Resources for International Graduate Students

Settling in to life at UBC

- Ensure you have all required immigration documents, such as a study permit - http://www.students.ubc.ca/international/international-students/before-you-arrive/apply-for-or-extend-your-study-permit

- Consider housing options - http://www.housing.ubc.ca/vancouver

- Register for courses - http://www.students.ubc.ca/international/international-students/before-you-arrive/registering-for-courses/

- Understand your health coverage - http://www.students.ubc.ca/international/international-students/health-care-and-health-insurance/

- Check out UBC orientation schedules - http://orientation.grad.ubc.ca/

- Apply for child-care services (if applicable) - http://www.childcare.ubc.ca/

- Prepare for a smooth cultural transition - http://www.students.ubc.ca/international/international-students/before-you-arrive/cultural-transitions/

- Prepare to work on and/or off campus if interested; if so, apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN) - http://www.students.ubc.ca/international/international-students/working/

- Sign up for the International House weekly community update - http://www.students.ubc.ca/international/about-us/sign-up-for-our-newsletter/

- Check out our International Student Development tutorials for help with various applications (such as MSP, SIN, and TRV) - http://www.students.ubc.ca/international/international-students/study-permits-visas/downloadable-tutorials-visas-permits-health-insurance/

- Reach out to an International Student Advisor (ISA) - http://www.students.ubc.ca/international/about-us/international-student-advisors/ or International Peer Advisor (IPA) if you have questions

- See Citizenship and Immigration Canada's "Living in Canada" guide - http://www.cic.gc.ca/lctvac/english/index

*NOTE: For a more comprehensive list, visit: https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/newly-admitted/checklist-new-graduate-students

Graduate Pathway to Success (GPS) Program

The Graduate Pathways to Success (GPS) program is a palette of non-credit workshops, seminars and other activities designed to complement your graduate program's academic curriculum and mentorship experience. Program offerings cover a wide range of personal and professional development topics to support you throughout your time in graduate school and to allow you to develop some of the skills and competencies needed to thrive as professionals and to make meaningful contributions to society.

Check https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/gps-graduate-pathways-success/gps-workshops-events for an up-do-date listing of workshops and events

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Academic English Support (AES) Program

If you need help improving your academic reading, writing, or note taking in class, or if you simply want to speak English more clearly, AES offers **FREE**, one-on-one academic English support for both undergraduate and graduate students. For registration and more information, visit http://cstudies.ubc.ca/academic-english-support-program/index.html

Student Responsibilities:

- Know the difference between full-time and part-time studies; ensure you stay registered throughout the entire duration of your studies
    - https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/student-status-classification
- Ensure you are aware of intellectual property, academic honesty and standards
    - https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/student-responsibilities/academic-honesty-standards
- Managing Your Program – establishing your study topic; transferring to another degree; extending your program; going on vacation, etc.
    - https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/managing-your-program
- Know exactly what is entailed in Dissertation & Thesis Preparation
    - https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/dissertation-thesis-preparation
- Apply for scholarships and funding
    - https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/scholarships-awards-funding
- Make the most of your supervisor-student relationship
    - https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/supervision-advising

The 'General' Timeline

- End of first year: course work completed; supervisory committee established and has met once
- End of second year: qualifying requirements completed (for PhD students); research work completed (for master's students); at least one supervisory committee meeting completed.
- Maximum time allowed for completing a master's degree: five years
- Maximum time allowed for completing a doctoral degree: six years

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/newly-admitted/new-grad-student-faq

Forms: https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/resources-links/forms

Deadlines: https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/resources-links/deadlines

Contacts: https://www.grad.ubc.ca/contact

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