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Re: UBC Confirmation of Tuition Payment Policies for International Students

To Whom It May Concern:

At the University of British Columbia (UBC), students must register in their courses or program before tuition fees are assessed and are payable. Although we appreciate the necessity to prove sufficient funds for immigration purposes, pre-payment of tuition in advance of registration is not an option.

Registration and tuition assessment

Students cannot pay for tuition until they are registered. On principle, our accounting system does not permit students to voluntarily overpay tuition in advance of registration. Due to registration dates, students are assessed and can pay tuition and fees for either the Winter Session (September - April) or the Summer Session (May - August) but not both at any given time.

Letters of Admission typically indicate estimated tuition fees for the first year of studies.

Registration dates vary depending on the academic session, the student’s program and year group. In general, the earliest registration open date is as follows:
- Winter Session (September to April) - late June
- Summer Session (May to August) - late March

See ‘Registration Dates’ for detailed registration information: https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/registration/registration-dates

Payments and Due Dates

Undergraduate students

Fee payment in Winter and Summer Sessions may be in two instalments. In general, the first instalment covers tuition for Term 1 courses and the first half of two-term courses, plus most student fees. The second instalment covers tuition for Term 2 courses and the second half of two-term courses. Students enrolled in a program of study restricted to Term 1 or Term 2 must pay the full amount assessed by the due date for that term.

Reference: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=14,265,0,0

Graduate students

For most programs, graduate tuition is assessed as an annual program fee, which is divided into three equal installments due at the beginning of academic terms starting in September, January and May.

Reference: https://www.grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students/tuition-fees-cost-living/graduate-tuition-fees
Should you require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact Enrolment Services
https://students.ubc.ca/about-student-services/enrolment-services-advisors.

Sincerely,

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