

Why UNBC?

"The small and welcoming atmosphere at UNBC encouraged me to step outside my comfort zone and meet people. We are truly lucky to have such knowledgeable and dedicated people as the faculty of our university."

- Kara Bridgen,
MSW

"UNBC is a small university that offers an exceptional learning experience. The professor to student ratio allows for classroom and office hour discussions that can truly strengthen students' understanding of material as well as their career goals."

- Corbin Black,
MSc Biochemistry

"I believe UNBC is prime in developing new approaches to improve health and wellness to all vulnerable groups through advances culturally-informed practices and building from traditional knowledge."

- Kyle Munro,
MScN: FNP

Applying to UNBC

1. Choose

Choose your program, and be sure to check the application deadlines, too.

Many of our programs require for students to have the agreement of a faculty member to serve as their supervisor.

As a prospective applicant it is best for you to think about the types of research you would be interested in doing and then review the faculty listings on UNBC4U to find a faculty member at UNBC who has research interests that compliment yours. Please initiate your communication as soon as possible with a faculty member regarding potential supervision. *Note that in order to list this in your application, you must have the agreement of the member of faculty to act as your supervisor.*

2. Review

Review your program requirements, including entry points, admission requirements, documentation, and deadlines. Credentials or GPA's will not be evaluated until an application has been submitted in full, and after the application deadline.

International – If you have completed a degree at a post-secondary institution outside of Canada and you would like to apply for graduate studies, please visit unbc.ca/apply/graduate/information-international-applicants for a list of minimum requirements for degree programs by country.

Language Proficiency – If English is not your first language, regardless of citizenship or country of origin, you must submit evidence of English language proficiency prior to admission. French-speaking Canadians and Canadian First Nations language speakers are exempted from this requirement. Note: if you completed your undergraduate degree program entirely in the English language from a country approved by UNBC where English is an official language may be exempted from this requirement.

3. Prepare

Check for program-specific requirements and Graduate regulations.

Prepare your supporting documents. Here are some of the documents you will need to upload and/or submit directly:

- Three assessment reports (letters of reference) submitted directly to UNBC from the referees
 - Statement of Academic Interests (letter of intent)
 - Unofficial transcripts
 - Official transcripts (one copy) from all post-secondary institutions attended
 - Official English Language Test Scores, sent directly to UNBC from the testing agencies
- Visit UNBC4U for complete document information.

4. Apply

Apply online at: gradapply.unbc.ca

Make sure that you send your official documents to our Admissions Office before the application deadline to ensure your application is marked as complete.

5. Follow-Up

Any outstanding documents must be submitted by the application deadline for the application to be marked as complete.

Follow-up to check your application status, and confirm receipt of documents at:
gradapply.unbc.ca/LoginForm-local.cfm

You will be notified if anything further is required for your application, and contacted by email once an admission decision has been made.

For program, application and admission details please visit:
unbc.ca/apply/graduate

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Create an account at unbc4u.unbc.ca to receive great information about the application process, your program of interest, scholarship deadlines, student experiences, and much, much more!



Master of Arts (MA)

Development Economics Thesis | Project | Course Based January Entry

Students will typically start in the coursework option. However, at the time of application or after successfully completing 12 credit hours, students may apply to take the project or thesis option.

Disability Management* Thesis | Comprehensive Exam September Entry

Students may be required to do a practicum. Please see the Graduate Calendar for further information.
*Part time Distance Option

English** Thesis September Entry

Students may choose to pursue a traditional thesis, or a creative writing thesis. Note that permission to undertake the creative writing thesis will be at the discretion of the department, and will require that students submit proposals along with a substantial portfolio of previous creative work.

First Nations** Thesis | Project September Entry

Classes are scheduled one weekend a month, and are on a biennial intake.

Gender Studies** Thesis | Course Based September & January Entry

History** Thesis | Project September & January Entry

Interdisciplinary Studies** Thesis | Course-based January Entry

Applicants should have a well-conceived idea of the courses needed for their program and thesis topic, as well as provide rationale of how their work will be interdisciplinary.

International Studies**

Global Development and Environment

Thesis | Course-based | Research Paper
September & January Entry
Students may choose from a wide range of electives and the program draws on courses from 11 different departments; an interdisciplinarian's dream. Many courses offer critical perspectives.

Natural Resources and Environmental Studies** Environmental Studies

Geography
Outdoor Recreation, Conservation, & Tourism

Thesis
September, January, & May Entry

Political Science**
Thesis | Project | Course Based
September & January Entry
Students without undergraduate majors in Political Science may be admitted with special provisions made regarding course work and thesis research programs.

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Business Administration
Project | Course Based
September Entry
Students should have a minimum of three years of work experience in a managerial position. Students with outstanding qualifications but do not meet the grade point average or lack a formal degree may be considered for admission.

Master of Education (MEd)
Note that students in this program typically begin in the comprehensive examination route, but may later choose to apply to another route.

Counselling
Thesis | Project | Comp Exam
September Entry
Preference for those with a Baccalaureate degree with a minimum two years prior to the admission date, and have obtained some paid or unpaid work experience in a helping capacity.

Multidisciplinary Leadership
Thesis | Project | Comp Exam
September Entry
Please contact the MEd Coordinator if you are interested in this program.

Special Education*
Thesis | Project | Comp Exam | Portfolio
September Entry
Students may choose one of the following four routes to completion: Comprehensive Examination, Project, Thesis or Portfolio. Please consult the Graduate Calendar for further information.
* Distance Only

Master of Engineering (MEng)

Integrated Wood Design**
Course Based
January Entry: Ongoing intake
This program is a one year course based program. Applicants are required to hold a four-year (120 credit hours) baccalaureate degree from a recognized institution in Civil Engineering. Applicants who have a four-year (120 credit hours) baccalaureate degree (or equivalent) may be granted admission to the program if sufficient related engineering content can be demonstrated.
* Distance Option

Master of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (MNRES)

Natural Resources
and Environmental Studies**
Thesis | Project
September, January, & May Entry

Master of Science (MSc)

Business Administration**

Finance
Human Resources Management/Organizational Behavior
Marketing
Operations Management/International Business

Thesis
September Entry
Students should have sufficient preparation in mathematics and statistics. Students should hold a BComm degree, and must have background preparation in their chosen area of specialization.

Health Science**
Thesis
September Entry
Applicants must have completed an undergraduate course in statistics of biostatistics, as well as a research methodology course.

Interdisciplinary Studies**
Thesis
September, January, & May Entry
Applicants should have a well-conceived idea of the courses needed for their program and thesis topic, as well as provide rationale of how their work will be interdisciplinary.

Mathematics, Computer, Physical and Molecular Sciences**

Biochemistry
Chemistry
Computer Science
Mathematics
Physics

Thesis | Project
September & January Entry

Natural Resources and Environmental Studies**

Biology
Environmental Science
Forestry
Geography
Outdoor Rec, Conservation and Tourism

Thesis
September, January, & May Entry

Nursing*
Family Nurse Practitioner MSc: FNP
Project | Distance
September Entry
Students should have 2 years of practice experience following completion of their Bachelor's Degree, plus current proof of CRNBC membership. Note that some of the courses required necessitate on-site instruction. Placements for clinical experiences will be in rural and northern communities.

Nursing Thesis Stream (MScN)
Thesis
September & January Entry
Students should be able to provide proof of practicing membership for the jurisdiction in which the student wishes to reside while taking the program. Note that some of the courses required necessitate on-site instruction.

Psychology**
Thesis
September Entry
Applicants must have an honours degree in Psychology or an undergraduate degree in Psychology (or a related field), with research experience.

Master of Social Work (MSW)

Social Work
Thesis | Practicum
September Entry
Note that there are two streams; Entry from a Bachelor of Social Work; or, Entry with a Bachelor's degree in a related field or discipline, and two years human service experience.

Doctoral Programs (PhD)

Health Sciences**
Thesis
September Entry

Natural Resources and Environmental Studies**
Thesis
September, January, & May Entry

Psychology**
Thesis
September Entry
Applicants must have both a Bachelor's and Master's degree, at least one of which must be in Psychology with a research-based thesis.

Graduate Certificate

Aboriginal Child and Youth
Mental Health*
Course Based
September, January, & May Entry
Open to Bachelor of Social Work and Bachelor of Child and Youth care graduates. Applicants without these credentials may also be eligible to apply, subject to the approval of the Chair of Social Work.

Application Deadlines

For September or May Entry apply by December 25th

For January Entry apply by May 1st

Note: Not all programs offer entry every semester, please check the dates for each program. If a program is accepting late applications it will be listed on our website:
unbc.ca/apply/graduate/paper-applications

** Supervisors Required

unbc.ca/calendar/graduate