major requirements and elective credit requirements, UNBC degrees also require that students gain some breadth of knowledge outside of their chosen discipline. Between their degree and elective requirements, students must take a course from each of the Arts & Humanities, Physical Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. Some Majors have incorporated academic breadth into their requirements, and no extra coursework is needed to complete Breadth.
Bursary	Financial aid given to students in order to further their studies. Bursaries are often needs-based.
Certificate	This credential generally requires one year of study. Certificates can often "ladder" into further education, such as diplomas or degrees.
Cooperative Education	Often referred to as "Co-op," Cooperative Education involves students engaging in semester-long work terms during programs. These work terms can add time spent on completing a degree, but completing enough Co-op work terms earns Co-op distinction on the graduating student's degree.
Credit Hour	Usually corresponds with the amount of "contact hours" in class, per week. Most UNBC courses are three credit hours each. Tuition is also charged on a per-credit-hour basis.
Diploma	This credential generally requires two years of study. Diplomas can often "ladder" into further education, such as a degree.
Doctoral Degree	The most common type being a PhD (Doctor of Philosophy), this credential is the highest level of academic degree, generally attempted after the completion of a graduate degree.
Double Major	A student pursuing a double major is attempting to complete two majors' degree requirements while at school. Sometimes, this requires taking more courses than needed to complete one major, extending the duration of study, however there are numerous double majors that can be completed within a typical, four-year timeline.
Elective	A course that is not listed as "required" for a major or minor, but is taken to meet the credit hour requirement for a particular credential.
Faculty	The teaching staff of the University.
Full-time Studies	At UNBC, full-time studies consists of taking at least nine credit hours (3 courses) per semester.
GPA	The abbreviation for Grade Point Average, your GPA is a calculation of your final course grade's quality points divided by the number of credits the course is worth. UNBC uses a 4.33 GPA scale, therefore an A+ earns 4.33 quality points per credit hour, and it descends from there.
Joint Major	A path of study or program that combines courses from two disciplines of study in such a way that less courses are taken for each major separately while still completing enough courses to earn a combined major from each discipline.
Laboratory	Smaller, more individual course component.
Lecture	Classroom-based instruction. May be the largest type of class.
Major	A subject or field of study chosen by students to represent their principal interest.
Master's Degree	Also called a graduate degree, this credential is generally taken after a student completes an undergraduate degree.
Minor	A secondary academic interest or discipline chosen by students during their undergraduate studies. Minors have their own set of required courses, and result in less electives taken by a student.
Part-time Studies	At UNBC, part-time studies consists of taking no more than 8 credit hours (2 courses) per semester.
Prerequisite Course	A course that must be completed before taking another course. Prerequisite courses can be high school courses or university-level courses.
Professor	In university, teachers are usually known as professors.
Required Course	A course that must be completed to complete a major or minor's degree requirements.
Scholarship	Financial aid given to a student, often based on high academic achievement.
Semester	Divisions of an academic year. Courses are taken over a semester. At UNBC, a semester is four months long.
Syllabus	A detailed guide or outline for a course provided by a professor. A syllabus generally includes information such as required texts and readings, a schedule of assignments and tests, and University rules and regulations.
Synchronous Learning	Courses that students participate in and learn at the same time.
Tutorial	Course meant to supplement certain lectures. These are generally smaller than lectures, and provide students even more opportunity to ask questions and discuss course concepts/readings.
Tuition	A fee or payment for instruction at UNBC.



Experience UNBC

Want to know more about UNBC? One of the best ways to experience UNBC is to see it for yourself. Talk to our Student Recruitment team about the opportunity to tour our campus* or visit our unbc.ca/campus-life/virtual-tours for an in-depth tour of our Prince George campus, Housing and the Northern Sport Centre.

Virtual Future Student Events

Due to COVID-19, we have adjusted the way we support future UNBC students, providing you more accessible ways than ever to learn about our amazing University!

1. Drop in for a one-on-one Zoom Q&A session with a recruiter
2. Register for a live webinar on topics like How to Choose Your Program?
3. Participate in virtual Student Life events like “Trivia Tuesdays” for a sense of the amazing student community at UNBC

Find out more about these events at unbc.ca/future-students

*Please be advised that due to COVID-19, on-campus activities are subject to change and cancellations.



Indigenous Student Recruiter

Phone: 250-960-6306
Email: futurestudents@unbc.ca
Web: unbc.ca/futurestudents

Prince George (Main Campus)
3333 University Way
Prince George, B.C. V2N 4Z9
Phone: 250-960-5555
Toll Free: 1-800-627-9931
Email: futurestudents@unbc.ca
Web: unbc.ca

UNBC Regional Campuses

South-Central
S100-100 Campus Way
Quesnel, B.C. V2J 7K1
Phone: 250-991-7540
Toll Free: 1-800-627-9931
Email: south-central@unbc.ca
Web: unbc.ca/south-central

Northwest
4837 Keith Avenue
Terrace, B.C. V8G 1K7
Phone: 250-615-5578
Toll Free: 1-800-697-7388
Email: northwest@unbc.ca
Web: unbc.ca/northwest

Peace River-Liard
Box 1000, 9820-120th Ave
Fort St. John, B.C. V1J 6K1
Phone: 250-787-6220
Toll Free: 1-800-935-2270
Email: northeast@unbc.ca
Web: unbc.ca/peace-river-liard

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Toll Free: 1-800-980-8838
Web: wwni.bc.ca

'En Cha Huná

UNBC's motto, from the Dakelh (Carrier) Elders, reminds us that all people have a voice and a viewpoint. Interpreted as "respecting all forms of life," 'En Cha Huná encapsulates the spirit of academic freedom, respect for others, and willingness to recognize different perspectives.



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