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UNBC UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

2019/20 Aboriginal Student Handbook



Welcome!

On behalf of the University of Northern British Columbia, I acknowledge the Aboriginal communities on whose territories UNBC serves. It is truly an honour to share knowledge, teach, learn, conduct research, and live in Northern British Columbia.

At the core of UNBC's values is our motto, 'En Cha Hunà, a phrase inspired by Dakelh Elders meaning "that person also lives." The motto, interpreted as respecting all forms of life, inspires us to be a community and reminds us of our commitment to the success of Aboriginal students and to furthering Aboriginal initiatives.

As a culturally respectful and responsive University, UNBC is committed to working with and learning from the Aboriginal peoples of this region and beyond, while providing the appropriate supports and services to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal learners.

UNBC is an extraordinary place filled with tremendous academic opportunities. The Aboriginal Student Handbook is filled with information meant to show you how attending UNBC can shape your future.

Our students, faculty, staff, and alumni all make meaningful contributions to society and the communities we serve. We are inspired by the next generation of leaders and look forward to learning with you.

Join us at UNBC – our community will make you feel welcome the moment you set foot on campus, and help you become the leader I know you are.



Dr. Daniel Weeks,
President and Vice-Chancellor

A fundamental step in honouring and respecting First Nations Peoples is to acknowledge traditional territory. As part of the University's protocol, territorial acknowledgement is an important part of our institutional practice. UNBC is located and serves diverse traditional territories that are home to numerous First Nations and other Aboriginal groups. The Prince George campus is situated on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh, part of the Dakelh (Carrier) First Nations.

The South-Central campus in Quesnel is situated on the traditional territory of the Lhtako Dené (Red Bluff Band), Nazko, Lhoosk'uz Dené Nation (Kluskus Band), and ?Esdilagh First Nations (formerly Alexandria Band). Lhtako, Nazko, and Lhoosk'uz are Dakelh First Nations, and ?Esdilagh is a member of the Tsilhqot'in Nation.

The Peace River-Liard campus in Fort St. John is situated on the traditional territory of the Doig River, Blueberry River and Halfway River First Nations. They are the Dunne-Za people.

The Northwest campus in Terrace is situated on traditional Ts'msyen (Tsimshian) territory of the Kitsumkalum and Kitselas First Nations. It includes a satellite campus in the coastal community of Prince Rupert.

UNBC also holds an affiliation agreement with the Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl (House of Wisdom) Nisga'a Institute (WWNI), a federated Aboriginal post-secondary institution established in 1993. The WWNI is located in the Nass Valley and the village of Gitwinksihlkw, B.C.



“UNBC is a very welcoming place, and from the first day, I have felt at home here.”

– Garfield Staats
Six Nations Mohawk
BA Student
Political Science and Environmental Studies



13% of all UNBC Students Self-Identified as Aboriginal

1:7 faculty to student ratio

UNBC was the first university in B.C. to offer Bachelor's Degrees in First Nations Studies

UNBC was the first university in Canada to offer Master's Degrees in First Nations Studies

236 courses featuring Aboriginal Content



Greetings from the First Nations Centre!

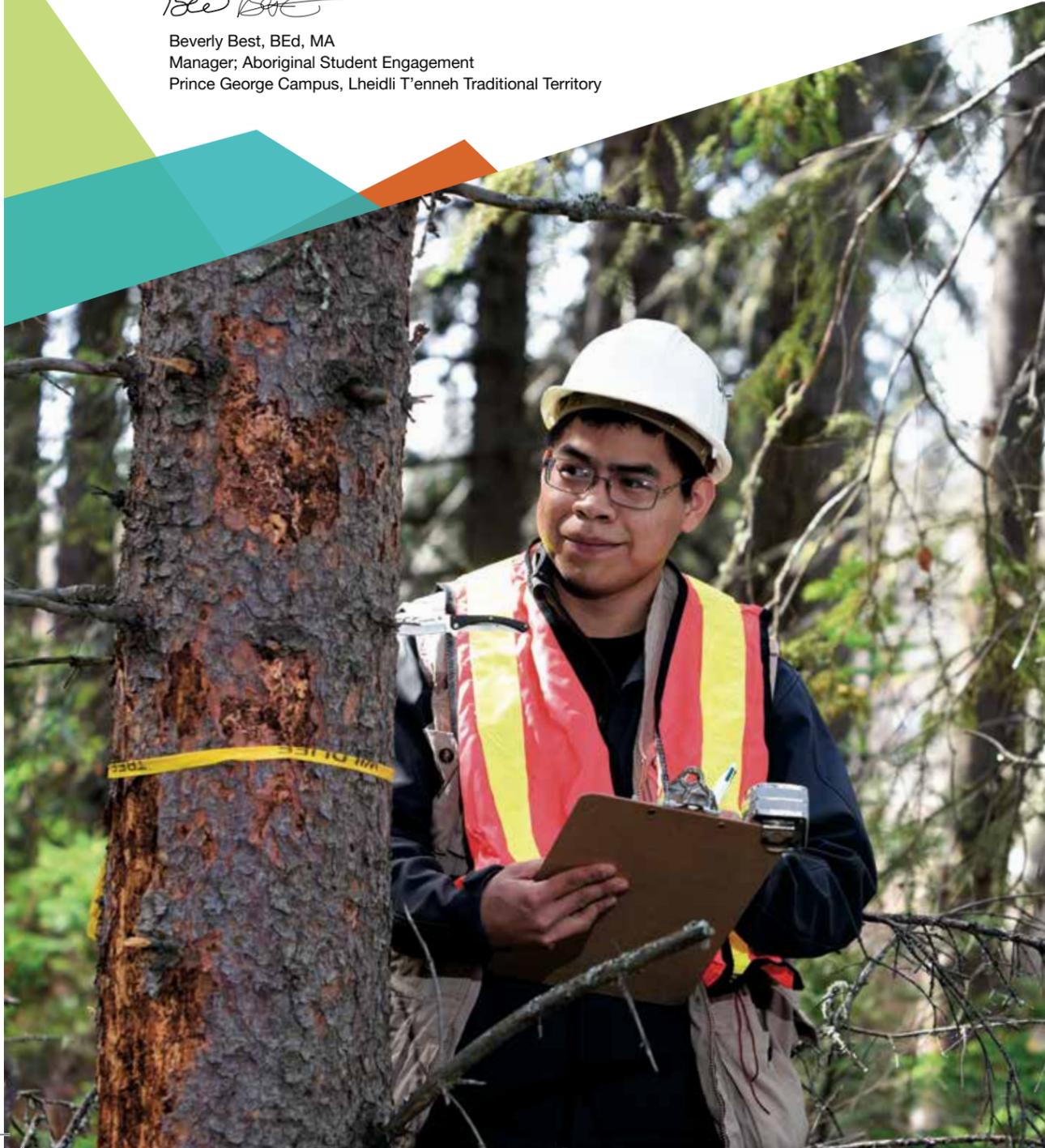
On behalf of the First Nations Centre at UNBC I welcome you. Navigating your way through university can sometimes be challenging and we at the First Nations Centre are here to help and provide supports as you make your way through your educational journey.

The First Nations Centre has been identified by many students as a “home away from home” and we hope to continue that legacy. All of the staff at the First Nations Centre specialize in different areas of student life and are here to help, support, and guide students to success in higher education. We have faith in every student’s ability to succeed and are honoured to be on that journey with you, both culturally and academically.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you through the many formal and informal functions at the First Nations Centre and throughout UNBC. If you see me on campus, please do not hesitate to say Hi.

Snachailya!

Beverly Best, BEd, MA
Manager; Aboriginal Student Engagement
Prince George Campus, Lheidli T’enneh Traditional Territory



ABORIGINAL STUDENT LIFE AT UNBC



First Nations Centre

The First Nations Centre (FNC) is honoured to provide holistic support services to students, staff and faculty at UNBC. The First Nations Centre is a culturally safe and accessible space where leadership, academic growth, relationships, and personal supports are fostered.

We offer a wide variety of services, activities, and programs that help to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal students, create awareness and understanding of Indigenous perspectives and worldviews, and celebrate Aboriginal culture. Our team is here to welcome everyone who visits or accesses the First Nations Centre.



Campus Cousins

The Campus Cousins program is an Aboriginal Student Leadership program that helps support the development of Aboriginal leaders at UNBC.

The program's goal is to improve the quality of life for First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students at UNBC while building community connections on campus through events and partnerships.

The Campus Cousins have access to workshops, training, and support intended to enhance their leadership skills while providing meaningful opportunities to influence the UNBC community in a positive and culturally-significant manner.

Connect with a Campus Cousin who can help you access supports and services, meet other students, find your way around campus, or build a lasting relationship with the First Nations Centre family!

First Nations Centre Spaces

Elders Room

A casual space to gather, study, eat or socialize.

Quiet Study Space

Computer Lab

Eight desktop workstations, the FNC library, and space for tutoring support.

Cultural Room

The Cultural Coordinator's office and a space for students to gather and work on cultural projects.

Smudging and Meditation Room

Gathering Place

A cultural space available to host events and activities for up to 100 people.

Wabooz Garden

A beautiful outdoor, multipurpose space that grows traditional plants and medicines.

Featured First Nations Centre Programs and Supports

Students can improve their academic skills and understanding with in-house tutoring support in partnership with the Academic Success Centre.

Lunch & Learns are focused workshops or learning opportunities offered throughout the year featuring a variety of academic and non-academic topics.

Students can access mental health support and counselling services within the FNC.

Cultural Activities

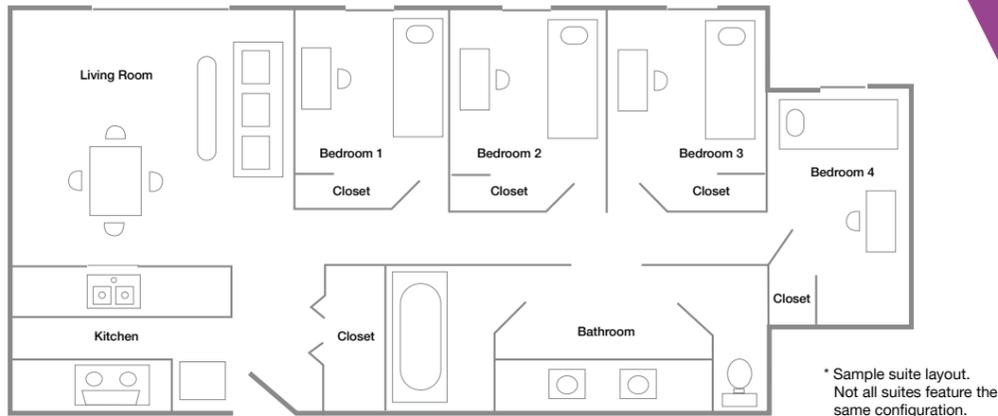
Smudging Ceremonies | Talking Circles | Drum Making and Traditional Art Workshops
Singing and Storytelling | Potlucks

First Nations Centre Graduation

Every year the First Nations Centre is honoured to celebrate the successful graduation of UNBC students who utilize the Centre. Graduating students who access, volunteer, or are regularly involved in First Nations Centre events and programs are invited to come and be a part of this grand celebration.

The annual First Nations Centre Graduation is held on the Thursday before UNBC's Convocation and features a story ceremony in the Canfor Theatre, followed by snacks and refreshments in the Gathering Place. Everyone is invited to come and witness the celebration and to join us as we wish our newly graduating students the very best as they continue on their journeys in life.





On-Campus Housing

UNBC's campus housing is more than just a place to live for the school year — it is a convenient, safe and supportive community. Home to 540 students, our buildings, Neyoh and Keyoh (Dakelh for “for the home” and “for the community”), offer fully-furnished apartment-style living located less than a five-minute walk from the heart of campus.

Suites feature private bedrooms (equipped with bed and desk), a full kitchen, a large furnished living room, and a shared bathroom. Each building offers WiFi, full laundry facilities on each floor, and a large common area for events, socials, study halls, and games. Campus Housing Life is the perfect blend of community and convenience.

Students are connected to both on and off-campus resources through their Housing Assistants, senior student leaders who provide educational and social programming for students living in housing. Whether it's a movie and board games night, study skills workshop, or a floor-wide exercise night at the Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre, our Housing Life Team is here to build a community where our students can thrive.

Aboriginal Resident Assistant

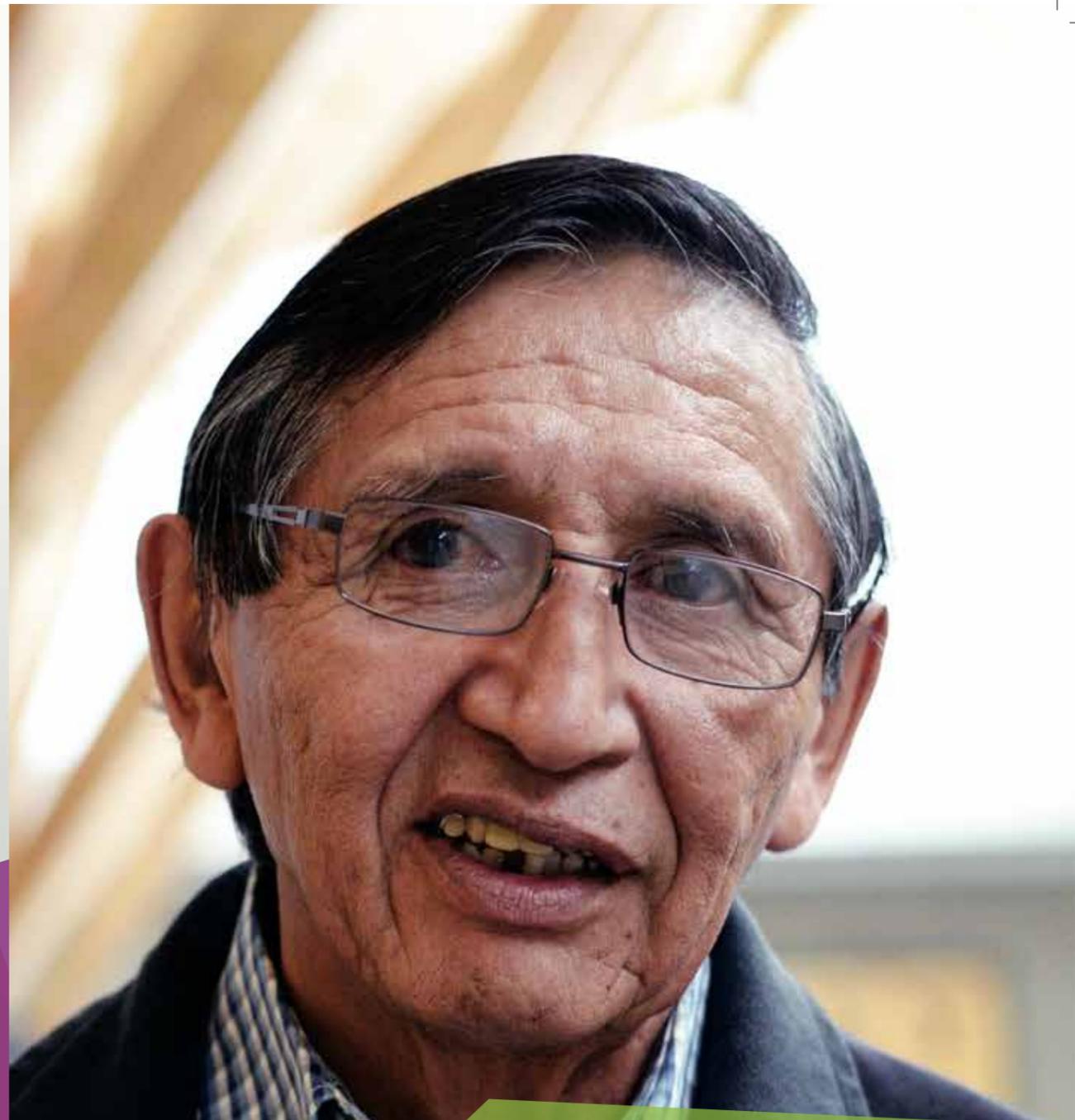
UNBC Campus Housing Life is proud to introduce our Aboriginal Resident Assistant. The Aboriginal Resident Assistant is a student leader who will support Aboriginal students living on campus while liaising between Campus Housing and the First Nations Centre to ensure reciprocal event, resource, and knowledge sharing. Working collaboratively with the First Nations Centre, the Aboriginal Resident Assistant will support and host events and cultural activities around campus and within the community of Prince George.

unbc.ca/housing



**“I have found a home
within the First
Nations Centre and I
am grateful for this.
Haawa (Thank You).”**

- Yalhnaaw (Aaron Grant)
Skidegate Haida Nation
BA First Nations Studies, 2018
MA Student (First Nations Studies)



Elder in Residence

In a two-way learning environment, the Elder in Residence program ensures that cultural knowledge and activities are accessible to all students, staff, and faculty at UNBC.

The Elder in Residence Program, as well as weekly visits from Métis and Dakelh Elders, offer a tangible link to First Nations tradition, identity, and history.

Along with their unique cultural knowledge, protocol, stories, and ways of being, Elders often demonstrate many of the core values UNBC holds in high priority: experiential learning and discovery, inclusiveness and diversity, leadership, integrity, and community.

We celebrate and honour the contributions of Elders to the university community. UNBC's Elder Protocol is symbolic of how respect and reciprocity is foundational to the relationships we hold with Elders at UNBC.

By connecting with Elders regularly, students build a sense of community, belonging and identity through ongoing exposure to the supportive environment and cultural activities that the Elder in Residence Program provides.

**“I felt that I was
accepted at UNBC and
the respect I received
from all the people at this
fine institute of learning
was wonderful.”**

— Clifford Quaw
Lheidli T'enneh Elder



PROGRAMS

Bachelor's Degrees

Arts (BA)

Anthropology *
Economics
English •
Environmental and Sustainability Studies
First Nations Studies ••
General Arts ••
Geography
Global and International Studies
History *
Nature-Based Tourism Management *
Northern Studies
Political Science
Public Administration and Community Development
Women's Studies

Commerce (BComm)

Accounting *
Finance *
General Business *
Human Resources Management *
International Business *
Marketing *

Education (BEd)

Elementary (K-7)
Secondary (8-12)

Health Sciences (BHSc)

Biomedical Studies *
Community and Population Health:
Aboriginal and Rural Health *
Community and Population Health:
Environmental Health *

Science (BSc)

Biology *
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology *
Chemistry *
Computer Science *
Conservation Science and Practice **
- Wildland Conservation and Recreation *
- Landscape Conservation and Management *
Environmental Science *
Forest Ecology and Management *
Geography
Integrated Science •
Mathematics *
Physics *
Psychology *
Wildlife and Fisheries *

Applied Science (BASc)

Civil Engineering **
Environmental Engineering **
A UBC/UNBC joint degree is also available

Nursing (BScN)

Northern Collaborative
Baccalaureate Nursing ••
Post-Diploma Baccalaureate Nursing

Planning (BPI)

First Nations Planning
Natural Resources Planning
Northern and Rural Community Planning

Social Work (BSW) •••

Child Welfare Specialization
First Nations Specialization

Master's Degrees

Applied Science (MASc)

Engineering **

Arts (MA)

Development Economics
Disability Management •
English
First Nations Studies
Gender Studies
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
International Studies
Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Geography
- Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management
Political Science

Education (MEd)

- Counselling ••
- Multidisciplinary Leadership ••
- Special Education •

Engineering (MEng)

Integrated Wood Design

Business Administration (MBA)

Science (MSc)

Business Administration
Health Sciences
Interdisciplinary Studies
Mathematical, Computer, Physical, and Molecular Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
- Biology
- Environmental Science
- Forestry
- Geography
- Outdoor Recreation, Conservation, and Tourism
Psychology

Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (MNRES)

Nursing (MScN) (MScN: FNP) •

Social Work (MSW) •

Doctorate Degrees (PhD)

Health Sciences
Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
Psychology

Northern Medical Program (MD)

A UBC degree delivered in partnership with UNBC.

Other Programs

Northern Transitions Program

Supportive transition year of study intended for, but not limited to, rural and/or First Nations communities.

Graduate Certificates

Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health
Leading for Learning
Special Education

Certificates

First Nations Certificate Programs

Aboriginal Community Resource Planning
Aboriginal/Indigenous Health and Healing
First Nations Language ••
First Nations Public Administration
General First Nations Studies
Métis Studies
Nisga'a Studies
Traditional Ecological Knowledge
Public Administration •
First Nations Studies •
Economic Development Certificate (FN) •

Nursing Certificate Program

Rural Nursing •

Social Work Certificate Programs

Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health
Child Welfare

Diplomas

First Nations Diploma Programs

Aboriginal/Indigenous Health and Healing
First Nations Language and Culture •

Post-Baccalaureate Diplomas

Curriculum and Instructional Studies

Identifies programs historically available at a UNBC Regional Campus.

• Peace River-Liard • Northwest • South-Central • Online

* Honours Offered ** Program offering is subject to Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training approval.

unbc.ca/programs

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Non-Competitive Entry

Deadline: March 1

The deadline for non-competitive entry programs is based on awards deadlines and course registration dates. Late applications to non-competitive programs are generally accepted but will not be guaranteed registration into a full first-year course schedule, nor will they be eligible for full awards and bursaries. For the most up-to-date list of program deadlines, please visit: unbc.ca/apply/undergraduate/undergraduate-application-deadlines.

For a full list of Approved Academic Grade 12 courses, please refer to the lists on the bottom right. A table converting the B.C./Yukon courses to equivalent courses in the other provinces and territories can be found on page 24.

Minimum Average Required: 65%

Meeting the listed admission requirements and the minimum average needed to apply guarantees admission to a non-competitive entry program. The admission average is calculated using English 12 (or BC First Peoples 12), and the next three highest academic Grade 12 courses with an additional Grade 12 class (which can be an elective or an additional academic Grade 12 - whichever is highest). Upon application, students will be applying with "self-declared" grades as final Grade 12 grades are not yet available. Self-declared grades will be used for awards consideration if awards application deadlines are met. Students will be given a 5% margin in awards consideration (e.g. award recipients declaring an 85% average will still receive their award if their final average is 80%).

Students can be admitted to their program without the courses listed under "High School courses required for degree completion" but will be required to take adjusted first-year schedules to account for missing prerequisites. In the event that UNBC does not offer a course equivalent to the required pre-requisite, students are responsible for seeking and completing outside coursework to continue their UNBC studies.

Program	Admission Requirements	Major	High School courses required for degree completion
Arts	English 12, 3 Approved Academic Grade 12 courses, One Additional Grade 12 course (Academic or Elective)	Anthropology	---
		Economics	Pre-Calculus 12*
		English	---
		Environmental and Sustainability Studies	---
		First Nations Studies	---
		General Arts	---
		Geography	---
		Global and International Studies	---
		History	---
		Nature-Based Tourism Management	---
		Northern Studies	---
		Political Science	---
Commerce	English 12, 3 Approved Academic Grade 12 courses, One Additional Grade 12 course (Academic or Elective)	Accounting	Pre-Calculus 12*
		Finance	Pre-Calculus 12*
		General Business	Pre-Calculus 12*
		Human Resources Management	Pre-Calculus 12*
		International Business	Pre-Calculus 12*
		Marketing	Pre-Calculus 12*
Science	English 12, 3 Approved Academic Grade 12 courses, One Additional Grade 12 course (Academic or Elective)	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Biology 11 or 12, Pre-Calculus 12*, Physics 12*
		Biology	Biology 11 or 12, Pre-Calculus 12*, Physics 12*
		Chemistry	Biology 11 or 12, Pre-Calculus 12*, Physics 12*
		Computer Science	Pre-Calculus 12*
		Conservation Science and Practice	Biology 11 or 12, Pre-Calculus 12*
		Environmental Science	Biology 11 or 12, Pre-Calculus 12*, Physics 12*
		Forestry Ecology and Management	Biology 11 or 12, Pre-Calculus 12*
		Geography	Biology 11 or 12, Pre-Calculus 12*, Physics 12*
		Integrated Science	Biology 11 or 12, Pre-Calculus 12*, Physics 12*
		Mathematics	Pre-Calculus 12*
		Physics	Physics 12*, Pre-Calculus 12*
		Psychology	Biology 11 or 12, Pre-Calculus 12*
		Wildlife and Fisheries	Biology 11 or 12, Pre-Calculus 12*
Planning	English 12, 3 Approved Academic Grade 12 courses, One Additional Grade 12 course (Academic or Elective)	First Nations Planning	Pre-Calculus 12*
		Natural Resources Planning	Pre-Calculus 12*
		Northern and Rural Community Planning	Pre-Calculus 12*

*An alternative UNBC pre-requisite is offered - please contact us to learn more.

Competitive Entry

Meeting the minimum average and course requirements for a competitive entry program does not guarantee admission, as space is limited in each program. A competitive average is established yearly based on that year's applicant pool. Students are admitted on a rolling basis as students accept or decline their seat. Deadlines may be extended based on capacity. For the most up-to-date deadline extensions, please see unbc.ca/apply/undergraduate/undergraduate-application-deadlines.

Program	Admission Requirements in addition to English 12 and 1 additional grade 12 course (academic or elective)	Major	High School courses required for recommended first year schedule *An alternative UNBC pre-requisite is offered	Minimum Average Percentage Requirement	Deadline
Applied Sciences	Pre-Calculus 12, two Academic Science 12 courses, Chemistry 11**	Civil Engineering	Physics 12* Chemistry 12 (recommended due to related first year course content)	75%	March 1
		Environmental Engineering	Physics 12* Chemistry 12 Biology 11 or 12 (recommended due to related first year course content)		
Health Sciences	Biology 12 (min. 70%), two other Academic Grade 12 courses, Chemistry 11 (min. 70%), Pre-Calculus 11 (min. 70%)	Biomedical Studies	Pre-Calculus 12*	70%	February 1
		Community and Population Health: Aboriginal and Rural Health	---		
		Community and Population Health: Environmental Health	---		
Nursing***	Biology 12 (min. 73%, completed within 5 years of acceptance), two other Academic Grade 12 courses, Chemistry 11 (min. 67%), Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11 (min. 67%)	Nursing	---	67%	March 31

*An alternative UNBC prerequisite is offered **not used in admission average calculation

***Nursing: To apply, please contact our partner institutions: Prince George and Quesnel: College of New Caledonia - cnc.bc.ca, Terrace: Coast Mountain College - nwcc.bc.ca.

Post-Secondary Required

University credit for the following programs must be from an accredited institution. All transfer credit and GPA calculations will be assessed upon application to the University.

Program	Admission Requirements	Specialization	Additional Information	Minimum UNBC GPA Requirement	Deadline
Education	90 credit hours of University coursework.	Elementary	Must provide references and additional non-academic supplementary application. Please visit unbc.ca/education	2.33 GPA	January 15
		Secondary			
Social Work	60 credit hours of university-transferable coursework including: FNST 100, WMST 100, SOCW 200, SOCW 201 or equivalent	Child Welfare Specialization First Nations Specialization	Must provide references, statement of intent and other supplementary materials. Please visit unbc.ca/social-work	2.67 GPA	February 1

Approved Academic Grade 12 Courses

BC/Yukon High School

Applications of Mathematics, BC First Nations Studies, Biology, Business/Hospitality Management, Calculus, Chemistry, Comparative Civilizations, Economics, English Literature, Foundations of Mathematics, Français, Français Langue Seconde-Immersion, French, German, Geography, Geology, History, Japanese, Latin, Law, Mandarin, Middle Earth 12, Physics, Pre-Calculus, Principles of Mathematics, Punjabi, Social Justice, Spanish, Sustainable Resources, Technical and Professional Communications, Writing.

Alberta/Northwest Territories/Nunavut

Aboriginal Studies 30, Biology 30, Blackfoot Language and Culture 30, Chemistry 30, Chinese Language and Culture 30, Cree 30, Cree Language and Culture 30, English 35, Experiential Science 30, Français 30-1 or 30-2, French 30, French 31A/B/C, French Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2, German 30/30S, German 31, German Language and Culture 30, German Language Arts 30, Gonawo K'e 35, Inuktitut 35, Inuktitut Studies 35, Italian Language and Culture 30, Japanese Language and Culture 30, Latin 30, Mathematics 30-1, Mathematics 31, Physics 30, Pure Mathematics 30, Science 30, Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2, South Slavey 35, Spanish Language and Culture 30, Ukrainian Language and Culture 30/30S, Ukrainian Language Arts 30.

Ontario

4U/4M courses, with no more than one course from the "Arts" category. Each course used as prerequisites for UNBC courses must be from the "University" designation.

Canadian Secondary School Provincial High School Equivalents

Please note, all percentage grades will be converted to the B.C. high school grading scale.

	English 12	Pre-Calculus 12	Biology 12	Biology 11	Chemistry 12	Chemistry 11	Physics 12
Alberta & Northwest Territories	ELA 30-1	Math 30-1	Biology 30	Biology 20	Chemistry 30	Chemistry 20	Physics 30
Saskatchewan	English A30 and English B30	Pre-Calculus 30	Biology 30	Biology 20	Chemistry 30	Chemistry 20	Physics 30
Manitoba	English 40S (Comprehensive/Literary/Transactional Focus)	Pre-Calculus 40S	Biology 40S	Biology 30S	Chemistry 40S	Chemistry 30S	Physics 40S
Ontario	ENG4U	MHF4U	SBI4U	SBI3U	SCH4U	SCH3U	SPH4U
Quebec Grade 12	Please contact us at unbc4u@unbc.ca or 250-960-6306						
Quebec CEGEP	Please contact us at unbc4u@unbc.ca or 250-960-6306						
Nova Scotia	English 12 or English 12 African Heritage	Advanced Math 12 or Math 12	Biology 12	Biology 11	Chemistry 12	Chemistry 11	Physics 12
New Brunswick	English 121 or 122	Pre-Calculus A 120 and Pre-Calculus B 120	Biology 122	Biology 112	Chemistry 122	Chemistry 112	Physics 121 or 122
Prince Edward Island	English 611 or 621	Math 621B	Biology 621	Biology 521	Chemistry 611 (A) or 621 (A)	Chemistry 511 (A) or 521 (A)	Physics 621
Newfoundland & Labrador	English 3201	Math 3204 or 3205	Biology 3201	Biology 2201	Chemistry 3202	Chemistry 2202	Physics 3204
Nunavut	ELA 30-1	Math 30-1	Biology 30	Biology 20	Chemistry 30	Chemistry 20	Physics 30

Why Self-Identify as a person of Aboriginal Ancestry?

Students who self-identify at UNBC can be provided with information on Aboriginal Orientation, awards, scholarships and bursaries, as well as programs, supports, and services. Self-identified Aboriginal students who require assistance with admissions, registration, funding, or housing options can contact the Aboriginal Student Life Navigator at the First Nations Centre: **250-960-5596**. You are able to self-identify as an Aboriginal student when you apply to UNBC or at any time through the Office of the Registrar.

Other Admission Categories

Mature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature student applicants are reviewed on their own merits (transcripts of any post-secondary work completed and a resumé is required). Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Has been out of secondary school for three years, be 21 years of age on or before the first day of classes, and has attempted fewer than 15 credit hours of acceptable university transferrable course work.
Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 15 credit hours of acceptable transfer course work, be in good academic standing and have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0. Official transcripts are required from all post-secondary institutions attended, including distance education schools. Acceptable courses for transfer credit within B.C./Yukon found at bctransferguide.ca
International Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International student applicants are reviewed on their own merits and must be able to demonstrate an acceptable level of English language proficiency. Completed, appropriate secondary qualifications will be considered for high school admissions and study at a recognized university and/or college will be considered for transfer admission. English language proficiency requirements found at: unbc.ca/calendar/undergraduate/international-admissions
Interest Only	Students who do not intend to pursue a degree or a certificate program at UNBC, have not been refused admission under any other category, and wish to take courses for credit, may apply as Interest Only to a max 30 credit hours. Minimal documentation is required at point of entry. Interest Only students enroll on a part-time basis, must re-apply every semester, and obtain a minimum semester GPA of 2.0 to re-apply under this category. More details online.

Visit unbc4u.unbc.ca to view other admissions categories such as Audit Only, International Baacalaureate, and Advanced Placement.

unbc.ca/calendar

\$ MONEY MATTERS

1 in 4 students receives a **\$3 Million** UNBC financial award. given out last year

Visit unbc.ca/financial-aid/awards-guide to view the hundreds of available scholarships, bursaries, and awards. Current high school students are encouraged to apply to UNBC by December 15 to be automatically eligible for Early Entrance Awards and to apply for Leadership Awards.

Application Deadlines for Awards unbc.ca/financial-aid

	Value	Deadline
Early Entrance Scholarships	\$2,500 and \$5,500	December 15
Leadership Awards	\$3,000	December 15
President's Silver Anniversary Awards for Excellence in Leadership	\$6,000 (renewable at \$5,500 for up to three additional consecutive years)	December 15
General Scholarships, Bursaries, and Awards	Varies, up to \$25,000	March 1

Approximate Costs per Academic Year (30 credit hours, 10 courses) unbc.ca/fees

	Domestic	International
Tuition*	\$5,317.80	\$18,611.70
Student Fees*	\$957.38	\$1,397.38
Books*	\$1,600	\$1,600

* Tuition, fees and books are subject to change and vary among programs.

Cost of Living per Academic Year unbc.ca/housing

On-campus living expense (\$250 damage deposit not included)	\$4,758
On-campus meal plan	\$4,826
Off-campus housing (approximate)	\$6,720

AWARDS AND FINANCIAL AID

The UNBC Awards and Financial Aid Unit helps students obtain the funds necessary to support their UNBC education. Funds may be obtained from a variety of sources, including government and bank loans, private, corporate, and public scholarships and bursaries, Band/Community funding, and UNBC awards. We also provide information about emergency-need resources.

Phone: 250-960-6319

Email: awards@unbc.ca

Location: Office of the Registrar

UNBC Award Competitions

Oct 15th to Mar 1st: Annual UNBC Award Competition (available after receiving admission)

Sep 15th to Oct 14th: Fall UNBC Award Competition (occurs during the first semester of study)

Each year, students can apply for In-Course Undergraduate Awards, General Awards or Graduate Awards. As long as you submit an online awards application for the award types above, we will try to match you to any UNBC Awards you are eligible for. Apply online through the awards application found in the *myUNBC* student portal.

To view compiled lists of UNBC awards designed for specific groups of students, such as Aboriginal Students or Residents of Northern B.C., visit unbc.ca/financial-aid and scroll down the website to the UNBC Awards column. There are a number of links there to check out.

External Awards

Many organizations provide external awards to incoming and continuing students.

You can find information on, and applications for, non-UNBC awards on the UNBC Awards and Financial Aid website.

Government Student Loans (repayable) & Grants (non-repayable)

Students may borrow money in the form of a government student loan on a promise to repay the loan at a specified time in the future. Government student loans are available to students who can demonstrate financial need. Both full-time and part-time student loans are available. Grants are another type of funding available through application to the government, but do not require repayment.

Email us at awards@unbc.ca to find out more – we are here to help and can assist you with completing the online government student loan application for this type of funding.

Band/Community Funding

Options may be available for you to receive financial support for Post-Secondary Education through your Band/Community. Each Band/Community has different options and availability to access funding. Contact your Band office or Community to find out if this option is right for you. If you need more information about this process or need assistance with the Band/Community funding application, please feel free to contact UNBC's First Nations Centre.

unbc.ca/financial-aid

BECOME A UNBC STUDENT

1. Explore



Begin by exploring our program information (pg. 20), admission requirements (pg. 22), and fees and awards deadlines (pg. 25). Then check out our online budget calculator, find out more about our student life, see our beautiful campus, and join the UNBC community on social media.



2. Sign up | unbc4u.unbc.ca



Create an account for emails tailored to your programs of interest, insider tips and hints, faculty information, student life, and so much more!

3. Apply | unbc.ca/apply



Apply for admission through unbc.ca/apply. Apply for housing and scholarships through myUNBC.

4. Submit



Submit your official transcripts and any additional documentation (e.g. English language proficiency). Current B.C. high school students can submit their transcripts via the BC Ministry of Education's Student Transcript Service.

5. Accept



Wait for your acceptance letter in the mail. Congratulations! Once accepted, we will email you registration tips, orientation information, and schedules for upcoming activities and events.

unbc4u@unbc.ca

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Visit, and get to know your professors during their office hours!

Ask questions about their research, education, and career pathways – these can be valuable connections later in your education and career.

Access the support UNBC offers!

Whether it's the Academic Success Center to get some writing help, MACE to get some assistance with your math homework, the Wellness Center to see a counsellor, or any of the other many support systems that UNBC offers, these supports are free and they are here for YOU!

Visit the First Nations Centre and have a chat with one of the Campus Cousins.

Or, while you're there, connect with our Cultural Coordinator and see what kinds of cultural activities are on the go!

It's okay to ask for help—whether it's finding your class, making an appointment with your advisor, or asking when the next bus arrives to campus.

Don't be afraid to reach out to the students, staff, and faculty around you. We're all here to help you succeed!

Get lost on campus.

Explore the paths you might not typically take around UNBC and enjoy all the hidden gems, such as the salt water aquarium, the echo lounge, the Smudging Room, and much more!

Bring your favorite dish to a monthly potluck at the Gathering Place.

It's a great opportunity to meet students, faculty, and staff, and enjoy great food in a casual, cultural environment.

Take advantage of the Northern Sports Centre.

It's a beautiful facility that offers tons of classes, workout spaces, squash courts and more. Try your hand at Boxer FIT, slow things down with a yoga class, or do some laps on the longest indoor track at a B.C. university.

Enjoy what Northern B.C. has to offer!

Paddle on countless rivers and lakes. Take in an orchestra concert, art gallery opening, or performance in the park. Shift gears and tackle a challenging mountain bike trail. Or strap on your skis and experience great cross-country or downhill skiing.



“My proudest moment at UNBC was the day I opened my email and received confirmation of my graduation requirements.”

– Paneena (Sara-Lynn Harding)
Member of the Secwepemculecw
BA Geography, 2018
MA Student (NRES – Environmental Studies)



UNIVERSITY KEY TERMS AND LANGUAGE

Alumni	Students who have graduated from a school, college, or university.
Bachelor's Degree	Also called an undergraduate degree, this credential generally requires four years of study, longer if the student studies at a part-time pace.
Breadth Requirement	In addition to a bachelor degree's major requirements and elective credit requirements, UNBC degrees also require that students gain some breadth of knowledge outside of their chosen discipline. Between their degree and elective requirements, students must take a course from each of the Arts & Humanities, Physical Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. Some Majors have incorporated academic breadth into their requirements, and no extra coursework is needed to complete Breadth.
Bursary	Financial aid given to students in order to further their studies. Bursaries are often needs-based.
Certificate	This credential generally requires one year of study. Certificates can often "ladder" into further education, such as diplomas or degrees.
Cooperative Education	Often referred to as "Co-op," Cooperative Education involves students engaging in semester-long work terms during programs. These work terms can add time spent on completing a degree, but completing enough Co-op work terms earns Co-op distinction on the graduating student's degree.
Credit Hour	Usually corresponds with the amount of "contact hours" in class, per week. Most UNBC courses are three credit hours each. Tuition is also charged on a per-credit-hour basis.
Diploma	This credential generally requires two years of study. Diplomas can often "ladder" into further education, such as a degree.
Doctoral Degree	The most common type being a PhD (Doctor of Philosophy), this credential is the highest level of academic degree, generally attempted after the completion of a graduate degree.
Double Major	A student pursuing a double major is attempting to complete two majors' degree requirements while at school. Sometimes, this requires taking more courses than needed to complete one major, extending the duration of study, however there are numerous double majors that can be completed within a typical, four-year timeline.
Elective	A course that is not listed as "required" for a major or minor, but is taken to meet the credit hour requirement for a particular credential.
Faculty	The teaching staff of the university.
Full Time Studies	At UNBC, full time studies consists of taking at least nine credit hours per semester.
Joint Major	A path of study or program that combines courses from two disciplines of study in such a way that less courses are taken for each major separately while still completing enough courses to earn a combined major from each discipline.
Laboratory	Smaller, more individual course component.
Lecture	Classroom-based instruction. May be the largest type of class.
Major	A subject or field of study chosen by students to represent their principal interest.
Master's Degree	Also called a graduate degree, this credential is generally taken after a student completes an undergraduate degree.
Minor	A secondary academic interest or discipline chosen by students during their undergraduate studies. Minors have their own set of required courses, and result in less electives taken by a student.
Part Time Studies	At UNBC, part time studies consists of taking no more than 8 credit hours per semester.
Prerequisite Course	A course that must be completed before taking another course. Prerequisite courses can be high school courses or university-level courses.

Professor	In university, teachers are usually known as professors.
Required Course	A course that must be completed to complete a major or minor's degree requirements.
Scholarship	Financial aid given to a student, often based on high academic achievement.
Semester	Divisions of an academic year. Courses are taken over a semester. At UNBC, a semester is four months long.
Syllabus	A detailed guide or outline for a course provided by a professor. A syllabus generally includes information such as required texts and readings, a schedule of assignments and tests, and university rules and regulations.
Tutorial	Course meant to supplement certain lectures. These are generally smaller than lectures, and provide students even more opportunity to ask questions and discuss course concepts/readings.

STUDENT SERVICES AT UNBC

Campus Community

Child Care Centre

Interfaith Chaplaincy

Northern B.C. Graduate Student Society

Northern Pride Centre
An LGBTQ2S safe space

Northern Undergraduate Student Society

Northern Women's Center
A 24-hour accessible space for women

50+ Student-led clubs and organizations

Student Resources

Academic Success Centre (ASC)
Tutoring services

Awards and Financial Aid

Bookstore

Co-operative Education
Academic programs combined with practical work experience

Library

Mathematical Academic Centre for Excellence (MACE)
Math-based tutoring and help

Office of the Registrar
Admissions, registration, calendars and graduation

Student Advising
Academic guidance and support

Student Career Centre
Employment based training and support

Health and Wellness

Access Resource Centre (ARC)
Accessibility and advocacy for students with disabilities

Counselling Services
1 on 1 and group counselling available

Health Services
Nurse, nurse practitioner, physician and psychiatric supports

Northern Sports Centre
Recreation and intramural sports, classes, workout spaces, squash courts, and more

Other

Athletics
UNBC Timberwolves
Varsity women's and men's basketball
Varsity women's and men's soccer

Food Services
Residence Meal Plans
Tim Hortons
Stackers Deli
Thirsty Moose
Degrees Coffee
Col Juicery

Student run media
CFUR radio
Over-the-Edge newspaper

University Farmer's Market
Weekly market of local vendors held at UNBC

U-Pass
Access to PG transit system, local pools and more



STUDENT FOR A DAY

Do you know what program interests you? Wonder what life is like as a UNBC student? Experience the campus in person with our Student for a Day program.

Here's what you can do as a Student for a Day:

- Spend a day on campus
- Sit in on a class of your interest
- Receive a personal campus tour
- Visit Student Housing
- Chat with a Recruitment Officer
- Get a feel for the UNBC community
- Enjoy lunch on us

Some travel costs will be reimbursed if you are admitted to UNBC and attend. Reimbursement amounts can total up to \$500 for those who reside in British Columbia, and up to \$1,000 for Canadian students who reside outside of British Columbia and students from the United States.

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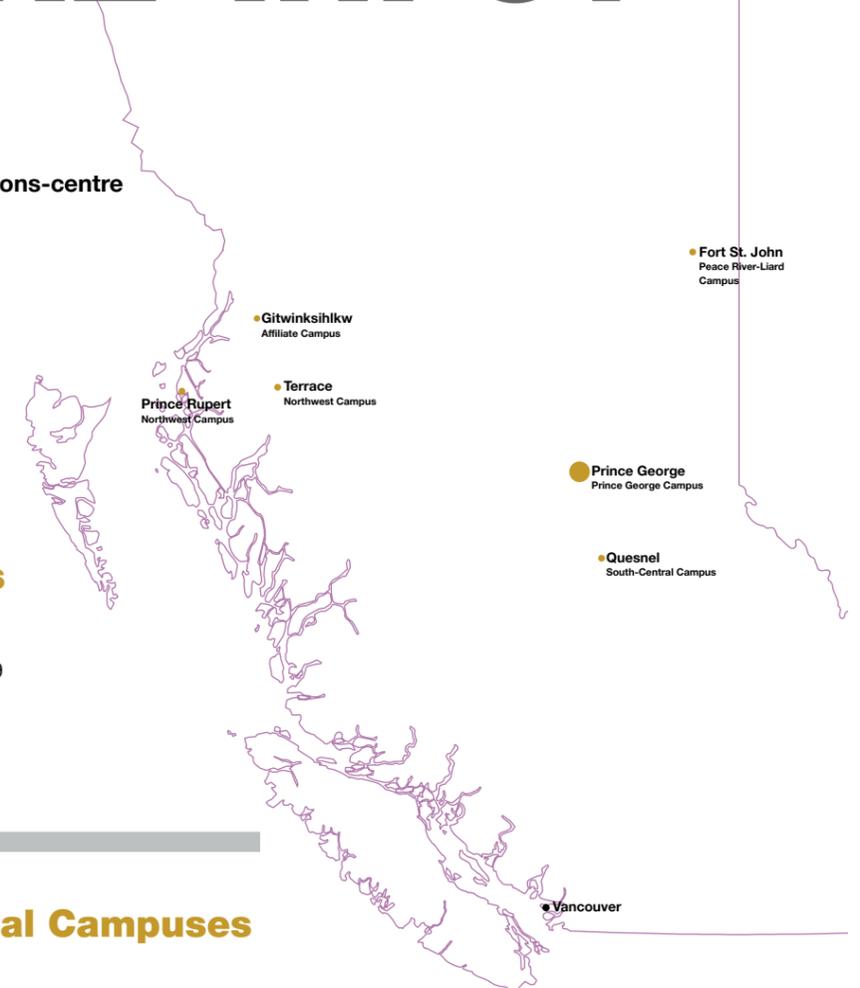
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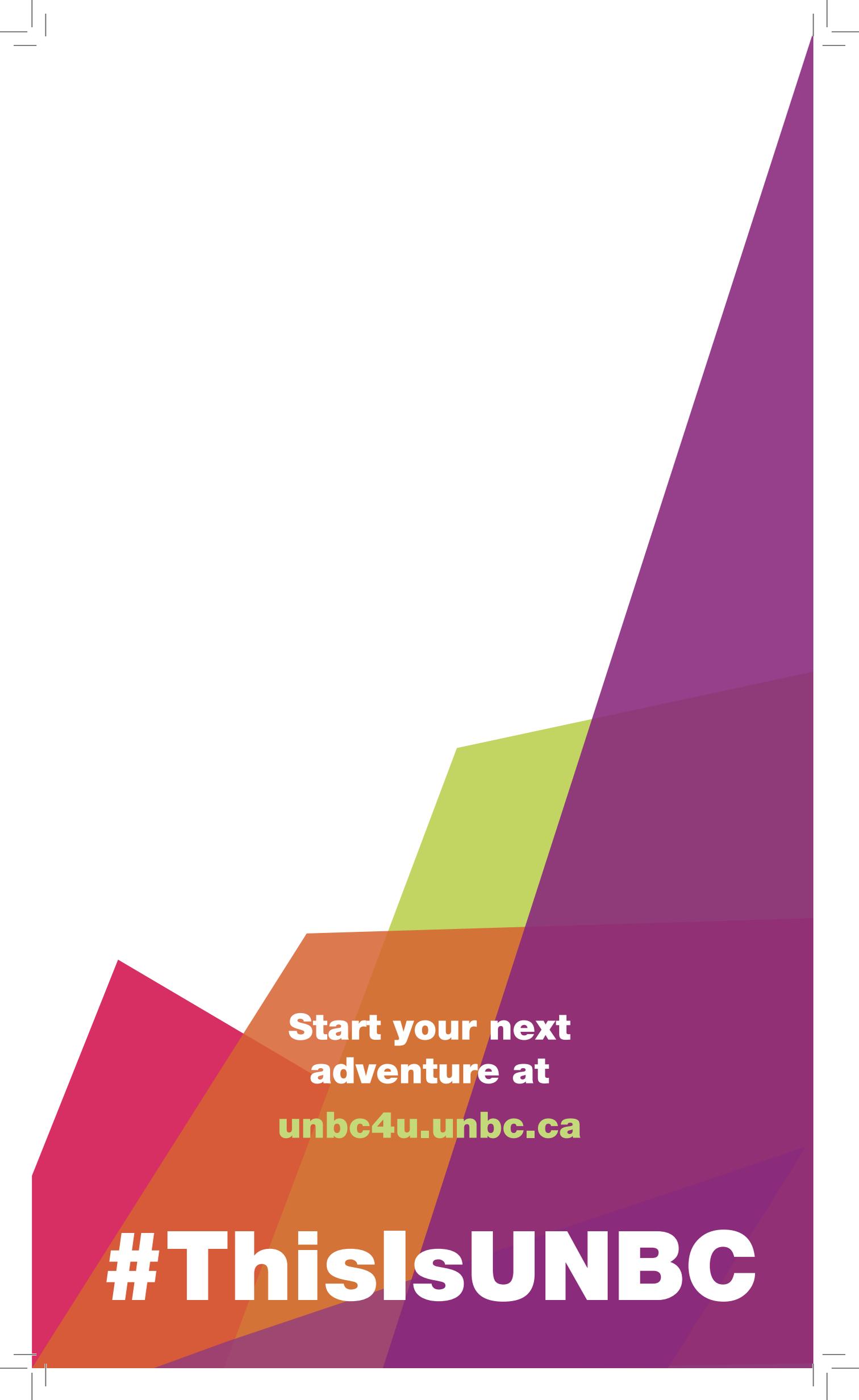
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