

FACT SHEET 2026 - 2027

University Name	University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC)
Location	Located in Prince George, the largest city in British Columbia. Famous for its vast nature and wildlife. For more information.
Primary Language	English: All courses in UNBC are instructed in English.
English language proficiency score requirements (evidence mandatory for graduate students, not required for undergraduate students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL score of 90 or higher in the internet-based test, with no less than 20 in each of the reading, listening, writing, and speaking components; score of at least 230 in the computer-based test, or at least 570 in the paper-based test. UNBC's institutional TOEFL code is 0320. • IELTS Academic score of at least 6.5 overall, with not less than 6.0 in any of the four modules. • CAEL (Canadian Academic English Language) Assessment overall score of at least 70, with no subtest below 60. • MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery): 80 final score, with a minimum of 3 on the Speaking Rating Scale. • PTE (Pearson Test of English - Academic): 65 overall score, with a score of no less than 60 in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. • Duolingo English Test score of 125 or higher with not less than 115 in each component <p>Complete list can be found at this website: https://www2.unbc.ca/calendar/undergraduate/international-admissions.</p>

Programs excluded for incoming exchange students	<p>As an exchange student at UNBC, you will be UNABLE to register in our competitive/professional programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSW (social work) • BEd (Bachelor of Education) • BSc Nursing • BPI (Bachelor of Planning) • Northern Medical Program • BASc Environmental Engineering
Course Selection	Information on the programs of study can be found here: unbc.ca/programs .
Credit Load Per Semester	12-15 credits (4-5 classes)
No. of Credits Per Course	3
Minimum Workload Per Semester	<p>9 credits (3 courses) Undergraduate Students</p> <p>6 credits (2 courses) Graduate S</p>
Maximum Workload Per Semester	15 credits (5 courses)
Exchange Semesters	Fall and Winter

Academic Calendar	<p>For full details on the academic calendar, please refer to the UNBC academic calendar:</p> <p>2025 - 2026 Undergraduate Academic Calendar</p> <p>2025 - 2026 Graduate Academic Calendar</p>
Academic Dates	<p>Fall 2026 Semester Dates:</p> <p>Orientation Day: Tuesday, September 8th, 2026</p> <p>Start of Classes: Wednesday, September 9th, 2026</p> <p>Mid-Semester Break: November 9th to 13th, 2026</p> <p>Last Day of Classes: Thursday, December 10th, 2026</p> <p>Last Day of Exams: Tuesday, December 22nd, 2026</p> <p>Winter 2027 Semester Dates:</p> <p>Orientation Day: Wednesday, January 6th, 2027</p> <p>Start of Classes: Thursday, January 7th, 2027</p>

	<p>Mid-Semester Break: February 16th – 19th , 2027</p> <p>Last Day of Classes: Tuesday April 13th, 2027</p> <p>Last Day of Exams: Tuesday, April 27th, 2027</p>
Official Transcripts	<p>An academic transcript with your grades will be sent to your university by the UNBC Registrar's Office approximately six (6) to eight (8) weeks after the end of the semester. Please ensure you monitor your UNBC email after you leave if we need to contact you.</p>
Accepting Nominations:	<p>Fall Semester (September): January 1st - April 15th</p> <p>Winter Semester (January): April 1st - August 15th</p>
Application Deadlines	<p>Fall Semester (September): May 15th</p> <p>Winter semester (January): September 15th</p>
Student Card	<p>Each student will receive a student card and an email address. The student card gives access to many facilities and services such as free bus rides and gym access.</p>
Accommodation / Housing options	<p>UNBC offers both residence housing and off-campus housing.</p> <p>Please explore the UNBC Housing and Residence Life pages for full details about living on and off-campus: unbc.ca/housing</p>
Immigration	<p>Single Semester Exchange Program</p> <p>If you participate in a full-time exchange program for a single semester, you do not require a study permit for that period. You must ensure that you have an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).</p> <p>Two-Semester Exchange Program</p> <p>Since this is a study program lasting more than 6 months, you must obtain a study permit. We recommend that you begin your immigration process as soon as you receive the admission letter from UNBC, as the process can take up to three (3) months. Please visit canada.ca for full details on what is required to apply for a study permit.</p>
Health and Hospitalization Insurance	<p>UNBC requires all international exchange students to have health insurance while studying.</p> <p>International exchange students who already have health insurance that provides adequate coverage must sign a form confirming their coverage for the duration of their stay.</p> <p>Students without health insurance will be automatically enrolled in Guard.me Private Medical Coverage. The mandatory Guard.me health insurance plan costs \$190 CAD and</p>

	<p>provides coverage for four months. This charge will be automatically applied to your UNBC student account.</p> <p>Details on the insurance coverage can be found here: Guard.me Private Medical Coverage</p>
Campus Facilities	<p>Large sports complex (NUSC), library, pub, cafeteria, bookstore, student associations, and many more. The campus also has a bus stop for easy access around the city.</p>
Off Campus Work / Internships	<p>Exchange students are not eligible for off-campus work or internships.</p>
Mailing Address	<p>International Office University of Northern British Columbia 3333 University Way Prince George, British Columbia Canada V2N 4Z9 International Office phone: 250-960-5858 Main campus phone: 250-960-5555</p>
Contact Email	<p>unbcexchange@unbc.ca</p>
Important Links	<p>Information for international students: https://www2.unbc.ca/international</p> <p>Information about Prince George: https://www.princegeorge.ca/Pages/default.aspx</p>
Nomination Instructions	<p>Nominations must be sent by email to unbcexchange@unbc.ca.</p> <p>Each nomination must be submitted separately.</p> <p>When nominating a student, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Name • Student Email • Study of Program • Level of Study • Semester of Study