UBC Geography
Langara Transfer Guide

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Check your eligibility

UBC welcomes post-secondary students from within and outside Canada, though specific requirements apply. Determine your eligibility for admission by reviewing the requirements listed here.

Degree-specific transfer requirements

UBC will accept up to 60 transfer credits for all programs (roughly equivalent to 2 years of a full-time course load). If you are transferring from within BC, visit the BC Transfer Guide to understand how your courses will transfer to UBC.

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Explore our BA programs here:

Major in Environment and Sustainability

Major in Human Geography

Major in Urban Studies

For other program options such as our honours and minors please see our Undergraduate page. For our BSc major, visit https://geog.ubc.ca/undergraduate/bsc-geographical-sciences/

Once you are ready to apply, head to https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/ and submit your application to UBC at https://account.you.ubc.ca/s/apply-ubc.

Experiential learning

One of the benefits of a large institution is the myriad of opportunities to diversify your learning experience and jumpstart your career.

Whether doing a Co-op placement or attending a Global Seminar, you can customize your degree to fit your goals. However, as a transfer student, there are certain limitations that need to be considered to stay on track for graduation.

To learn more about these opportunities visit: https://geog.ubc.ca/undergraduate/opportunities/experiential-learning/

If you are considering a Co-op placement or going on exchange during your time at UBC, we strongly recommend that you develop a multi-year course plan as many courses are only offered once a year.

Questions?

Speak to a Geography Advisor about Major or Minor requirements. Book a Zoom or in-person appointment at https://calendly.com/geography-advising/15min

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)
Human Geography Major

UBC Geography

The complex modern world needs agile thinkers and problem solvers. The Human Geography program is a broad based, interdisciplinary degree that will encourage you to investigate the relationships between places, cities, societies and the environment, and develop critical thinking and analytical skills. There is a strong emphasis on social and environmental justice in the program, and you will learn from a range of perspectives including feminist, Indigenous and Black geographies, economic and political theory, and sustainability.

Lower-level requirements:

Requirement	UBC Course	Langara equivalent
Three of	GEOG_V 121	GEOG 1155
	GEOG_V 122	GEOG 1110
	GEOG_V 202	None
	GEOG_V 210	GEOG 1150
	GEOG_V 211	GEOG 2155
	GEOG_V 220	None
	GEOG_V 250 / URST_V 200	GEOG 1130
	GEOG_V 257	GEOG 2270
	GEOG_V 281	GEOG 1160
	GEOG_V 290	GEOG 1120
All of	GEOS_V 102	GEOG 1180
	GEOS_V 103	GEOG 1190

All transfer credits are subject to change and degree requirements are constantly changing. Please refer to UBC Calendar for updated information on degree requirements. For information on transferring, refer to: https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)
Environment & Sustainability

UBC Geography

The Environment & Sustainability (E&S) Major prepares students to take an active role in confronting environmental challenges. Examine topics from various academic, policy, business and community perspectives and learn to construct equitable solutions. If you want to take an active role in confronting the climate crisis, the E&S program is for you.

This program bridges the natural and social sciences, highlighting geography's interdisciplinary, real-world relevance. The critical thinking and problem-solving skills you will develop are ideally suited to future work in policy, with non-governmental organizations and in developing improved sustainability models. This program encourages you to see the world as a whole, through local and global perspectives, and to consider how you can act responsibility to foster a truly sustainable society.

Lower-level requirements:

Requirement	UBC Course	Langara equivalent
One of	GEOG_V 122	GEOG 1100
	GEOG_V 220	None
	GEOG_V 250 / URST_V 200	GEOG 1130
	GEOS_V 200	GEOG 2280
	GEOS_V 204	None
	GEOS_V 206	GEOG 2290
	GEOS_V 207	None
All of	GEOG_V 121	GEOG 1155
	GEOG_V 211	GEOG 2155
	GEOS_V 270	GEOG 2210
All of	GEOS_V 102	GEOG 1180
	GEOS_V 103	GEOG 1190

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BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)
Urban Studies

UBC Geography

Urban Studies offers a broad and deep understanding of the historical and intellectual threads of urbanization throughout the world. Over the course of this degree, you'll acquire the fundamental tools needed to influence urban development and help society adapt to dynamic environments.

The first of its kind in the province, this program combines foundational and applied knowledge across disciplines, with progressively advanced community-engaged learning.

Pre-admission Requirements:

Requirement	UBC Course	Langara equivalent
All of	GEOG_V 250 / URST_V 200	GEOG 1130
	PLAN_V 211	None

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BSc)
Geographical Sciences Major

UBC Geography

This program asks the big questions about the future of the Earth's life, climate and landscapes. It explores the forces that have shaped our landscapes and the delicate ecosystems that have emerged. Over the course of this degree, you will develop the scientific knowledge, skills and field experience for understanding our dynamic planet.

Upper-level courses allow specializations in at least two of five areas: biogeography and ecology, climate and weather, GIScience and remote sensing, hydrology, and geomorphology.

Field-based research in almost all upper-level courses allows you to explore your own research questions. This program can serve as a basis for registration as a Professional Geoscientist in BC.

For questions on transfer credits, reach out to our Department Advisor:
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