



INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MA PROGRAM

2020-2021 Graduate Handbook

MA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES HANDBOOK

2020-2021

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ORIENTATION

Welcome Message from the Co-Chairs of the MA International Studies Program

2020 has shown just how interconnected our world is, with the current pandemic demonstrating both the vulnerabilities and strengths of globalization. UNBC's MA International Studies program is dedicated to helping you seize the opportunities and meet the challenges of our globalizing world. Here is how we can help you, and why we are different than other Master's programs.

We are a small, friendly program at a small, friendly university. UNBC and the MA INTS program provide you with a welcoming atmosphere and an easy-going place to work and study. You will find it easy to chat with us, about school or about the wider workings of the world, and you will build strong relationships with your colleagues in the INTS graduate cohort. While this year's intake and mode of study are unusual, we hope that you will feel the warmth of our welcome regardless.

Our program is run jointly by two departments, the Department of Global and International Studies and the Department of Economics. In addition to having access to the faculty of both departments, we also draw supervisors from other programs on campus such as History, Political Science, Anthropology and Ecosystem Science and Management.

We are dedicated to interdisciplinarity. Today's international and global problems demand broad training, in multiple disciplines and from multiple perspectives. This is reflected in our focus on Global Development and Environment. Your coursework will incorporate this breadth.

As Co-Chairs of the MA International Studies program, we invite you to explore what we have to offer and to embrace the many opportunities for academic, professional, and personal growth that come with graduate study. If you have any questions, by all means, feel free to contact us.

Jacqueline Holler
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Program. Faculty. Location. The MA in International Studies at UNBC.

The MA program is focused on **Global Development and Environment**. It was revised in 2018 to reflect changing global issues and how they are analysed. Building on our more than 20 years of experience, the new program brings both sharper focus to the program and more choice for students. Designed for students with broadly defined social science backgrounds, the program is structured so that coursework introduces key concepts, theoretical analysis, and practice in the themes of Global Development and Global Environment. In addition, students gain research expertise through the required course in Research Methods for Global Studies. Students may choose from a wide range of electives, and the program draws on courses from 11 different departments: an interdisciplinarian's dream. Many courses offer critical perspectives.

Analyzing Global Development as processes, the program allows students to choose from courses focusing on the Global South, on the High North, on Indigenous issues, and on global-local dynamics. The connections between development and environment are explored and addressed. The vibrant Global Fridays Speakers Series brings global issues and speakers regularly to your classroom.

All students are admitted into a coursework-based program allowing them to complete the program in two years. It is anticipated that most students will complete the coursework-based program. Depending on coursework performance and research topic, students can also apply during their studies to follow a traditional thesis-based program in which they have the opportunity to work in depth on a topic under the supervision of a faculty member. Alternatively, they may apply for the innovative major research paper-based program where students work with a faculty supervisor on a shorter piece.

Whichever option you take, you will be provided with the flexibility to pursue a program about which you are passionate that also provides you with the rigorous theoretical and methodological training required to be successful during your course of study and in your future workplace. International Studies is one of the most sought-after graduate degrees for individuals with professional interests in international and public policy, diplomacy, social science research, and non-governmental organizations. Our students have gone on to careers in the Canadian Foreign Service, federal and provincial governments, child rights advocacy, international

business relations, international environmental NGOs, climate change research institutes, academic institutions, and community development, to name a few.

The MA program is coordinated jointly by the Department of Global and International Studies and the Department of Economics and also includes faculty from a number of other departments. These core *faculty*, available as potential supervisors, have research interests spanning Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Arctic and have conducted research in each of them as well as locally. They have research interests in areas such as globalization, critical/alternative development, health, environment, gender, feminism, extractivism, civil society, rural development, natural resources, human rights, Indigenous issues, business practices, and security studies. Our faculty have experience working for international organizations (such as the Asian Development Bank, the International Labour Organization, and the World Bank) and for NGOs (including founding one supporting rural development in Uganda). Available supervisors include teaching award winners (including national 3M level) and research award winners (including national level awards). They have been successful in obtaining grants from bodies such as the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the International Development Research Centre, which have included funding for graduate students.

As for *location*, UNBC is not like most Canadian universities. According to Statistics Canada, “in 2016, two out of three people (66%) lived within 100 kilometres of the southern Canada–United States border, an area that represents about 4% of Canada’s territory” (The Daily, Feb 8, 2017). That’s where most of Canada’s universities are also found. UNBC is not; it is found in a part of the 96%. Located in Prince George, British Columbia, it is a hilltop campus situated on the Traditional Territory of the Lheidli T’enneh, with a spectacular view of mountains far off to the east. Here you will discover a region that is beyond the experience of many Canadians: a region where Indigenous cultures are strong, where pristine wilderness confronts industrial resource development, where global influences and trade from rising Asia are re-shaping the economy, and where the impacts of climate change can be readily understood. UNBC is a unique and compelling location from which, and in which, to study **Global Development and Environment**. Don’t settle for the ordinary; go the extra kilometre to UNBC.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO IN MY FIRST TWO WEEKS AS A GRADUATE STUDENT IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT UNBC?

1. Select courses to be taken in the first year in consultation with Dr. Nathan Andrews, Graduate Advisor (Go to pages 19 & 20 to see the courses available). To set up a meeting with Dr. Andrews for your course selection, contact him via email (nathan.andrews@unbc.ca). *NOTE: Dr. Andrews will be on leave October 17, 2020 – April 6, 2021. During this period, please see Dr. Jacqueline Holler (jacqueline.holler@unbc.ca) for all graduate-studies related matters, including course selection for the Winter 2021 semester.*
 - a. Complete Course Registration Form, which is available at: <https://www.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/registrar/graduateregistrationformnew.pdf>
 - b. Complete Graduate Program Approval Form, which is available at: <https://www.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/graduate-programs/maintlprogramapprovalapril2019.pdf>
2. Submit Course Registration Form at the Registrar's Office (located at 7-750) and receive your Student Identification Card at the Cashier 's Office (located in the Agora next to the Registrar's Office). Payment of Fees will be required at this point!
3. Read carefully through the 2020/2021 Graduate Academic Calendar. The Graduate Calendar contains important information about graduate studies at UNBC, including all relevant policies and regulations. A hard copy of the Graduate Calendar can be obtained from Student Recruitment and Advising (located in the Agora). An electronic copy can be downloaded at: <https://www.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/calendar/2020-2021graduateacademiccalendarv3.pdf>
4. Obtain an email account from the Computer Help Desk (located in the Lab Building, 8-265, Phone: (250) 960-5321, Email: support@unbc.ca). You require an official UNBC email account for all communications and for accessing e-learning technology in your courses.
5. Please find enclosed, on page 25 of the Handbook, information from the Graduate Student Society (GSS) on the location of the Graduate Lounge and other information they can provide you.
6. ***Attend chosen classes!***
7. Plan to attend the Annual Welcome Reception for incoming and continuing graduate students in the MA International Studies and MA Development Economics programs. Check your email for the invitation (this event will happen virtually this year).
8. Mark down the Global Friday Speaker Series dates in your calendar (this will be happening virtually this year). Attending the Global Friday Speaker Series regularly is invaluable to your graduate student experience at UNBC and provides an opportunity to hear and meet leading scholars and practitioners in the field. For more information see: <http://www.unbc.ca/international-studies/global-friday>. It is also required for your program and you register for it as INTS 702-0.5.
9. Check out Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (<http://www.casid-acedi.ca/membership>). If you are a first-year graduate student in the MA International Studies, the department will pay for your membership in this

Association for the first year. If you would like to become a member of the Association, please see Selina Ross (selina.ross@unbc.ca)

WORDS OF WISDOM

Faculty and graduate students have offered some words of advice to help new students through some of the difficulties often experienced during graduate studies. We hope this 20/20 hindsight will help you avoid some of the common pitfalls experienced by graduate students and sail through your studies here at UNBC.

- Get to know your fellow graduate students since they will be your most important resources during your course studies at UNBC and time in Prince George. This includes students who are ahead of you in the program – they are likely to be happy to answer your questions from everything about how to find an apartment and to navigate the academic resources on campus.
- Pay a visit to the university library and ask a librarian to show you around and learn about the resources available to you. We have some of the most knowledgeable and nicest librarians in the business – go meet them!
- The Academic Success Centre <http://www.unbc.ca/academic-success-centre> has several handouts <http://www.unbc.ca/academic-success-centre/proposal-and-thesis-writing-tools> and resources for thesis writing and research. It is in your best interest to peruse these materials as they contain important information that will help you through many academic challenges.
- Take the time to explore the fantastic natural areas around Prince George such as Forests for the World (on campus!) or the Ancient Forest a short drive nearby. There is a multitude of hiking trails to enjoy all summer long. In addition, world-famous tourist destination Jasper National Park is only 4 hours away by car for more hiking and camping. A good place to find out about all this is to check out the student-run Outdoors Club or the community-based Caledonia Ramblers.
- If you are not accustomed to the long Canadian winter, the best way to enjoy it and avoid ‘cabin fever’ is to learn to play in the snow. For instance, try snowshoeing around the university hill; learn to cross-country ski at Otway Nordic Ski Centre; downhill ski or snowboard at Tabor Mountain, Purden Ski Village, or Powder King; ice skate at the Ice Oval by the bottom of the university hill; take up curling; or even fish on a frozen lake. This is the best way to get sunshine; in addition, exercise and fresh air clear your mind and offer an exciting escape from your reading and papers! Getting active outside is also a great way to meet people in the community.

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MA
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INFORMATION

MA INTS Program Requirements

UNBC's innovative and interdisciplinary Master's degree in International Studies focuses on two of the most pressing and interlinked issues of our time: Global Development and Environment. The program draws on courses from 11 different graduate programs and is managed jointly by the Department of Economics and the Department of Global and International Studies.

Broadly understood as processes that affect people(s), regions, and/or countries in the Global South and northern areas including the Arctic, global development is examined from multiple perspectives. These perspectives include those of international agencies and civil society organizations. Both mainstream and critical approaches to development studies are examined. The challenges facing the global environment and potential solutions are analysed. Interactions between global development and the environment and between local and global scales are examined.

Financial assistance in the form of teaching assistantships is available to some full-time students, in accordance with University regulations.

Requirements

1. All students are normally admitted into a course-based program. Students wishing to transfer to a thesis or a research paper-based program may apply to do so after completing 12 credit hours and in accordance with program rules.

Students are required to take courses that satisfy requirements as listed below in the two core themes: Global Development: Theory and Institutions; and Global Environment: Policies and Practices. In addition, all students are required to complete a course on Research Methods. Two elective courses are also required. Courses may be taken in any order.

Required Courses:

Global Development: Theory and Institutions

One of:

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| <u>ECON 601-3</u> | Global Economy and Development |
| <u>ECON 604-3</u> | Poverty, Inequality and Development |
| <u>INTS 620-3</u> | International Regimes |
| <u>POLS 615-3</u> | Comparative Northern Development |

Research Methods

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| <u>INTS 700-3</u> | Research Methods in Global Studies |
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Global Environment: Policies and Practices

One of:

<u>ANTH 613-3</u>	Environmental Anthropology
<u>ECON 625-3</u>	Trade and the Environment
<u>HIST 704-3</u>	Themes in Environmental History
<u>INTS 621-3</u>	Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction
<u>NRES 703-3</u>	Integrated Resource Management

Electives

Two of:

<u>ANTH 601-3</u>	Anthropological Perspectives on Inequality
<u>ANTH 604-3</u>	Comparative Study of Indigenous Peoples of the World
<u>ECON 610-3</u>	Health Economics
<u>ECON 611-3</u>	Cost-Benefit Analysis
<u>ENVS 602-3</u>	Environmental and Natural Resources Issues and Ethics
<u>FNST 606-3</u>	Indigenous Issues in International Perspective
<u>FNST 607-3</u>	Indigenous Perspectives on Race, Class, Gender and Power
<u>FNST 613-3/</u> <u>GNDR 613-3</u>	Themes in Aboriginal Women's Studies
<u>GEOG 603-3</u>	First Nations and Indigenous Geographies
<u>GEOG 626-3</u>	Geographies of Culture, Rights and Power
<u>GNDR 611-3</u>	Contemporary Feminist Theories
<u>HIST 702-3</u>	Themes in Indigenous History
<u>ORTM 603-3</u>	International Dimensions of Recreation and Tourism
<u>POLS 613-3</u>	Democracy and Diversity

Additional courses from the Global Development and Global Environment options can also be selected as electives.

In addition, all students are required to pass

[INTS 702-0.5](#) Graduate Colloquia*

*All students must complete Graduate Colloquia INTS 702-0.5 **twice** during their program of study.

2. After completing the core requirements above, students then complete one of the following:

- i) a course-based program requiring 9 credit hours of further graduate coursework. Students in the course-based program must complete at least 6 credit hours (overall) of coursework from the Global Development options, 6 credit hours (overall) from the Global Environment options, and have courses from at least three different subject areas;
- ii) a research paper-based program requiring 6 credit hours of further graduate coursework from all courses listed above (at least 3 credit hours of which must be from the Global Development or Global Environment options) and a 3 credit hour Research Paper;
- iii) a thesis-based program requiring a 12 credit hour thesis ([INTS 799-12](#)).

NOTE: All course selections (and course substitutions) require Chair approval.

INTS 702-5
Graduate Colloquia
Dr. Jacqueline Holler
UNBC, FALL 2020

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Global studies is a holistic, broad, and multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary field that is emerging as one of the most dynamic (inter)disciplines in academia. GS comprises study of political, economic, environmental, biological, cultural, and social phenomena using a variety of methods and approaches. INTS 702 is designed to introduce you to different research questions, methods, and fields within global studies. Engaging with research presentations organized by the Global Fridays committee, you will increase your awareness of the field and your knowledge of research themes and methods.

This course is graded on a pass/fail basis. Students in the MA INTS program are required to enrol in and pass the course *twice* during their programs of study to complete their degree requirements.

REQUIREMENTS

At the end of the semester, students must submit a dossier comprising **SIX (6) seminar reports**. Each of these reports must be 700 words long (approximately two double-spaced pages). Though the reports are not due at the end of the semester, I urge you not to wait until the end of term to complete them. Instead, try to complete them as you attend or watch the presentations throughout the semester.

At least FOUR (4) of these reports must be drawn from the seminars scheduled for fall 2020. Because of the current pandemic, fall 2020 seminars will be virtual. Please see <https://www.unbc.ca/global-international-studies/global-friday-speakers-series> for the fall 2020 schedule, which will be available in September. (I will also post the schedule on Blackboard when it is available.) Seminars are normally held on Fridays from 1200 to 1300 (Pacific), but webcasts are made available on the Global Fridays website after each presentation.

To meet the requirement of 6 reports, you may submit up to TWO (2) reports based on the archives of past presentations. Please browse the available presentations at [Global Friday Webcasts](#) and select presentations that most interest you.

There is no need to do external research for the reports, but you are welcome to include external information that you find useful. However, the focus of these reports should be on a close description and analysis of the sessions themselves. Therefore, each report must include two sections: (A) Description and (B) Analysis.

Section A should be about 350 words and should include:

- the seminar's title and date
- the name of the presenter
- the presenter's institutional and departmental affiliation (e.g., "Department of Earth System Science, Stanford University, USA")
- field(s) of study (for example, environmental science or sociology)
- research question that the seminar addresses
- research methods/nature of data used for research
- results/findings/argument (as applicable)

Section B should be about 350 words in length and should include your analysis of the presentation. Try to answer at least three of these questions:

- what is the significance of the topic? That is, is it important? To whom and why?
- what is the significance of the findings? That is, what effect might they have on scholarly understanding of the topic, on policy, etc.?
- what is the scale of the presentation? Global processes occur at local, regional, national, and international levels. On which did the presentation focus?
- how does the presentation relate to themes, ideas, arguments, and data discussed in your classes this term?
- how does the presentation alter or add to your understanding of globalization and global studies more generally?

To pass INTS 702, you must hand in all six (6) reports by 430 PM on Friday 11 December 2020 and meet the minimum standards stated above.

Please feel free to reach out to me throughout the semester with any questions or concerns, and welcome to your MA program! ☺

Courses Offered

2020/2021 Academic Year

FALL 2020 CLASS SCHEDULE					
INSTRUCTOR	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Amarjit Bhullar		ECON 625 CRN 50210 <i>Trade and the Environment</i> 1:00-2:20pm ONLINE		ECON 625 CRN 50210 <i>Trade and the Environment</i> 1:00-2:20pm ONLINE	
Paul Bowles			ECON 601/INTS 607 CRN 50208/50438 <i>Global Economy & Development</i> 4:00pm – 6:50pm ONLINE		
Jalil Safaei		ECON 610 CRN 50209 <i>Health Economics</i> 6:00-8:50pm ONLINE			
TBA					ECON 700/INTS 702.05 CRN 50439 <i>Graduate Colloquia</i> 12:00-2:20pm ONLINE

WINTER 2021 CLASS SCHEDULE					
INSTRUCTOR	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Annie Booth	ENVS 602 CRN 10325 <i>Environmental and Natural Resources Issues and Ethics</i> 4:30pm – 5:50pm TBA				ENVS 602 CRN 10325 <i>Environmental and Natural Resources Issues and Ethics</i> 4:30pm – 5:50pm TBA
Gail Fondahl		GEOG 603 CRN 10363 <i>First Nations and Indigenous Geographies</i> 8:30am-9:50am TBA		GEOG 603 CRN 10363 <i>First Nations and Indigenous Geographies</i> 8:30am-9:50am TBA	
Fiona MacPhail		ECON 604 CRN 10216 <i>Poverty, Inequality and Development</i> 4:00-5:20pm TBA		ECON 604 CRN 10216 <i>Poverty, Inequality and Development</i> 4:00-5:20pm TBA	
Michael Murphy	POLS 613 CRN 10558 <i>Democracy and Diversity</i> 11:30am – 2:20pm TBA				

Courses Offered
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Stuart Parker			HIST 702 10406 <i>Themes in Indigenous History</i> 8:30am – 11:20am TBA		
Tristan Pearce	INTS 625 CRN 10684 <i>Sustainability Problem Solving</i> 4:00pm – 6:50pm TBA				
Heather Smith	INTS 660 CRN 10433 <i>Issues in Canadian Foreign Relations</i> ONLINE				
TBA	GNDR 611 CRN 10368 <i>Contemporary Feminist Theories</i> 8:30am – 11:20am TBA				ECON 700/ INTS 702 CRN 10220/10435 <i>Graduate Colloquia</i> 12:00pm – 1:30pm TBA

* Course descriptions can be found in the online Graduate Calendar
<https://www.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/calendar/2020-2021graduateacademiccalendarv3.pdf>

* Please see the UNBC online Course Schedule
https://ssb.unbc.ca/ssb/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched for graduate courses offered by other departments*

MA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM RULES*

* Note: This document does not supersede the rules and regulations set out in the official UNBC Graduate Calendar.

The Calendar states that:

“All students are normally admitted into a course-based program. Students wishing to transfer to a thesis- or a research paper-based program may apply to do so after completing 12 credit hours and in accordance with program rules.”

The Program Rules for Transfer apply to the thesis and research-paper options.

All students applying for a Transfer must have a minimum average grade of A- in their first 12 credits of coursework.

In addition, students applying for the thesis option must include:

- i) A letter of support from a supervisor (faculty eligible to serve as supervisors in the program are listed below);
- ii) A thesis proposal of at least 10 pages in length and a bibliography of at least 3 pages.

Students applying for the major research paper option must include:

- i) A letter of support from a supervisor (faculty eligible to serve as supervisors in the program are listed below);
- ii) A description of the type of research output expected (e.g., policy note, encyclopedia entry, newspaper article) together with potential targeted publication(s);
- iii) A paper proposal of at least 3 pages in length and a bibliography of at least 1 page.

Applications are made to the Chair and can be made at any time after the completion of 12 credit hours of coursework.

Eligible supervisors:

Nathan Andrews, Assistant Professor, Global and International Studies

Paul Bowles, Professor, Economics and Global and International Studies

Karima Fredj, Associate Professor, Economics

Leandro Freylejer, Assistant Professor, Economics

Jacqueline Holler, Associate Professor, History

Fiona MacPhail, Professor, Economics

Chris Opio, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management

Tristan Pearce, Associate Professor, Global & International Studies

Jalil Safaei Boroojeny, Professor, Economics

Angèle Smith, Associate Professor, Anthropology
Heather Smith, Professor, Global and International Studies
Gary Wilson, Professor, Political Science

Students admitted into the thesis option will be directed by a Supervisory Committee, will make a public presentation of their proposal once it has been approved by the Committee, and will have an oral defence of the thesis in accordance with Office of Graduate Programs regulations.

UNBC RESOURCES

Prince George Campus

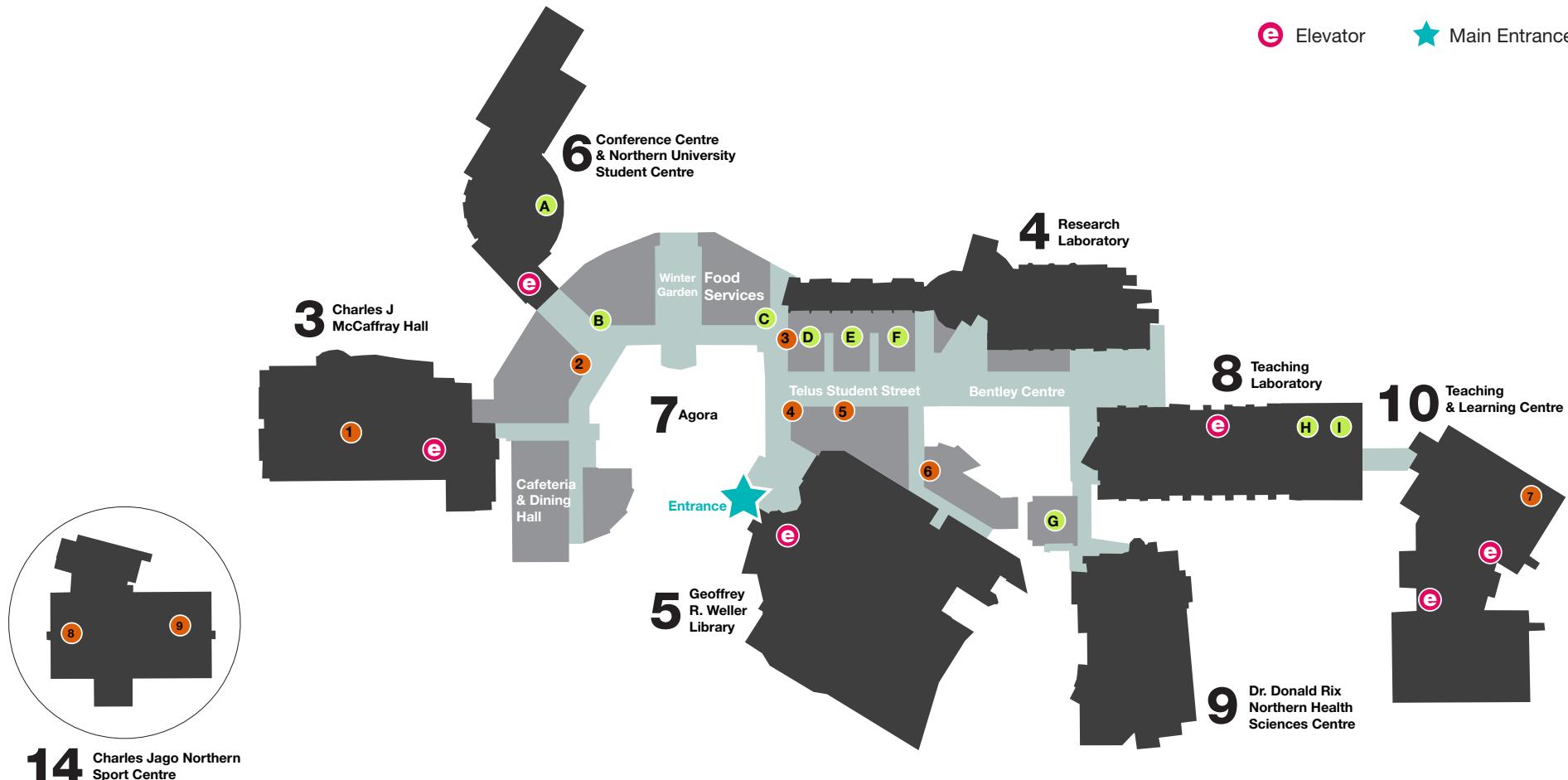
Building Directory

Room numbers include building code prefixes. For example, room 5-152 is located in the Geoffrey R. Weller Library (Building 5), and room 8-322 is located in the Teaching Laboratory (Building 8).

The first number after the building code prefix indicates the floor level on which the room is located. For example, room 10-4520 is located on the fourth floor in the Teaching and Learning Centre (Building 10).

1	Human Resources	A	Canfor Theatre
2	UNBC Bookstore	B	Weldwood Theatre 7-238
3	Security	C	Lecture Theatre 7-212
4	Recruitment & Advising	D	Lecture Theatre 7-150
5	Office of the Registrar	E	Lecture Theatre 7-152
6	First Nations Centre	F	Lecture Theatre 7-158
7	Continuing Studies	G	Lecture Theatre 7-200
8	Gymnasium	H	Lecture Theatre 7-164
9	Field House	I	Lecture Theatre 7-166

 Elevator  Main Entrance





SERVICES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM THE NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA GRADUATE STUDENTS' SOCIETY (NBCGSS)

Download the NBCGSS Mobile app here:

[NBCGSS Mobile App on Google Play](#)

[NBCGSS Mobile App on iTunes](#)

Health & Dental Plan

www.studentcare.ca

Desk Space

Desk space is extremely limited at UNBC. Graduate students are advised to first contact their graduate program to obtain desk space in offices booked by various program departments.

The NBCGSS books desk space for graduate students for several rooms in buildings 4 and 10 at the Prince George campus. Because NBCGSS desk space is extremely limited as well, NBCGSS desk space allocation is based on a first-come, first serve basis, and prioritizes graduate students who will use the desk space on a regular basis.

NBCGSS desk space is allocated on the following priorities:

- Full-time, thesis-based students
- Other full-time students
- Part-time students

If graduate students do not already have office space somewhere in the University, they can indicate that they would like desk space by visiting the NBCGSS Office during regular office hours to fill out the paperwork, including the UNBC key request form that takes the UNBC Facilities Department at least two to three weeks to process.

Please be advised there is a waitlist for desk space in offices booked by the NBCGSS.



Graduate Lounge

The NBCGSS maintains a restricted-access lounge for members located in the west wing of the Teaching and Learning Building in room 10-3016 at the Prince George campus. The lounge contains a number of amenities, including a fridge, microwave, sink, coffee maker, toaster, large screen TV, UNBC Wi-Fi connection, and a phone for local calling.

Rules for the lounge:

- Clean up after yourself
- The lounge is open to all NBCGSS members 24 hours per day
- Do not post unrelated material in the lounge

The lounge is accessed by swiping an activated student ID card. To have your student ID card activated, please present your student ID card at the NBCGSS Office (7-168) during regular office hours to fill out a form. The form will be forwarded to the UNBC Facilities Department, which completes the process of the student ID card activation that can take up to two weeks. Once the UNBC Facilities Department grants approval, you will receive an e-mail from the UNBC Facilities Department stating you have access to 10-3016.

Graduate Computer Lab

The graduate student computer lab has restricted access located in the west wing of the Teaching and Learning Building (Building 10) in room 10-3032. To have your student ID card activated, please present your student ID card at the NBCGSS office during office hours to fill out a form. You will then need to drop off the form at the UNBC Facilities Department, which completes the process of the student ID card activation that can take zero to three business days. Once the UNBC Facilities Department grants approval, you need to have your student card encoded and set up a PIN number at the Facilities Department.

In 2019, UNBC changed all UNBC printers from Xerox printers to Ricoh printers. The Xerox printer codes for the Grad Lab (10-3032) no longer work for the new Ricoh printer in the Grad Lab because Ricoh is a separate company from Xerox.

The Ricoh Grad Lab printer has been connected to the rest of the PaperCut printing system at UNBC, which will allow graduate students to use their student ID cards or UNBC student login account at any Ricoh printer connected to PaperCut to access scanning, colour printing, black & white printing, and photocopying.

For 2019/2020, UNBC auto-populates each semester all current graduate students who are members of Northern BC Graduate Students' Society (NBCGSS) with a free \$5 credit that NBCGSS funds.



The free credit in the graduate student PaperCut account states, “NBCGSS Print Credit”. Any unused NBCGSS Print Credit by the end of the semester will be reset by UNBC to a free \$5 credit for current graduate students who are members of the NBCGSS.

Please note that the NBCGSS does not have access to any graduate student PaperCut printing account.

Mailing Lists

NBCGSS Graduate Student List (<mailto:nbcgss-list@unbc.ca>)

This listserv is the place to hear of upcoming NBCGSS events and news. Only NBCGSS information is e-mailed.

This list is SPAM-free and you will be able to unsubscribe.

U-Pass

U-PASS: UNLIMITED PRINCE GEORGE POOL AND TRANSIT BUS ACCESS**

*****Due to the pandemic, UNBC has moved most courses online. As a result, the U-Pass fee is not assessed for most registered graduate students.**

UNBC graduate students via referendum approved the U-Pass fee. The U-Pass program allows students to unlimited access to the City of Prince George bus system, as well as the Four Seasons Leisure Pool and the Prince George Aquatic Centre. Once all fees have been paid to UNBC, a validation sticker can be collected from the UNBC Cashier's Office each semester to be affixed to the student ID card. This sticker is nontransferable and the student must show their card to the bus driver or pool reception to receive services free of charge.

U-Pass Opt-In

If you are not automatically assessed the U-Pass fee, you are enrolled in courses that are classified as regional campus based, online, or field study. Under these circumstances, a graduate student is eligible to opt-in to the U-Pass program for the semester.

The U-Pass Special Circumstance Form to opt-in is located in the link below.

<https://www.unbc.ca/finance/accounts-receivable/u-pass-opt>

U-Pass Opt-Out

If you are charged the U-Pass fee, UNBC classifies one of your courses as Prince George campus based. The City of Prince George only has certain criteria for graduate students to opt-out of the U-Pass.



Below are the categories of students who can be exempt from the mandatory U-Pass fee:

- a) any graduate student who has not taken courses at a Prince George UNBC campus for two consecutive years providing they have a letter of proof signed by their supervisor
- b) any student attending the Prince George campus who is not required to pay NBCGSS fees;
- c) or any graduate student who has been living outside of Prince George for the minimum of two years, providing they have a letter of proof signed by their supervisor

If a graduate student is eligible to opt-out of the U-Pass fee, the graduate student must submit the U-Pass Special Circumstance Form by the end of the first month of the semester that the graduate student would like to opt-out of the U-Pass fee to UNBC. A graduate student cannot submit a U-Pass Special Circumstance Opt-Out Form for multiple semesters. If UNBC does not receive via e-mail the U-Pass Special Circumstance Form and supporting documentation by the end of the first month of the semester that the graduate student would like to opt-out of the U-Pass fee, UNBC and the City of Prince George cannot approve the U-Pass opt-out for that semester.

The U-Pass Special Circumstance Form to opt-out is under revision.

Emergency Bursary Fund

NBCGSS funds the NBCGSS Emergency Bursary Fund for its members. The fund is administered by the UNBC Awards and Financial Aid Unit of the Office of the Registrar. Emergency aid can be awarded to qualified graduate student members to a maximum of \$250 per student per academic year, depending on the amount remaining in the NBCGSS Emergency Bursary Fund.

The NBCGSS Emergency Bursary Fund is available to members who demonstrate considerable need in meeting the necessities of life, and have exhausted all other avenues of funding within UNBC. For more information or to obtain the forms, please contact the UNBC Awards and Financial Aid Unit at awards@unbc.ca

Legacy Scholarships

The NBCGSS Legacy Scholarships were established by the NBCGSS to support members who excel at UNBC. The goal of the \$500 scholarships, which is available to two full-time graduate students – one graduate student from College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences, and the other from College of Science and Management, is to recognize and support academic excellence. In addition to academic excellence, contributions to the graduate student culture and graduate program in which the applicant is enrolled will also be evaluated.



For more information or to view the application deadline, please visit [UNBC Awards and Financial Aid Unit](#)

Helpful Links

UNBC Student Services

[Access Resource Centre](#)

[Academic Success Centre](#)

[Alumni](#)

[Career Centre](#)

[Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology \(CTLT\)](#)

[Childcare Centre](#)

[First Nation Centre](#)

[Northern Women's Centre](#)

[Office of Graduate Programs](#)

[Wellness Centre](#)

NORTHERN UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTRE

Degrees Coffee Company

[Thirsty Moose Pub](#)

[CFUR Radio Station](#)

[Northern Pride Centre](#)

[Northern Undergraduate Student Society \(NUGSS\)](#)



Over The Edge Newspaper

Prince George Public Interest Research Group (PGPIRG)

STUDENT COMPUTER LABS

Student Computer Lab Locations:

- [7-105](#) General Purpose - First Nations Centre
- [8-127](#) Teaching Only
- [8-129](#) Teaching Only
- [8-362](#) General Purpose and Teaching **(open 24 hrs 7 days a week)**
- [8-364](#) General Purpose and Teaching
- [8-365](#) General Purpose and Teaching
- [10-3034](#) General Purpose and Teaching

Lab Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm **

For more information on Student Lab configurations please choose a lab

If you have inquiries, comments, or concerns please visit the [IT Service Desk](#)

[SERVICE DESK](#)

The Computer Helpdesk is here to assist faculty, staff and students with all of their computing needs. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, we are always happy to assist in any way we can.

[IT Services for Students](#)

Location:

Second floor of the Teaching Lab, room (8-265).

Service Desk Hours:

Spring & Summer

Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

*****Closed Saturday & Sunday*****

Fall & Winter

Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Monday - Friday 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm

*****Student Assistance only*****

Weekends 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

*****Student Assistance only*****

Contact:

Telephone: 250-960-5321

Toll Free: 866-960-5321

Email: support@unbc.ca

**ALL GRADUATE
FORMS CAN BE
FOUND AT:**

**[http://www.unbc.ca/
graduatestudies](http://www.unbc.ca/graduatestudies)**

**please refer to this
site for ALL graduate
information**

OTHER RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

FINANCIAL AWARDS AND ASSISTANCE

Funding your graduate education can be a challenge. Make sure you invest time in finding out what funding opportunities are available to you from UNBC and other external sources. Below is a list of some places to start. Do not leave this for the last minute, and make note of upcoming deadlines (many are in the fall and spring). Apply early and often!

If you have questions about applying for UNBC Awards and Financial Aid contact awards@unbc.ca or 250-960-6319.

If you have questions about tips for applying for external scholarships ask your thesis advisor and/or make an appointment to speak with Dr. Nathan Andrews, Graduate Advisor.

UNBC Teaching Assistantships

There are a small number of UNBC TAships available in International Studies. Available positions are posted on the Human Resources Career Opportunities webpage.

Visit: <https://www.unbc.ca/career-opportunities/current-graduate-teaching-assistantship-postings>

Research Assistantships

Research Assistantships become available when INTS MA faculty members secure external research grants. Students are normally approached by faculty holding grants to work as research assistants.

UNBC Awards and Financial Aid

Check out the Office of Graduate Programs webpage (<http://www.unbc.ca/financial-aid>) for information about potential university and outside funding for your studies. Don't forget to also check out the Office of Graduate Programs' on-line Scholarship, Bursary and Award Guide at <https://www.unbc.ca/graduate-programs/awards/awards-and-scholarships-introduction> .

UNBC offers internal grants to graduate students for research and conference expenses: a valuable resource if you are conducting field research or presenting a paper. See <https://www.unbc.ca/research/internal-funding-opportunities> for more information.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Scholarships

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada offers graduate scholarships for Canadian students.

Visit: <http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/> and click on "Search for Funding".

Funding for International Students

If you are an international student the Government of Canada has a limited number of scholarships available for non-Canadian students. <http://www.scholarships-bourses.gc.ca/scholarships-bourses/index.aspx?lang=eng>

Funding related to Global Environmental Policy

If you are considering a topic related to climate change, visit the fellowships section of the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS). INTS MA students have been awarded these highly competitive fellowships in recent years.

Visit: <http://pics.uvic.ca/fellowships/graduate>

Funding related to International Development

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) has several scholarships for Masters students to support field research.

Visit: <https://www.idrc.ca/en/funding/graduate-student-awards>

Funding related to Regional Studies

The Regional Studies Association (RSA) offers conference travel awards for students.

Visit: <https://www.regionalsciences.org/>

INTERNSHIPS

Internships (paid or unpaid) are a great way to put your research into practice during or after your MA studies. It is ever more common for internships to be a platform for launching a future career. Below are some Canadian and international programs relevant for students with an International Studies background.

United Nations (UN) Internship Programme

The UN provides opportunities for students enrolled in a graduate programme to undertake an internship at its Headquarters in New York, Geneva, Vienna, Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Beirut and Santiago.

Visit: <http://www.un.org/>

World Bank Internship Program

This paid internship seeks candidates in economics, finance, human development (public health, education, nutrition, and population), social science (anthropology, sociology), agriculture, environment, private sector development, as well as other related fields. Fluency in English is required.

Visit: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/about/careers/programs-and-internships/internship>

Asian Development Bank (ADB) Internship Program

The Internship Program is a project-oriented learning opportunity for graduate students to gain experience through research assignments based on ADB's current operational needs. ADB advertises internship assignments three times per year and welcomes motivated, open-minded, and self-directed individuals to apply.

Visit: <https://www.adb.org/site/careers/internship-program>

Oxfam Internships and Volunteering

Oxfam is one of the largest international non-governmental organizations in the world with offices in dozens of countries.

Visit: <http://oxf.am/Jiv>

Human Rights Watch (HRW) Internships

Human Rights Watch offers internship opportunities in many of their global offices. Internship descriptions vary but may include desk research, drafting documents, assisting with event planning, helping researchers prepare for missions, monitoring human rights developments in various countries, data analysis, liaising with current and prospective donors, and engaging in advocacy efforts aimed at curtailing human rights violations.

Visit: <http://www.hrw.org/about/volunteering>

EMPLOYMENT

Below are some websites that are helpful for employment in the public and non-profit sectors once you have completed your studies.

International Development Jobs and Consulting Opportunities

Charity Village is the top Canadian source for Canada non-profit news, non-profit jobs, non-profit funding, non-profit training and more.

Visit: <http://charityvillage.com/>

DevNetJobs - This website contains hundreds of international development jobs around the world.

Visit: <http://www.devnetjobs.org/>

Development/Environment Jobs - This is a development and environmental policy jobs listings site run by the Guardian newspaper in the UK.

Visit: <http://www.devnetjobs.org/>

Policy Jobs in Canada/Abroad

Canadian Foreign/Diplomatic Service:

Careers in Global Affairs Canada are global in scale, offering you a wealth of international perspectives that increase your professional skills and expand your cultural perceptions.

Visit: <https://www.international.gc.ca/gac-amc/careers-carrieres/index.aspx?lang=eng>

Federal Government Jobs- Website with links to jobs in the Canadian government and working in Canada.

Visit: <http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/>

United Nations

Career opportunities with the *United Nations* and related links.

Visit: <https://careers.un.org/lbw/Home.aspx>

CONSIDERING FURTHER GRADUATE STUDIES?

Many of our graduates have gone onto further graduate studies. If you are seriously considering pursuing further graduate studies, speak to your advisor about applying to other masters and doctoral programs in Canada and abroad.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) is the main national association relating to international development. CASID's mandate is to promote new knowledge in the field of international development. CASID promotes networking among

students, academics, researchers, policy-makers and practitioners, and the dissemination of knowledge. In addition to its annual conference, CASID sponsors workshops across the country. Last year, UNBC's International Development Society obtained funding from CASID and held a workshop on the Millennium Development Goals. CASID runs a listserv which includes discussion of development issues as well as job announcements. CASID membership also includes subscription to the Canadian Journal of Development Studies.

If you would like to become a member of CASID, the program will pay for your membership for the first year. Please download the form from www.casid-acedi.ca, complete it, and give it to Dr. Nathan Andrews.