



Guide

to UNBC

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UNBC's motto is a phrase from Carrier elders and means that every person has a viewpoint worth consideration. It reflects the spirit of academic inquiry and learning from others.

2005

Above: UNBC Scholar Chantell Lukeniuk of Fort St James (top), skylights and the Conference Centre (left), and the Teaching Laboratory (right).

The UNBC Difference

The success of UNBC is the result of an approach to education that recognizes the importance of quality teaching, personal attention, groundbreaking research, and being relevant to the North.

A spirit of adventure characterizes UNBC. Students and faculty come from across British Columbia and around the world to enjoy a beautiful campus with state-of-the-art technology, a personal learning environment, and the lifestyle available in a rich, northern Canadian environment. The atmosphere at UNBC encourages ingenuity in the search for new discoveries.

The UNBC Vision Statement

To be a student-centered, research-intensive university; uniquely northern and personal in character; of national and international acclaim; responsive to the region it serves.



Student

At UNBC...

- There are 3664 students. 64.5% are from northern BC, 26% are from southern BC, and 9.5% are from outside of BC, including international.
- 336 self-declared First Nations students registered for the 2004 Fall semester.
- There are 127 international students and 35 exchange students.
- The most popular majors for full-time undergraduates are Biology, English, and Accounting.
- The average grade of students entering UNBC directly from secondary school is 81.2%.
- Based on full-time undergraduate studies, Canadian students paid \$4029.60 in tuition in 04/05, while international students paid \$12,088.80.
- 30% of first and second year classes and 61% of third and fourth year classes have fewer than 25 students.
- 71% of Co-op student work placements were in northern BC, 9% were elsewhere in the province, and 20% were in the rest of Canada or international.

Focused

UNBC sets itself apart from other universities in so many ways, including its outgoing northern personality. Students are not numbers at UNBC—small class sizes allow students to get to know each other well, and work one-on-one with their professors. The result is a relaxed, non-pretentious, and productive environment in which students can grow both academically and socially.



UNBC students Moezine Hasham, Tabitha Hankins, and Phillip Krauskopf enjoy a beautiful winter morning on their way to class.

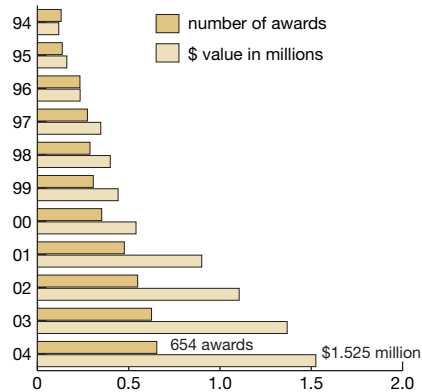
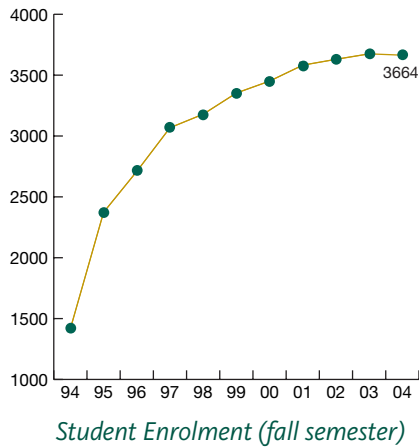
UNBC Alumni

Surveys of UNBC grads find that they are highly employed, more satisfied, and making more money – on average – than the graduates of other BC universities.

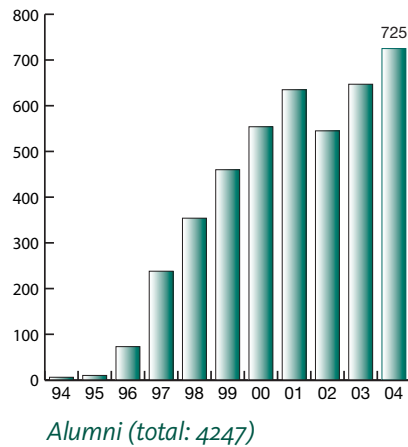


Catherine Verhaeghe of Williams Lake graduated from the Weekend University with a BA First Nations Studies.

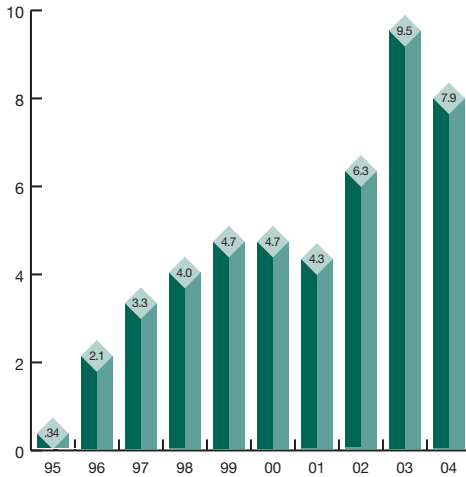
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Scholarships & Bursaries



In the North for



Research Funding (\$ value in millions)

Money Matters

- Major research programs are investigating offshore oil and gas, the spread of the mountain pine beetle, regional economic development, and genetic determinants of health.
- Operating Budget 2004-05: \$49.38 million
- Statement of Operations:
Total revenues: \$69.4 million
Total expenditures: \$67.4 million (fiscal 2003-04)

www.unbc.ca/reports/

It's fitting that UNBC is the only university in Canada with "northern" in its name. From the content of degree programs to the location of alumni after graduation, UNBC has an important mandate to support the social, economic, cultural, political, and environmental development of the North.

The new Northern Medical Program, for example, was created after thousands rallied for a solution to the chronic shortage of healthcare professionals in northern BC. This year, the NMP's first students began their studies in Prince George – they're gaining the skills necessary to practice medicine in rural and northern communities.

Much of UNBC's research is uniquely focused on northern issues. There are hundreds of research projects underway, with many utilizing a growing research infrastructure:

- Research forests at Aleza Lake and north of Fort St James
- An integrated resource management program in northeastern BC's Muskwa-Kechika area
- Landscape ecology research at the Quesnel River Research Centre in Likely
- Tree research in the I.K. Barber Enhanced Forestry Lab at UNBC's Prince George campus
- Several other research institutes dedicated to northern community development, child welfare, adolescents and children with special needs, social indicators, and rural health

UNBC also offers a number of programs and courses in communities across northern BC, allowing many students to complete degrees without leaving their jobs and families.

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Did you know?

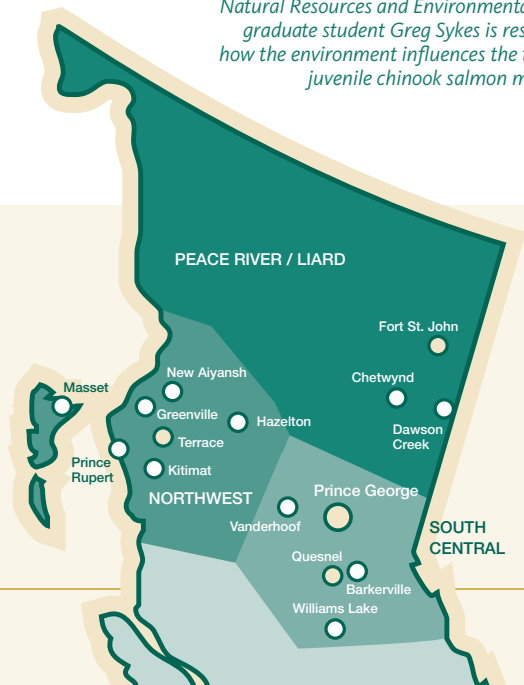
In its capacity as the International Academic Office for the University of the Arctic, UNBC is at the centre of the most important new educational venture in the circumpolar North.

Natural Resources and Environmental Studies graduate student Greg Sykes is researching how the environment influences the timing of juvenile chinook salmon migration.

UNBC Regional Operations

UNBC has regional campuses in Terrace, Quesnel and Fort St John, and in 2003-04, courses were offered in 15 communities around northern BC and the Yukon. The number of students registered increased by 5% over the previous year, while course offerings increased by 13%.

www.unbc.ca/regops/



Around Campus



Above: An aerial view of the Prince George campus (October 2004).

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| 1 Student Residence (Neyoh) | 8 Bentley Centre |
| 2 Student Residence (Keyoh) | 9 Geoffrey R. Weller Library |
| 3 Childcare Centre | 10 Research Laboratory |
| 4 Conference/Fitness Centre | 11 Teaching Laboratory |
| 5 Administration Building | 12 Northern Health Sciences Centre |
| 6 Agora and Courtyard | 13 I.K. Barber Enhanced Forestry Lab |
| 7 Telus Student Street | |

Northern Sport Centre

UNBC is working with various community and sport organizations to bring an athletic facility to the Prince George campus. The Northern Sport Centre would support athlete training and development, provide recreational space for the public, and attract large tournaments and events, helping to diversify and grow northern communities.

www.unbc.ca/nsc/

On Our Campuses...

- Prince George campus: 654,698 square feet.
- There are 318 non-academic employees.
- There are 177 full-time faculty and 131 part-time academic faculty.
- The student residence has 540 units, at \$1930.70 per student per semester.
- 80 children were registered for Childcare in the fall semester.
- The Library holdings total 617,236 items. UNBC spends over \$1.7 million annually on new acquisitions.
- Roughly 92,588 cups of coffee were sold on campus in 2004.

Making a Mark

UNBC Rankings

A Top 10 University

In 2004, the annual Maclean's magazine ranking of Canadian universities placed UNBC as the top small university in western Canada, and 7th among primarily undergraduate universities across Canada.

Best in BC: Alumni

A Maclean's survey of university graduates in 2004 illustrated that UNBC alumni were among the most satisfied in Canada. In measuring the quality of the learning environment, for example, UNBC grads put their university in the top-10 with the highest ranking in BC.

Student Satisfaction

A national survey of more than 11,000 first-year university students found that UNBC students were more satisfied with almost every aspect of their freshman experience than students from other Canadian universities. The percentage of UNBC students who said that their first-year experience exceeded their expectations was nearly double the national average.

Research Intensity

A national survey of research activity commissioned by the National Post placed UNBC in the top-20 among all universities in Canada for its research intensity. Measured by research income, activity, and publications, UNBC placed higher than many older and larger universities, including some with medical schools.

Ten Years Strong

UNBC celebrated the 10th anniversary of its opening in 2004. Although still young, the University is establishing a national and international reputation as a result of its personal learning environment, quality programs, research activity, and focus on the North. This emerging reputation is being strengthened by new developments such as the Northern Medical Program.

Below: The Northern Health Sciences Centre, home of the acclaimed Northern Medical Program.



UNBC Programs

Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Applied Science, BASc **

- Environmental Engineering

Bachelor of Arts, BA

Majors:

- Anthropology *
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Studies
- First Nations Studies
- General Arts
- Geography
- History *
- International Studies *
- Northern Studies
- Political Science
- Resource-Based Tourism
- Women's Studies

Joint Majors:

- Economics & Political Science
- English & History
- English & Political Science
- English & Women's Studies
- First Nations Studies & Women's Studies
- History & Political Science
- History & Women's Studies
- International Studies & Political Science
- Political Science & Women's Studies

Bachelor of Commerce, BComm

Majors:

- Accounting
- Finance
- General Business
- International Business
- Marketing

Bachelor of Education, BEd

- Elementary
- Secondary

Bachelor of Science, BSc

Majors:

- Biology
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Environmental Planning
- Environmental Science
- General Science
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Natural Resources Management–Forestry
- Natural Resources Management–Resource Recreation

- Natural Resources Management–Wildlife and Fisheries
- Physics
- Psychology *

Joint Majors:

- Biology & Chemistry
- Chemistry & Computer Science
- Chemistry & Mathematics
- Chemistry & Physics
- Computer Science & Mathematics
- Computer Science & Physics
- Mathematics & Physics

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, BScN

- Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program
- Post-diploma Baccalaureate Nursing Program

Bachelor of Social Work, BSW

Northern Medical Program, MD ***

Diploma Programs

- Aboriginal Health Sciences
- First Nations Language

Certificate Programs

- Aboriginal Community Resource Planning
- Aboriginal Health Sciences
- First Nations Language
- First Nations Public Administration
- General First Nations Studies
- Metis Studies
- Nisga'a Studies
- Public Administration
- Rural and Northern Nursing
- Traditional Environmental Knowledge

* Honours offered

** A joint UBC/UNBC degree

*** A UBC degree offered in partnership with UNBC

All undergraduate programs offer co-op opportunities with the exception of Nursing, Social Work, Education, and the Northern Medical Program, which provide other opportunities to gain practical work experience.



Graduate Degrees

- Business Administration, MBA
- Community Health, MSc
- Disability Management, MA
- Education, MEd
Curriculum and Instruction
Counselling
- First Nations Studies, MA
- Gender Studies, MA
- History, MA
- Interdisciplinary Studies, MA
- International Studies, MA
Regional Relations
International Development
Global Environmental Policy
- Mathematics, Computer & Physical Sciences, MSc
Mathematics
Computer Science
Chemistry
Physics
- Natural Resources & Environmental Studies, MA
Geography
Environmental Studies
Tourism
- Natural Resources & Environmental Studies, MSc
Biology
Environmental Science
Forestry
Geography
Recreational Resource Management
- Natural Resources & Environmental Studies, MNRES
- Natural Resources & Environmental Studies, PhD
- Political Science, MA
- Psychology, MSc & PhD
- Social Work, MSW

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