

Visiting International Student Program (VISP)

Fact Sheet for
Agents & Partners
2026 - 2027



CapU students exploring the UNESCO designated Átl'ka7sem / Howe Sound Biosphere Region, 19km from CapU Main Campus in North Vancouver.

A space to be you.

With our main campus in North Vancouver—where rugged wilderness meets a vibrant city—and additional campuses in some of B.C.'s most breathtaking locations, CapU is excited to welcome VISP students from institutions worldwide to an unforgettable place to live, learn, and explore.

High-impact experiential learning

At Capilano University, VISP students will be part of a welcoming community where faculty and staff are dedicated to their well-being and academic success. With small, dynamic classes and a focus on hands-on learning, their time here will be as enriching as it is unforgettable.

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[A Space to be you](#) (vimeo, 0:15)

Spectacular locations

Surrounded by the majestic mountains and sparkling shoreline of Canada's West Coast, Capilano University spans stunning locations in North Vancouver, Squamish, and Mount Currie.

Our main North Vancouver campus is a vibrant community where mountains meet the sea, offering an active, adventurous lifestyle. Within minutes, you can hike world-class trails, bike rugged terrain, relax on pristine West Coast beaches, or hit the slopes at nearby ski resorts. A quick [SeaBus](#) ride takes you to Vancouver—a diverse, dynamic city celebrated for its innovative food scene and cultural diversity.

Our newest campus, **CapU Squamish**, is set along the breathtaking [Sea-to-Sky Corridor](#)—offering an inspiring natural classroom for hands-on learning and unforgettable outdoor adventures.

From CapU Main Campus

30 min.	to downtown Vancouver
10 min.	to the beach
20 min.	to local mountains

Mild climate

22° C	average July high
7° C	average January high
20.7° C	average September high

Source: Meteorological Service of Canada

Diverse and globally engaged

9,690 students in for-credit programs

4,309 international students

292 Indigenous students

93 countries represented

22 students in an average class

59 student clubs and associations



CapU Main Campus
North Vancouver

“I’m endlessly glad I met the people I did. CapU is very supportive and has great professors and facilities. It’s 100% worth going if you value exploring different cultures, good food, stunning nature, and meeting people from all around the world.”

Iryna Gavriiliuk

Incoming short-term student, the United Kingdom

VISP program

In just one or two semesters, CapU's Visiting International Student Program (VISP) combines academic choice, cultural immersion, and global relevance.

Key benefits for students:

Academic flexibility – Build a custom course package and earn transferable credits through project-based learning.

Spectacular setting – Live and study in North Vancouver surrounded by forests, beaches, mountains, and vibrant city life.

Industry expertise – Learn from faculty who are active professionals with real world experience.

Housing options – Stay in CapU's new on-campus residence (opening in Spring 2026!) or nearby housing.

Personalized support – Our “Hi-Five” support model covers academic, housing, cultural immersion, and buddy supports.

Flexible entry – Students can join VISP for up to 6 months without a study permit ([visitor visa](#) or [eTA](#) may apply).

Recognition – Students receive a certificate of completion at the end of their VISP studies!

VISP academic study options

- [Interdisciplinary Studies](#)
- [Environmental Sciences](#) and [Environmental Studies](#)
- [Business and Administration](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Tourism Management](#)
- [Communication Studies](#)

English study option: [English for Academic Purposes \(EAP\)](#)

The flexibility of 5 intakes at CapU

With five intakes each year, VISP students can start at CapU in the fall, spring, or summer—or choose a fast-paced two-month summer term.

Fall: September to December

Spring: January to April

Summer Full Term: May to August



Porteau Cove, BC
14km from CapU Squamish
18km from CapU Main Campus

Who can join VISP?

VISP is ideal for international students seeking a global experience outside of a traditional route. Whether they are enrolled at a non-partner university or recent high school graduates on a gap year, they can **study and live in Vancouver for up to two terms** while exploring Canada's West Coast lifestyle.

Travelling to Canada and Vancouver

CapU's mobility and global engagement programs are subject to safe and secure travel and living conditions. These are determined by global and host country health and travel advisories, Government of Canada travel advisories, and relevant CapU policies. travel.gc.ca.



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DestinationVancouver.com

Dates & Planning

Term, Orientation, and Exam Dates

Term	Term Dates*	Orientation Dates*	Exam Dates*
Spring 2026	Jan 5-Apr 10	Early Jan	Apr 14-23
Summer 2026	May 11-Aug 21	Early May	Aug
Fall 2026	Sep 8-Dec 7	Aug 20 Sept 3	Dec 9-17
Spring 2027	Jan 4-Apr 9	Jan 4	Apr 12-21
Summer 2027	May 10-Aug 20	May 20	by Aug 20
Summer 2027 Session I term dates: Early May-late June			
Summer 2027 Session II term dates: Early July-late August			

*Exact dates available 6-8 months prior or please email studyabroad@capilanou.ca

Visa and study permit

Before applying, students are advised to [find out if they need a study permit](#) and if you need a [visitor visa](#) (temporary resident visa) or an [electronic travel authorization](#) (eTA).

Getting to North Vancouver

Main airport: [Vancouver International Airport \(YVR\)](#)

Getting to CapU: [The Canada Line](#) is an easy and affordable transportation connection to downtown Vancouver and the city of Richmond. From downtown Vancouver, [SeaBus](#) is the most convenient and scenic connection to North Vancouver.

Accommodation

CapU offers convenient [student residence](#) near campus with meals, Wi-Fi, and laundry included. [Other options](#) such as fully furnished shared housing is available through [GEC](#). CapU's Global Engagement Team can support students with accommodation research; however, students should review amenities, terms, and refund policy before signing contracts. **A new on-campus residence is opening in Spring 2026!**

Planning and registering for courses

Step 1 – Course Planning: VISP students can choose courses from a wide range within their enrolled [program](#). Students who plan to transfer credits to their Home Institution or another university should **confirm transfer eligibility with that institution** before submitting the [VISP Student Course Approval Form](#).

Step 2 – Course Approval: Desired or pre-approved courses will be assessed and approvals emailed directly to students (cc: agent/partner). While approvals for courses outside the enrolled program are not guaranteed, every effort is made to have them assessed and approved.

Step 3 – Course Registration: VISP students build their own schedule and register for their courses independently through the [Registration page](#).

CapU Global Engagement Team provides VISP students supports and guidance each step of the way.

Fees

Tuition and Mandatory Fees | VISP students pay standard international tuition fees to CapU. Students should also plan for books and supplies and [mandatory fees](#).

Health Insurance | VISP students must be enrolled in [GuardMe](#), a private health insurance company contracted by CapU. This *mandatory* basic health insurance, at \$2 per day, ensures our VISP students have adequate coverage during their stay, regardless of individual health plans.

UPass | All VISP students must pay for [UPass BC](#), a subsidized student transportation pass, which is included in mandatory fees (\$191.40 per term).

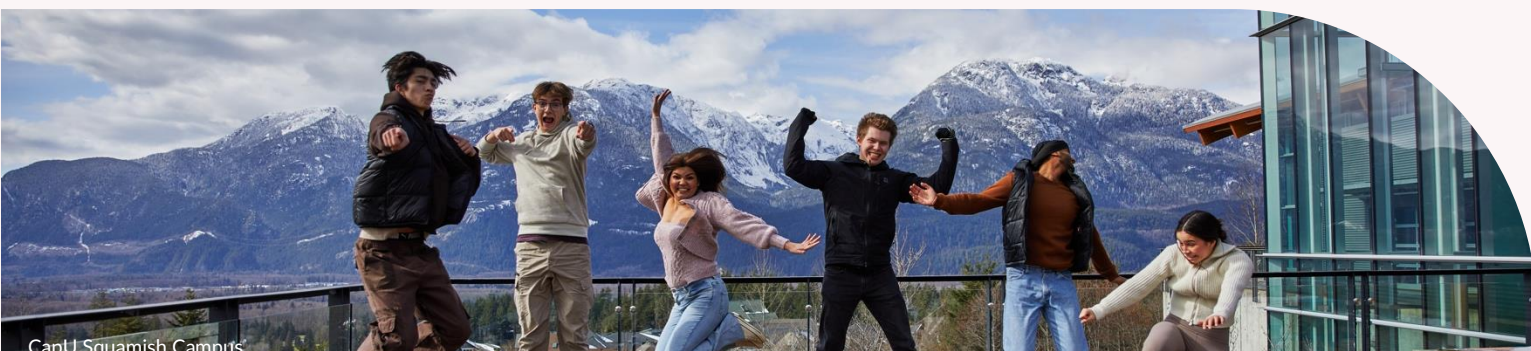
Academic Course Fees* 2026-27	2 courses 6.0 credits	3 courses 9.0 credits	4 courses 12.0 credits
Tuition*	4,345	6,518	8,691
GuardMe	240	240	240
Accommodation	5,700	5,700	5,700

*additional [Mandatory Fees](#) apply

EAP Program Fees* 2026-27	050 or 060 or 070 or 080 level 15.0 credits with each level	090 level 12.0 credits
Tuition & Fees	9630	7921
GuardMe	240	240
Accommodation	5,700	5,700

*EAP is CapU's [English for Academic Purposes](#) program

*In CAD\$, based on a 4-month term, rounded to the whole number; accommodation fees based on CapU Residence's double/shared occupancy. **Note:** 9.0 credits is considered a full time course load at CapU; Consult CapU's [Tuition & Fee Estimator](#) for details.



Hi-Five Supports

A space for the VISP adventure

Statutory holidays and university closure days are great chances to explore BC and Vancouver. Whether VISP students want to explore the nearby [Vancouver Island](#) and [Sunshine Coast](#), local hike trails, or wander through interesting neighborhoods, these short trips are often paths to memorable and transformative experiences. CapU's Study Abroad Buddies and Global Engagement Team are here to offer planning supports and local tips!

University Closures	Dates
New Year's Day	Jan 1, 2026
BC Family Day	Feb 16, 2026
Reading Break	Feb 17-20, 2026
Good Friday Easter Monday	Apr 3, 2026 Apr 6, 2026
Victoria Day	May 18, 2026
Canada Day	Jul 1, 2026
BC Day	Aug 3, 2026
Labour Day	Sep 7, 2026
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Sep 30, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 12, 2026
Remembrance Day	Nov 11, 2026
Year-End	Dec 24, 2025 to Jan 1, 2026
BC Family Day	Feb 15, 2027
Reading Break	Mid-Feb, 2027 (to come)
Good Friday Easter Monday	Mar 26, 2027 Mar 29, 2027
Victoria Day	May 24, 2027
Canada Day	Jul 1, 2027
BC Day	Aug 2, 2027

Visit [Academic Schedule and Important Dates](#)

1 Arrival Preparation Session Held about two months before your arrival, the aim of this session is to equip VISP students with supports and checklists as they are planning for their studies at CapU and life in Canada.

2 Orientation Session About two weeks before classes start, this session provides an overview of everything from academic tips to finding the way around campus and surrounding areas.

3 Study Abroad Ambassador (Buddy)

Program VISP students are paired with Study Abroad Ambassadors—current students who've experienced studying abroad at one of CapU's partner institutions! These dedicated Buddies are excited to welcome new VISP students, helping them navigate both the practical and fun sides of living and learning in Canada and at CapU. VISP students will meet their Buddies during the Welcome Week!

4 Mid-Semester Cultural Social A great way to take a break from classes to connect with fellow CapU students through a fun, cultural social event hosted by Study Abroad Buddies.

Hi-Five Farewell Cultural Social All good things must come to an end. Or do they? This social is an opportunity for students to reflect on their time at CapU and celebrate their achievements before heading home—and, from there, continue nurturing connections made at CapU!

Transcript & course transfer

CapU uses a [letter grade system](#). Students may request an official transcript through their [myCapU Account](#), following instructions at [Transcripts and Forms](#). Prior to arrival, students are responsible to ensure their credits earned at CapU are transferrable to their Home Institution.



Inviting your Applications

Application deadlines

Term Semester	Application Deadline
Spring 2026	Oct 15, 2025
Summer 2026	Feb 15, 2026
Fall 2026	May 31, 2026
Spring 2027	Oct 15, 2026
Summer 2027	Feb 15, 2027

5 Steps to apply to CapU as a VISP student

Step 1: Choose from one of the [VISP Study Options](#).

Step 2: [Apply online](#) through EducationPlanner BC with:

1. A non-refundable application fee of C\$135.
2. [Visiting Student Course Approval Form](#) (pdf).
3. Proof of English Language Proficiency based on regular [English Language Requirements](#) (**Note: Duolingo of 110 is accepted for VISP students**). If submitting Duolingo English Test (DET) or TOEFL, please assign your report to CapU for verifications at DET and TOEFL (CapU code: 0505). Students with lower English proficiency may be eligible for selected courses. Visit [VISP Study Options](#)
4. Transcripts and related documents:

- **High school applicants:** International high school transcript and proof of graduation, including certified translation in English, where applicable.

Post-secondary applicants: (1) Post-secondary transcripts, including a certified translation in English, when applicable; (2) Letter of Permission from your Home Institution. This letter must state that the applicant is currently a student in good standing at the Home Institution and has been permitted to spend a semester abroad as a VISP student at CapU. It must also indicate the program the applicant is approved to take at CapU and the term in which the program may be taken; (3) A Financial Guarantee Letter if you have one.

VISP and exchange students with their Study Abroad Buddies at the Quarry Rock Lookout in Deep Cove, North Vancouver



Step 3: Receive an **acknowledgement letter** (sent to the student with a cc: agent/partner), which includes details such as Student ID, email address, and instructions on how to log into myCapU account and track the application status.

Step 4: Receive a **letter of offer** (sent to the student with a cc: agent/partner). To confirm their acceptance, the student must pay a tuition deposit, which will go towards their first semester tuition once they are registered for CapU courses. **Note:** If a Financial Guarantee Letter is submitted, a letter of acceptance will be issued directly

Step 5: Receive a **letter of acceptance** (sent to the student with a cc: agent/partner) which includes information related to visa/study permit, course registration and course catalogue, accommodation, and orientation.

More: [Admission Requirements for VISP Students](#)

Staying connected

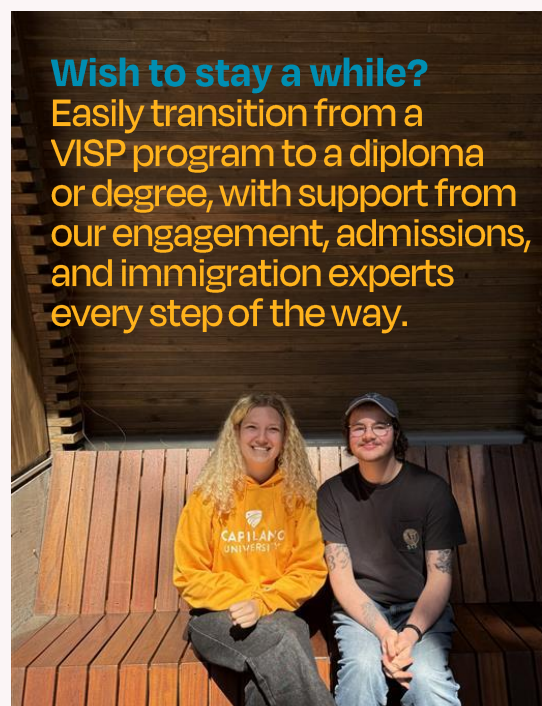
VISP students will receive a CapU email address and access to their [myCapU Account](#) and [eLearn](#) portal. All official communications will be sent to their CapU email. If you have any questions about VISP programming, please contact our team at visp@capilanou.ca. We are excited to support you!

From sea to sky Pause to Explore.

CapU Squamish Campus

Located along the spectacular [Sea-to-Sky Route](#) just 45 minutes to the world-class Whistler Ski Resort and 60 minutes to Vancouver, B.C., CapU Squamish is also situated along Canada's 19th UNESCO Biosphere Region, the spectacular [Howe Sound](#).

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[CapU Squamish](#) (vimeo, 0:41)



Papaya Gundertofte, short term study abroad science student from Denmark enjoying a sunny day at CapU Main Campus in North Vancouver with her study abroad buddy, **Elliot Walker**, CapU 4th year Bachelor of Motion Picture Arts student (Spring 2026)

Fulmer Family Centre for Childhood Studies at CapU Main Campus

This state-of-the-art facility brings together innovative teaching, cutting-edge research, and hands-on learning environments for the Department of Early Childhood Care & Education. It also expands the Children's Centre with 74 new childcare spaces, enhancing our commitment to supporting both students and families.

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[Fulmer Family Centre for Childhood Studies](#)



CapU Main Campus in North Vancouver

Nestled among lush forests and towering mountains, and just minutes from downtown Vancouver, CapU's main campus in North Vancouver is perfectly situated for both outdoor adventurers and urban explorers. The Vancouver area offers a safe, stunning, and culturally rich environment—famous for its active lifestyle, vibrant food scene, and unique cultural experiences.



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[CapU Main Campus North Vancouver](#) (video, 1:06)



Nat & Flora BOSA Centre for Film and Animation CapU Main Campus

The Gold LEED Certified, state-of-the-art BOSA Centre is a vibrant hub for film, TV, animation, visual effects (VFX), costuming, gaming, and motion picture industries. Here, you'll learn from instructors actively shaping these fields and gain hands-on experience in cutting-edge studios equipped for shooting, digital production, costuming, editing, and screening, fueling the next generation of industry leaders.



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[Nat & Flora BOSA Centre for Film and Animation](#)
featuring: Bachelor of Motion Picture Arts Degree





Join the canoe Family

kw'cháys is a 30-foot Coast Salish canoe commissioned in 2018 to celebrate CapU's 50th anniversary. The canoe is incorporated into convocation and new student orientation to symbolize the beginning and end of student journeys at CapU. Following cultural protocol, the University hosts ceremonies to awaken Skw'cháys every spring and put him to sleep every fall.

Ses siyam (Ray Natraoro) and Xats'alanexw siyam (Victor Harry) carved the seaworthy hunting canoe in the winter of 2019, giving students, employees and the community the unique opportunity to witness the transformation from tree to canoe.

The stunning black-and-red canoe was named in a moving ceremony led by leaders of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation that same year. The canoe is part of ongoing efforts to Indigenize and decolonize education at the University and affirm CapU as an inclusive place for Indigenous peoples.

CapU is on a pathway of learning how to be a responsible canoe family and how to honour its relationship with Indigenous peoples and with Skw'cháys.

"We don't select the tree.
The tree chooses us
because it was meant to be
a canoe. The wood is the
master, I'm only the tool...
We make a spiritual
connection with the tree."

**Master Carver Ses siyam
(Ray Natraoro)**

Connect With Us

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Additional campuses

CAPU SQUAMISH CAMPUS
káłax-ay SUNSHINE COAST CAMPUS
CAPU LONSDALE
TŚZIL LEARNING CENTRE



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Programming.

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Capilano University is a public, comprehensive university recognized under British Columbia's Universities Act and holds the Education Quality Assurance designation. We are also a proud member of Universities Canada, which includes about 90 accredited universities nationwide.

Capilano University is named after Chief Joe Capilano (1854–1910), an important leader of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the unceded territories of the səłilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.

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