UBC Vantage College

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Introduction

The University of British Columbia has established UBC Vantage College on its Vancouver campus to offer programs that broaden the capacity of the University to attract and support outstanding international students.

The College offers a first-year program for international students from a wide variety of school systems, and with different linguistic and cultural backgrounds, to have the opportunity to transition into the second year of a UBC degree programs upon successful completion.

The program has been designed for international secondary school students who demonstrate a strong potential to succeed in university, but who may benefit from smaller class sizes and additional academic, language, and social supports. Students will form a cohort within the program that includes academic language preparation, additional academic support, and the completion of first-year coursework.

Upon successful completion of this 11-month program, students will have completed a minimum of 24 credits of first-year coursework applicable to a degree program and are assessed for transition into the second year of study towards a UBC Bachelor’s degree in the Faculties of Arts, Science, Applied Science, and Management.

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Admission

Applicants apply to UBC Vantage College via an online application form. The fundamental principles governing admission to UBC Vantage College are the mandate to diversify the international student population and the capacity of the student to matriculate into a UBC degree program.

Academic Admission requirements are specified in Admissions (Calendar page: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,309,0,0#23351).

Academic Regulations

Students are reminded that they are subject to the University’s Policies and Regulations (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,0,0,0), and are directed especially to Student Declaration and Responsibility (Calendar page: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,285,0,0#15613), Academic Honesty and Standards (Calendar page: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,286,0,0#15620), and Academic Freedom (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,33,0,0). For links to further regulations relating to the College, students should check the College’s website (http://www.vantagecollege.ubc.ca).

The program-level regulations in effect at the time a student is admitted into UBC Vantage College apply as long as the program is completed within the normal time limit and without interruption because of poor academic performance.
In all cases, when program regulations change after the student is admitted to UBC Vantage College, the student may choose to follow the new set of regulations but may not be required to do so as long as the student is making satisfactory progress toward the program.

**Advising and Academic Information**

UBC Vantage College is open Monday through Friday in Orchard Commons, 6363 Agronomy Road, Vancouver Campus, 604.827.0337. Front counter staff and academic advisors are there to assist students in their general academic planning, in interpreting academic regulations and course requirements, and in resolving academic and personal problems. Students must register in and withdraw from courses in consultation and with the approval of academic advising staff.

**Program Requirements**

Students are required to take courses designed to prepare them for entry to participating undergraduate degree programs and UBC Vantage College reserves the right to limit student enrolment accordingly. Specific course requirements will be set out by the College from time to time and will be adjusted to synchronize with undergraduate degree program first-year curricula. With permission of the College, students may take up to 6 credits of 100-level UBC coursework not included in the 11-month International Program.

**UBC Vantage College International Program Streams**

**Arts Stream**

Students must complete:

- A minimum of 18 credits of the following paired courses (i.e., 3 pairs):
  
  GEOG 121 and GEOG 122;
  HIST 104 and HIST 105;
  POLI 100 and POLI 220
  PSYC 101 and PSYC 102
  SOCI 101 and SOCI 102;
  • ASTU 204A
  • LLED 200
  • VANT 140
  • VANT 148 and VANT 149
  • WRDS 150
  • Elective

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Total Credits

1 ASTU 204A is a temporary course prefix and number; a new course proposal is being prepared.
2 Credits will not count toward requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree at UBC.
3 In consultation with UBC Vantage College program advisors, students select a 3-credit Arts elective course.

Engineering Stream

Students must complete:

- APSC 160
- APSC 172
- APSC 173
- APSC 176
- APSC 178
- APSC 179
- APSC 180
- APSC 182
- APSC 183
- LLED 200[^1]
- LLED 201[^1]
- VANT 140[^1]
- VANT 150
- VANT 151

Total Credits

[^1]: Credits will not count toward requirements for a Bachelor of Applied Science degree at UBC.
Management Stream

Students must complete:

- ECON 101 and ECON 102
- LLED 200
- MGMT 100 and MGMT 110
- PSYC 101 and PSYC 102
- SOCI 101 and SOCI 102¹
- VANT 140²
- VANT 148 and VANT 149
- WRDS 150³ and ASTU 204¹

Total Credits

40

¹ Students must register in UBC Vantage College specific course sections.
² Credits will not count toward requirements for a Bachelor of Management degree in the Faculty of Management at UBC Okanagan.
³ WRDS 150 will fulfill the English requirement for the Faculty of Management at UBC Okanagan. A minimum grade of 60% is required for WRDS 150.

Science Stream

Students must complete:

- One of EOSC 110 or CPSC 110
- Two of CHEM 123, CPSC 103, CPSC 121, or both PHYS 118 and 119
- CHEM 121
- LLED 200⁴ and LLED 201⁴
- MATH 110 or MATH 100
- MATH 101
• PHYS 117

• SCIE 113

• VANT 140

• VANT 148 and VANT 149

**Total Credits**

40-42

Credits will not count toward requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree at UBC.

Total Credits will depend on the student's academic background and intended area of study in a Bachelor of Science program, i.e., one of the physical or computational sciences.

Students in the 11-month International Program failing two or more courses will be required to withdraw. Subject to approval by the College and payment of a supplemental fee, students failing one course will be able to re-take the course during a supplemental term.

### Transition into UBC Degree Programs

The Vantage One program is an 11-month program. Continuation at UBC and promotion to the second year are evaluated annually, upon completion of the Vantage One program. An interim academic performance evaluation is conducted for each student upon completion of the Winter session.

Successful completion of the Vantage program meets the ELAS requirement ([http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,19,0,0](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,19,0,0)) for all direct-entry undergraduate programs, though each program may determine its own admission requirements.

### Arts Stream

UBC Vantage College students in the Arts stream who pass all courses with an average of at least 60% will be eligible for year two of the B.A. degree program.

Students who do not successfully complete the full UBC Vantage College program or who achieve an average lower than 60% in the full program will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, where there is evidence of academic promise for study in Arts. For more detailed information on the criteria used in these case-by-case decisions, please see [vantagecollege.ubc.ca/progression-second-year](http://vantagecollege.ubc.ca/progression-second-year).

### Engineering Stream

The Faculty of Applied Science delivers engineering programs at both UBC campuses: Okanagan and Vancouver. The Faculty has reserved space for all UBC Vantage College Engineering stream students to be able to transition to a second-year program. Half of the reserved spaces are located on the Okanagan campus, and the other half are located at the Vancouver campus.

UBC Vantage College students who pass all courses in the Engineering stream with an average of at least 60% will be eligible for year two of the B.A.Sc. degree program.

Program selection is competitive, and all students will be asked to rank both their preferred campus and their eligible program.
Academic performance at the end of the Winter Session and a personal statement are considered in placing students into programs in second year.

Students who do not successfully complete the full UBC Vantage College Engineering stream or who achieve an average lower than 60% in the full program can apply to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for evidence of academic promise for continued study in Engineering at UBC. For more detailed information on the criteria used in these case-by-case decisions, please see vantagecollege.ubc.ca/progression-second-year.

The UBC Vantage College Engineering stream is not equivalent to the direct entry B.A.Sc. first year program. Therefore, while successful completion of the Vantage College Engineering stream will result in eligibility for second-year standing, there are program requirements normally completed in first year that will not have been met and that must be completed prior to graduation. Please consult here for details on Vancouver Engineering programs and here for details on Okanagan Engineering programs.

Eligible programs include: Okanagan Campus: Electrical, Mechanical, and Civil Engineering. Vancouver Campus: Chemical, Chemical and Biological, Computer, Electrical, Environmental, Geological, Integrated, Materials, and Mining Engineering.

Management Stream

UBC Vantage College students in the Management stream who pass all courses with an average of at least 60% and who achieve at least 60% in WRDS 150 will be eligible for year two of the B.Mgt. degree program offered at UBC Okanagan.

Students who do not successfully complete the full UBC Vantage College program or who do not meet progression requirements for year 1 will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, where there is evidence of academic promise for study in Management. For more detailed information on the criteria used in these case-by-case decisions, please see vantagecollege.ubc.ca/progression-second-year.

Science Stream

UBC Vantage College students who pass all courses in any Science stream with an average of at least 60% will be eligible for year two of the B.Sc. degree program.

Students who do not successfully complete the full UBC Vantage College program or who achieve an average lower than 60% in the full program will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, where there is evidence of academic promise for study in Science. For more detailed information on the criteria used in these case-by-case decisions, please see vantagecollege.ubc.ca/progression-second-year.

Attendance

Regular attendance is required of students in all lectures, laboratories, tutorials, and seminars. Students who neglect academic work and assignments in a course may be excluded from the final examination. Students who are unavoidably absent from scheduled classes because of illness or disability should report to their instructors immediately on return. Students whose attendance or academic performance is severely affected by medical, emotional, or other extenuating circumstances should apply for special consideration through the Principal’s office.

Email Communication

Email is the preferred means for the College administration and faculty members to communicate important messages to students. It is the responsibility of all program students to ensure that their current email address is accurately recorded on the Student Service
Centre (http://students.ubc.ca/ssc) (SSC) and to read email sent to that account on a regular basis. Free email accounts (http://id.ubc.ca) are available for all UBC students, but any email account may be registered through the SSC.