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2024-2025 Graduate Handbook

MA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES HANDBOOK 2024-2025

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ORIENTATION

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Welcome to the International Studies (INTS) Master's program! We're so excited to be part of your graduate student journey at UNBC. And it's important to acknowledge that "our Prince George campus is situated on the unceded traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation" (UNBC Land Acknowledgement, available at: <https://www.unbc.ca/about-unbc/traditional-territory-acknowledgement>).

Our graduate students are an integral part of our program, and we hope that you engage in all that International Studies and UNBC has to offer. Join us for Global Fridays and learn from amazing scholars. Chat with your faculty members and share your ideas. Engage with each other and help build our community. Take advantage of all that is offered in the City of Prince George. All of this is, and more, is here for you.

We pride ourselves on offering a first-class learning environment. As indicated on our webpage, "UNBC's innovative and interdisciplinary Master's degree in International Studies focuses on two of the most pressing and interlinked issues of our time: Global Development and Environment. The program draws on courses from 11 different graduate programs and is managed jointly by the Department of Economics and the Department of Global and International Studies" (UNBC 2024, <https://www.unbc.ca/calendar/graduate/international-studies>).

As Acting Chair of the Global and International Studies program, I invite you to be an active part of our community. Please ask any, and all questions, you might have. We are here to support your success.

Dr. Heather Smith
Acting Chair, Department of Global and International Studies

THE MA IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT UNBC Program. Faculty. Location.

The MA in International Studies at UNBC is focused on **Global Development and Environment**. Our program was revised in 2018 to reflect changing global issues and how they are analyzed. Building on our more than 20 years of experience offering the INTS MA, the new program brings both sharper focus to the program and more choice for students.

Designed for students with broadly defined social science backgrounds, the program is structured so that coursework introduces key concepts, theoretical analysis, and practice in the themes of Global Development and Global Environment. In addition, students gain research expertise through the required course in Research Methods for Global Studies. 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.

Analyzing Global Development as processes, the program allows students to choose from courses focusing on the Global South, on the High North, on Indigenous issues, and on global-local dynamics. The connections between development and environment are explored and addressed. The vibrant Global Fridays Speakers Series brings global issues and speakers regularly to your classroom.

All students are admitted into a coursework-based program allowing them to complete the program in two years. It is anticipated that most students will complete the coursework-based program. Depending on coursework performance and research topic, students can also apply during their studies to follow a thesis-based program in which they have the opportunity to work in depth on a topic under the supervision of a faculty member. Alternatively, they may apply for the innovative major research paper-based program where students work with a faculty supervisor on a shorter piece.

Whichever option you take, you will be provided with the flexibility to pursue a program about which you are passionate that also provides you with the rigorous theoretical and methodological training required to be successful during your course of study and in your future workplace. International Studies is one of the most sought-after graduate degrees for individuals with professional interests in international and public policy, diplomacy, social science research, and non-governmental organizations. Our students have gone on to careers in the Canadian foreign service, federal and provincial governments, child rights advocacy, international business relations, international environmental NGOs, climate change research institutes, academic institutions, and community development, to name a few.

The MA INTS program is coordinated jointly by the Department of Global and International Studies and the Department of Economics and includes faculty from a number of other departments. These faculty, available as potential supervisors, have research interests spanning Latin America, Africa, Asia, North America, and the Arctic and have conducted research in each of them as well as locally. They have research interests in areas such as globalization, critical/alternative development, health, environment, gender, feminism, extractivism, civil society, rural development, natural resources, human rights, Indigenous issues, business practices, and security studies. Our faculty have experience working for international organizations (such as the Asian Development Bank, the International Labour Organization, and the World Bank) and for NGOs (including founding one supporting rural development in Uganda). Faculty include teaching award winners (including national 3M level) and research award winners (including national level awards). They have been successful in obtaining grants from bodies such as the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the International Development Research Centre, which have included funding for graduate students.

As for location, UNBC is not like most Canadian universities. According to Statistics Canada, “in 2016, two out of three people (66%) lived within 100 kilometers of the southern Canada–United States border, an area that represents about 4% of Canada's territory” (The Daily, Feb 8, 2017). That is where most of Canada’s universities are also found. UNBC is not; it is found in a part of the 96%. Located in Prince George, British Columbia, it is a hilltop campus situated on the Traditional Territory of the Lheidli T'enneh, with a spectacular view of mountains far off to the east. Here you will discover a region that is beyond the experience of many Canadians: a region where Indigenous cultures are strong, where pristine wilderness confronts industrial resource development, where global influences and trade from rising Asia are re-shaping the economy, and where the impacts of climate change can be readily understood. UNBC is a unique and compelling location from which, and in which, to study **Global Development and Environment**. Don’t settle for the ordinary; go the extra kilometer to UNBC!

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO IN MY FIRST TWO WEEKS AT UNBC?

1. Select courses to be taken in your first year in consultation with Dr. Gabrielle Daoust, INTS Graduate Coordinator/Advisor. To set up a meeting, reach out via email to Gabrielle.Daoust@unbc.ca.
 - a. Review the information on the [Registration Guide](#) page, then complete the [Course Registration Form](#). Registration must be completed using this form and cannot be completed online. Submit the form to the Office of the Registrar, copying internationalstudies@unbc.ca.
 - b. Review the Graduate [Program Approval Form](#). The Course Planning form in this Handbook will help you plan your program and make sure that your course selections fit the program requirements. You will submit the Program Approval Form after you've completed 12 credit hours.
2. Obtain your Student Identification Card at the Cashier's Office (located in the Agora across from the Security Office). Payment of fees will be required at this point!
3. Read through the [2024/2025 Graduate Academic Calendar](#). This contains important information about graduate studies at UNBC, including key policies and regulations. Make sure to carefully review the sections in this Handbook on 'Your responsibilities as a graduate student' and 'Academic integrity and academic conduct'.
4. Obtain an email account from the Computer Help Desk, located in the Lab Building 8-265 (250-960-5321, support@unbc.ca). You require an official UNBC email account for all communications and for accessing e-learning technology in your courses.
5. Attend your chosen classes!
6. Attend the INTS Graduate Program Orientation and the Annual Welcome Reception for incoming and continuing graduate students. This is where you will receive important information about your program, have the opportunity to ask questions, and meet other INTS graduate students. Check your email for the invitations (and make a habit of checking your UNBC email every weekday!).
7. Mark down the Global Fridays Speaker Series dates in your calendar (see <http://www.unbc.ca/international-studies/global-friday>). Attending Global Fridays regularly is invaluable to your graduate student experience at UNBC and provides an opportunity to hear and meet leading scholars and practitioners in the field. It is also required as part of the required Graduate Colloquia course, INTS 702.
8. Check out the Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (<http://www.casid-acedi.ca/membership>). If you are a graduate student in the MA INTS, the department will pay for your membership. If you would like to become a member of the Association, please email internationalstudies@unbc.ca.
9. Check out the Prince George chapter (<https://thecic.org/branches/prince-george/>) of the Canadian International Council (<https://thecic.org/about/>). All INTS graduate students are entitled to a free student membership sponsored by the department.

MA INTS INFORMATION

MA INTS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS*

*See [UNBC's Graduate Course Calendar](#) for further information on these program requirements. Note that some of these listed required and elective courses may not be offered every year, and that these requirements are in the process of being updated. Some recommended course substitutes for Fall 2024-Winter 2025 are listed in the following section of the Handbook.

UNBC's innovative and interdisciplinary Master's degree in International Studies focuses on two of the most pressing and interlinked issues of our time: Global Development and Environment. The program draws on courses from 11 different graduate programs and is managed jointly by the Department of Economics and the Department of Global and International Studies.

Broadly understood as processes that affect people(s), regions and/or countries in the Global South and northern areas including the Arctic, global development is examined from multiple perspectives. These perspectives include those of international agencies and civil society organizations. Both mainstream and critical approaches to development studies are examined. The challenges facing the global environment and potential solutions are analysed. Interactions between global development and the environment and between local and global scales are examined.

Financial assistance in the form of teaching assistantships is available to some full-time students, in accordance with University regulations. (For more information on sources of financial assistance, see the 'Financial Awards and Assistance' section of this handbook.)

Requirements: All students are normally admitted into a course-based program. Students wishing to transfer to a thesis- or a research paper-based program may apply to do so in accordance with program rules after completing 12 credit hours.

Students are required to take courses that satisfy requirements as listed below in Global Development: Theory and Institutions; Research Methods; and Global Environment: Policies and Practices. Two elective courses are also required. Courses may be taken in any order.

Stage 1. Foundational Coursework Program (16 credit hours)

A. Required Courses

Global Development: Theory and Institutions

One of:

ECON 601-3	Global Economy and Development
ECON 604-3	Poverty, Inequality and Development
INTS 620-3	International Regimes
POLS 615-3	Comparative Northern Development

Global Environment: Policies and Practices

ANTH 613-3	Environmental Anthropology
ECON 625-3	Trade and the Environment
HIST 704-3	Themes in Environmental History
INTS 621-3	Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction
INTS 670-3	International Environmental Policy
NRES 703-3	Integrated Resource Management

Research Methods

INTS 700-3

Research Methods in Global Studies

Colloquia

INTS 702.05

Graduate Colloquia (all students must complete Graduate Colloquia INTS 702 twice during their program of study)

B. Electives

Two of:

ANTH 601-3

Anthropological Perspectives on Inequality

ANTH 604-3

Comparative Study of Indigenous Peoples in the World

ECON 610-3

Health Economics

ECON 611-3

Cost-Benefit Analysis

ENVS 602-3

Environmental and Natural Resources Issues and Ethics

GEOG 603-3

First Nations and Indigenous Geographies

GEOG 626-3

Geographies of Culture, Rights and Power

GNDR 611-3

Contemporary Feminist Theories

GNDR 613-3

Themes in Aboriginal Women's Studies

HIST 702-3

Themes in Indigenous History

POLS 613-3

Democracy and Diversity

Additional courses from the Global Development and Global Environment options can also be selected as electives.

NOTE: All course selections and course substitutions require Chair approval.

Stage 2. Program Completion (9 to 12 credit hours)

After completing the Foundational Coursework Program, students then complete one of the following:

- i. A **course-based program** consisting of 9 credit hours of further graduate coursework. Students in the course-based program must complete at least 6 credit hours of coursework from the Global Development options, 6 credit hours from the Global Environment options, and have courses from at least three different subject areas.
- ii. A **research paper-based program** consisting of 6 credit hours of further graduate coursework from all courses listed above (at least 3 credit hours of which must be from the Global Development or Global Environment options) and a 3 credit hour Research Paper ([INTS 797](#)). Students must apply for transfer into the research-paper program after completing Stage 1 Foundational Coursework. Transfer will be approved by the Chair on the basis of academic achievement in coursework and the availability of a supervisor for the Research Paper
- iii. A **thesis-based program** consisting of a 12 credit hour thesis ([INTS 799-12](#)). Students must apply for transfer into the thesis program after completing Stage 1 Foundational Coursework. Transfer will be granted on the basis of academic excellence in coursework and the availability of a supervisor for the thesis.

COURSE SELECTION FOR MA INTS STUDENTS

Fall 2024-Winter 2025

RED	= Meets Global Development requirement (choose 1 in Stage 1)
GREEN	= Meets Global Environment requirement (choose 1 in Stage 1)
BLUE	= Required of all students
PURPLE	= Electives

You may also choose as electives any of the options from Global Development and Global Environment that you have not already chosen, but you must graduate with courses from THREE discipline areas/course codes (e.g., INTS, ECON, HIST).

NOTES:

1. The above requirements refer to STAGE 1 coursework only. Students completing the coursework or research paper program in STAGE 2 will require further coursework.
2. Some of the required and elective courses listed in the previous section of the Handbook are not being offered in the Fall 2024-Winter 2025 academic year. Some recommended substitutes for both the required and elective courses are listed below.
3. Courses outside INTS may require specific prerequisites, specialized disciplinary background, or particular skills (e.g., quantitative analysis, background in a particular social science). Please consult the course catalogue and the course professor for any prerequisites or required background.

Fall 2024

ECON 625. Trade and the Environment – Dr. Karima Fredj (3 credits)

INTS 650. Pacific Affairs – Dr. Jason Lacharité (3 credits)

INTS 700. Research Methods in Global Studies – Dr. Gabrielle Daoust (3 credits)

INTS 702. Graduate Colloquia – This course must be taken **twice** in order to graduate; however, it can be taken any time during your time here (0.5 credit hours)

GNDR 616/POLS 616. Gender and Politics – Dr. Fiona MacDonald (3 credits)

GNDR 698/INTS 698. Gender, Peace, and Security – Dr. Luna KC (3 credits)

HIST 704. Themes in Environmental History – Dr. Barrie Blatchford (3 credits)

HIST 705. History of International Relations – Dr. Jacqueline Holler (3 credits)

Winter 2025

ANTH 698. Special Topics in Anthropology – Dr. Shauna LaTosky (3 credits)

ECON 611. Cost-Benefit Analysis – Dr. Karima Fredj (3 credits)

ENVS 602. Environmental Issues and Ethics – Dr. Annie Booth (3 credits)

ENVS 631. Global Environmental Policy: Energy and Climate – Dr. Sinead Earley (3 credits)

INTS 702. Graduate Colloquia – This course must be taken **twice** in order to graduate (0.5 credit hours)

INTS 621. Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction – Dr. Gabrielle Daoust (3 credits)

INTS 625. Sustainability Problem Solving – Dr. Tristan Pearce (3 credits)

INTS 698. The Global and the Everyday – Dr. Heather Smith (3 credits)

GEOG 624. Northern Communities – Dr. Greg Halseth (3 credits)

GNDR 611. Contemporary Feminist Theories – Dr. Luna KC (3 credits)

HIST 702. Themes in Indigenous History – Dr. Max Hamon (3 credits)

POLS 698. Politics of Polarization – Dr. Fiona MacDonald (3 credits)

MA INTS COURSE PLANNING FORM

Student name:

Date of entry:

Stage 1. Basic Coursework (16 credits required)

Requirement	Course taken	Semester completed
Global Development Option*		
Global Environment Option*		
INTS 702.05	INTS 702.05	
INTS 702.05	INTS 702.05	
INTS 700-3	INTS 700-3	
ELECTIVE*		
ELECTIVE *		

* Choose from the courses listed in the 'Course selection for MA INTS students' for Fall 2024-Winter 2025 in the section above

Stage 2. Program Completion (9–12 credits required. Check and complete the appropriate section.)

COURSEWORK PROGRAM

Requirement	Course taken	Semester completed
Global Development Option*		
Global Environment Option*		
Elective		

listed courses include three (3) subject areas

THESIS PROGRAM

Requirement	Course taken	Semester completed
INTS 799-12	INTS 799-12	

RESEARCH PAPER PROGRAM

Requirement	Course taken	Semester completed
INTS 797-3	INTS 797-3	
Global Development or Environment course*		
Elective		

INTS 702 GRADUATE COLLOQUIA

Dr. Heather Smith

Global Studies is a holistic, broad, and multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary field that is emerging as one of the most dynamic (inter)disciplines in academia. Global Studies comprises the study of political, economic, environmental, biological, cultural, and social phenomena using a variety of methods and approaches. INTS 702 is designed to introduce you to different research questions, methods, and fields within Global Studies. Engaging with research presentations organized by the Global Fridays committee, and/or other on campus and community activities, you will increase your awareness of the field and your knowledge of research themes and methods.

I will also be organizing individual and/or group conversations related to the question: What does it mean to be a scholar? Based on assigned class readings and building your engagement with public scholarship such as Global Fridays, we'll explore this question together. I will be in touch about setting up our meeting times as we have no dedicated time to meet.

Students in the MA INTS program are required to enroll in and pass the course *twice* during their programs of study to complete their degree requirements. *This course is graded on a pass/fail basis.* If this is your first time taking the course, welcome to your MA program! If this is your second go-round, you will see that the inclusion of the conversations around what it is to be a scholar is a new addition to the course and I hope you enjoy it.

Course requirements will be available in the syllabus in the Moodle shell for the course and I'll reach out to you with a welcome email at the beginning of the semester. In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact me at Heather.Smith@unbc.ca if you have any questions.

MA INTS PROGRAM RULES*

*This document does not supersede the rules and regulations set out in the official [UNBC Graduate Calendar](#).

The [Calendar](#) states that: “All students are normally admitted into a course-based program. Students wishing to transfer to a thesis or a research paper-based program may apply to do so after completing 12 credit hours and in accordance with program rules.”

The Program Rules for Transfer apply to the thesis and research paper options.

All students applying for a Transfer must have a minimum average grade of A- in their first 12 credits of coursework.

In addition, students applying for the thesis option must include:

- i. A letter of support from a supervisor (faculty eligible to serve as supervisors in the program are listed below);
- ii. A thesis proposal of at least 10 pages in length and a bibliography of at least 3 pages.

Students applying for the major research paper option must include:

- i. A letter of support from a supervisor (faculty eligible to serve as supervisors in the program are listed below);
- ii. A description of the type of research output expected (e.g., policy note, encyclopedia entry, newspaper article) together with potential targeted publication(s);
- iii. A paper proposal of at least 3 pages in length and a bibliography of at least 1 page.

Applications are made to the Chair and can be made at any time after the completion of 12 credit hours of coursework.

Eligible supervisors:

- Heather Smith, Professor, Global and International Studies
- Gabrielle Daoust, Assistant Professor, Global and International Studies
- Luna KC, Assistant Professor, Global and International Studies/Gender Studies
- Agnieszka Pawlowska-Mainville, Associate Professor, Global and International Studies
- Paul Bowles, Professor Emeritus, Economics and Global and International Studies
- Karima Fredj, Associate Professor, Economics
- Leandro Freylejer, Assistant Professor, Economics
- Jacqueline Holler, Professor, History
- Liam Kelly, Assistant Professor, Economics
- Fiona MacPhail, Professor Emerita, Economics
- Jalil Safaei, Professor, Economics
- Tristan Pearce, Associate Professor, Geography
- Angèle Smith, Professor, Anthropology
- Gary Wilson, Professor, Political Science
- Fiona MacDonald, Associate Professor, Political Science

Students admitted into the thesis option will be directed by a Supervisory Committee, will make a presentation of their proposal once it has been approved by the Committee, and will have an oral defense of the thesis in accordance with Office of Graduate Programs regulations.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A GRADUATE STUDENT

The Graduate Advisor and your thesis or research paper supervisor (if applicable) will provide as much guidance and support as possible over the course of your studies in the MA INTS program. However, as a graduate student you are responsible for familiarizing yourself with your program requirements and associated processes, as well as wider University standards, policies, and expectations. You are also responsible for keeping up to date on key timelines/deadlines and tasks associated with program planning, registration, and other aspects of graduate studies.

Some key requirements to keep in mind are the following:

Course Registration: Review the information on the [Registration Guide](#) page before submitting the form. Registration must be completed using this form and cannot be completed online. The completed form is submitted to the Office of the Registrar. Please copy internationalstudies@unbc.ca when you submit your form.

Make sure that you are familiar with key dates associated with course registration for the September, January, and May semesters, including deadlines for course registration and revision, course withdrawal, fees payment, etc. These dates can be found here: <https://www.unbc.ca/calendar/graduate/semester-dates>.

Continuous Registration Requirement: All graduate students are required to maintain continuous registration for the duration of their program with the exception of students in course-based programs without course offerings in the Spring semester. Students in a thesis or project stream are required to register in the September, January, and May semesters continuously unless on an approved leave. Further information on this requirement is provided in the [Registration Guide](#).

Program Approval Form: All students must fill out a Graduate [Program Approval Form](#) after completing 12 credit hours. Make an appointment with Dr. Gabrielle Daoust to complete this form. The Course Planning form (in this Handbook, above) will help you plan your program and make sure that your course selections fit the program requirements. All graduate forms can be found here: <https://www.unbc.ca/graduate-administration/graduate-forms>. Please refer to the [Office of Graduate Administration](#) website for all graduate information.

Annual Progress Reports: Graduate students in the thesis stream must complete a [Progress Report form](#) to ensure ongoing progression through their degree requirements. Initial reports are due at the end of the third semester in the program and are then due annually by June 30 (for September program starts) or December 31 (for January starts).

Academic Performance: The passing grade is B- for all courses taken towards a graduate degree at UNBC. Students must attain a semester GPA of at least 3.00 (B) for every semester in which they are registered. A grade of F in a course taken for credit in a graduate program will result in a review concerning continuance in the program. A student who is not meeting academic or program standards may be required to withdraw from their graduate program. Further information on Academic Performance requirements can be found here: <https://www.unbc.ca/calendar/graduate/admissions>.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND ACADEMIC CONDUCT

Academic responsibilities: As explained in the [UNBC Graduate Calendar](#), upon registering and while registered in a for-credit course or program of study at UNBC, students accept and agree to be subject to the University's Policies, Rules and Procedures, including those related to academic integrity and academic (and non-academic) conduct. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with and adhere to these UNBC standards, policies, and responsibilities, as well as specific expectations set out by course instructors. These include expectations, responsibilities, standards, and policies related to research, citation, and plagiarism, the use of artificial intelligence (AI), and more.

Plagiarism and academic integrity: Plagiarism is the use of any source of information and ideas without properly acknowledging its author(s) or the misrepresentation of another's work as your own – either intentionally or unintentionally – whether through quoting, paraphrasing, or summarising. Plagiarism is a serious breach of academic integrity and is subject to academic sanctions and disciplinary measures. It is your responsibility to understand what plagiarism is and how to avoid it. You can read more about student rights and responsibilities, including those related to academic conduct/misconduct, can be found here: <https://www.unbc.ca/policy/student-rights-and-responsibilities>. Please familiarise yourself with UNBC's academic regulations and policies set out in the Graduate Calendar: <https://www2.unbc.ca/calendar/graduate/regulations>.

Citation and referencing: To minimise the risks of plagiarism, present information drawn from sources in your own words, clearly indicate direct quotes, and correctly cite all sources used. Good citation practices are also ways of showing the work that you have put into your research and writing and your engagement with existing literature, as well as acknowledging the people who have informed your own understanding of the issues you're writing about, and to locate yourself in this wider community. Make sure that you understand the specific citation and referencing – and broader research and writing – requirements set by your course instructors. These may vary from course to course, so ask for clarification from your instructor if you have any questions. You can find guidelines on citation styles at <https://libguides.unbc.ca/cite> and at <https://www2.unbc.ca/academic-success-centre/handouts>.

Research and writing supports: The UNBC library should be your starting point for academic research and has a range of resources to help you find, access, and use scholarly resources. There is a general guide on getting started with your research at <https://libguides.unbc.ca/research>. You can use subject-specific guides, including the Global and International Studies Research Guide (<https://libguides.unbc.ca/ints>), to access a wide range of research resources. The subject librarian for International Studies is Kealin McCabe, who can be reached at Kealin.McCabe@unbc.ca or 250-960-6473. You can set up an appointment with her for research help through <https://library.unbc.ca/>.

The Academic Success Centre (ASC) offers a variety of face-to-face and online tutoring services, as well as academic writing support, study skills support, and more, and online resources and peer-led programmes. All ASC services are free to UNBC students. More information is available at <https://www2.unbc.ca/academic-success-centre>, with a range of handouts available at <https://www2.unbc.ca/academic-success-centre/handouts>. The ASC is located on the first floor of the Geoffrey R. Weller Library, and you can contact them at 250-960-6367 or asc@unbc.ca.

ACADEMIC DATES FOR 2024-2025

Please review the complete list of key dates for all semesters of the 2024-2024 academic year:
<https://www.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/calendar/graduate/2024-2025grdatestopfeb28.pdf>.

2024 – 2025 Semester Dates

2024 September Semester

September

- 2 Monday Labour Day, University closed
- 3 Tuesday Orientation Day
- 4 Wednesday First day of classes, September Semester
All September Semester fees due
- 18 Wednesday *Last day to register or revise registration for the September Semester
*Last day to withdraw from program without financial penalty
*Last day to change September Semester courses from audit to credit and credit to audit
- 30 Monday National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, University closed

October

- 14 Monday Thanksgiving Day, University closed
- 24 Thursday *Last day to withdraw from September Semester courses without academic penalty (course will be denoted with W)

November

- 1 Friday Deadline to submit Application for Graduation to graduate in the September Semester
- 11 Monday Remembrance Day, University closed

December

- 3 Tuesday Last day of classes
- 5 Thursday First day of exam period
- 16 Monday Last day of exam period
- 22 Sunday Maintenance shutdown, Prince George campus closed
- 25 Wednesday Christmas Day, University closed
- 26 Thursday Boxing Day, University closed
- 27-31 Fri. to Tues. University closed

2025 January Semester

January

- 1 Wednesday New Year's Day, University closed
- 3 Friday Orientation Day
- 6 Monday First day of classes, January Semester
All January Semester fees due
- 20 Monday *Last day to register or revise registration for the January Semester
*Last day to withdraw from program without financial penalty
*Last day to change January Semester courses from audit to credit and credit to audit

February

- 17 Monday Family Day, University closed
- 18-21 Tues. to Fri. Mid-Semester Break (no classes February 18-21)
- 25 Tuesday *Last day to withdraw from January Semester courses without academic penalty (course will be denoted with W)

March

- 1 Saturday Deadline to submit Application for Graduation to graduate in the January Semester

April

- 1 Tuesday Deadline to apply for UNBC-administered scholarships and bursaries
- 4 Friday Last day of classes
- 8 Tuesday First day of exam period
- 17 Thursday Last day of exam period
- 18 Friday Good Friday, University closed
- 20 Sunday Easter Sunday, University closed
- 21 Monday Easter Monday, University closed

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RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

UNBC CAMPUS MAP



Prince George Campus Building Directory

Room numbers include building code prefixes. For example, room 5-152 is located in the Geoffrey R. Weller Library (**Building 5**), and room 8-322 is located in the Teaching Laboratory (**Building 8**).

The first number after the building code prefix indicates the floor level on which the room is located. For example, room 10-4520 is located on the fourth floor in the Teaching and Learning Centre (**Building 10**).

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| 2 Senate Chambers | 18 Counselling Services |
| 3 Human Resources | 19 Continuing Studies |
| 4 UNBC Bookstore | 20 Access Resource Centre |
| 5 Student Life | 21 Gymnasium |
| 6 Career Centre | 22 Field House |
| 7 Thirsty Moose Pub | A Canfor Theatre |
| 8 NUGSS | B Weldwood Theatre 7-238 |
| 9 Security | C Lecture Theatre 7-212 |
| 10 Cashiers Office | D Lecture Theatre 7-150 |
| 11 International Office | E Lecture Theatre 7-152 |
| 12 Athletics | F Lecture Theatre 7-158 |
| 13 NBCGSS | G Lecture Theatre 7-200 |
| 14 Recruitment & Advising | H Lecture Theatre 8-164 |
| 15 Office of the Registrar | I Lecture Theatre 8-166 |
| 16 First Nations Centre | J Gathering Place 5-123 |

E Elevator ★ Main Entrance



RESOURCES AT UNBC



Seeking Support? There's Help. YOU MATTER.

Mental Health

Counselling Services (for all campuses): **250-960-6369**
wellness@unbc.ca

Hours of operation are 9 am - 4 pm, Monday to Friday, closed from 12-1 pm, evening sessions Tuesdays until 7 pm. Free sessions are offered in person, over telephone or video. Walk-in sessions are available. Please call to book an appointment.

Counsellor, Focusing on racialized students, Joyce Henley:
250-960-6369

UNBC Medical Clinic: **250-960-6370**
clinic@unbc.ca

Available to all registered students at UNBC. Hours of operation are 9 am - 4 pm, Monday to Friday, closed 12-1:15 pm.

Here2talk (Canada wide toll free): **1-877-857-3397**
<https://here2talk.ca>

Free mental health counselling and referral service that provides year-round, 24-7 mental health support services for all B.C. post-secondary students regardless of whether they live in Canada or abroad. Call or download the app.

Empower Me (Toll free, 24/7): **1-833-628-5589**
Counselling, consulting and life coaching offered to students in Canada or the US.

Northern BC Crisis Line: **1-888-562-1214**
Youth Crisis Line: **1-888-564-8336** or Text **250-564-8336**



Campus Wellness

Northern Pride Centre: prideunbc@gmail.com

First Nations Centre: **250-960-5772**

Interfaith Spiritual Care Centre: **250-960-5285**

Residential School Support (National 24-7 crisis line): **1-866-925-4419**

Northern Women's Centre: empower@unbc.ca

Personal Safety

UNBC Campus Security: **250-960-7058**, Call or download the **UNBC Safe App**

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

UNBC: <https://www2.unbc.ca/sexual-violence>

Prince George Sexual Assault Centre: **250-564-8302**

University Hospital of Northern British Columbia: **250-565-2000**

UNBC Medical Clinic: **250-960-6370**



Access Resource Centre (ARC): The [Access Resource Centre](#) aims to assist in reducing physical, attitudinal, and systemic barriers faced by students with disabilities, including via reasonable accommodations. The ARC provides services for students with documented disabilities, including but not limited to chronic health issues, hearing and visual impairments, learning disabilities and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders, mental health and neurological disabilities, mobility and other physical disabilities, and temporary impairments related to illness or injury. Students who would like to access accommodations through the ARC need to self-identify and register with the centre. You can find the ARC in 5-157 or contact them at 250-960-5682 (toll free 1-888-960-5682) or arc@unbc.ca.

Academic Success Centre (ASC): The [Academic Success Centre](#) provides students with free access to academic support services. The ASC offers a variety of face-to-face and online tutoring services as well as academic writing support, study skills support, and more, as well as a range of online resources and peer-led programmes. You can find the ASC in 5-139G or contact them at 250-960-6367 or asc@unbc.ca.

Northern BC Graduate Students' Society (NBCGSS): All graduate students registered at UNBC are members of the [Northern BC Graduate Students' Society](#), which provides a range of [services and benefits](#) for members. You can find the NBCGSS in 7-168 or contact them at 250-960-5671 or gssoffice@unbc.ca.

Other on-campus resources and services for students: UNBC also provides access to a wide range of resources, supports, and services related to housing, careers, and more. More information can be found at <https://www.unbc.ca/current-students/student-resources> and <https://www.unbc.ca/graduate-administration/student-support>.

STUDENT COMPUTER LABS AND IT SERVICE DESK

Student **computer lab** locations:

- 7-105 General Purpose First Nations Centre
- 8-362 General Purpose and Teaching (open 24 hours 7 days a week)
- 8-364 General Purpose and Teaching
- 8-365 General Purpose and Teaching
- 10-3034 General Purpose and Teaching

Lab hours: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 9:00pm**

For more information on student lab configurations, please choose a lab. If you have inquiries, comments, or concerns, please visit the [IT Service Desk](#).

SERVICE DESK

The Computer Helpdesk is here to assist faculty, staff and students with all of their computing needs. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, we are always happy to assist in any way we can.

[IT Services for Students](#)

Location: Second floor of the Teaching Lab, Room 8-265

Service desk hours:

- Spring and Summer: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm (closed Saturday and Sunday)
- Fall and Winter: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm and 4:30pm to 9:00pm (student assistance only), weekends 11:00am to 4:00pm (student assistance only)

Contact: 250-960-5321 or 866-960-5321 (toll free), support@unbc.ca

FINANCIAL AWARDS AND ASSISTANCE

Funding your graduate education can be a challenge. Make sure you invest time in finding out what funding opportunities are available to you from UNBC and other external sources. Below is a list of some places to start. Do not leave this for the last minute, and make note of upcoming deadlines (many are in the fall and spring). Apply early and often! If you have questions about applying for UNBC Awards and Financial Aid, contact awards@unbc.ca or 250-960-6319.

UNBC teaching assistantships: There are a small number of UNBC TAships available in International Studies. Graduate students in INTS are also eligible for TAships in other departments for which they are qualified. Available positions are posted on the Human Resources Career Opportunities webpage (<https://www.unbc.ca/career-opportunities/current-graduate-teaching-assistantship-postings>).

Research assistantships: Research assistantships become available when INTS MA faculty members secure research grants. Students are normally approached by faculty holding grants to work as research assistants, but you can also ask faculty members about any available opportunities.

UNBC awards and financial aid: Check out the Office of Graduate Programs webpage (<http://www.unbc.ca/financial-aid>) for information about potential university and outside funding for your studies. Don't forget to also check out the Office of Graduate Programs' on-line Scholarship, Bursary and Award Guide: <https://www.unbc.ca/graduate-programs/awards/awards-and-scholarships-introduction>.

UNBC offers internal grants to graduate students for research and conference expenses – a valuable resource if you are conducting field research or presenting a paper. See <https://www.unbc.ca/research/internal-funding-opportunities> for more information.

UNBC Travelling Knowledges program: This program offers UNBC students in diverse disciplines an opportunity to experience international travel and study (e.g. internships, exchanges, or independent studies) and to engage in experiential learning relating to sustainability, culture, development, local and Indigenous community issues. The Travelling Knowledges II: Knowledge that Moves program for 2024-2027 is open to graduate students who are Canadian citizens and landed immigrants under 35. See <https://www.unbc.ca/global-and-international-studies/travelling-knowledges> for more information, or contact the program leads: Dr. Jacqueline Holler at jacqueline.holler@unbc.ca and Dr. Agnieszka Pawlowska-Mainville at agnes.pawlowska-mainville@unbc.ca.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council scholarships: The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada offers graduate scholarships for Canadian students. Visit <http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/> and click on 'Search for Funding'.

Funding for international students: If you are an international student, the Government of Canada has a limited number of scholarships available for non-Canadian students (<http://www.scholarships-bourses.gc.ca/scholarships-bourses/index.aspx?lang=eng>).

Funding related to global environmental policy: If you are considering a topic related to climate change, visit the fellowships section of the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (<http://pics.uvic.ca/fellowships/graduate>). INTS MA students have been awarded these highly competitive fellowships in recent years.

Funding related to international development: The International Development Research Centre has some scholarships for Master's students to support field research (<https://www.idrc.ca/en>).

WORDS OF WISDOM

Faculty and graduate students have offered some words of advice to help new students through some of the difficulties often experienced during graduate studies. We hope this 20/20 hindsight will help you avoid some of the common pitfalls experienced by graduate students and sail through your studies here at UNBC.

- **MEET PEOPLE!** Get to know your fellow graduate students since they will be your most important resources during your course studies at UNBC and time in Prince George. This includes students who are ahead of you in the program – they are likely to be happy to answer your questions from everything about how to find an apartment and to navigate the academic resources on campus.
- **GET TO KNOW A LIBRARIAN!** Pay a visit to the university library and ask a librarian to show you around and learn about the resources available to you. We have some of the most knowledgeable and nicest librarians in the business – go meet them! The subject librarian for International Studies is Kealin McCabe (mccabek@unbc.ca). You can set up an appointment with her for research help through <https://library.unbc.ca/>.
- **PREP FOR SUCCESS!** The [Academic Success Centre](#) has several [handouts and resources](#) for thesis writing and research. It is in your best interest to peruse these materials as they contain important information that will help you through many academic challenges.
- **EXPLORE NATURE!** Take the time to explore the fantastic natural areas around Prince George such as Forests for the World (on campus!) or the Ancient Forest a short drive nearby. There is a multitude of hiking trails to enjoy all summer long. In addition, the world famous Jasper National Park is only 4 hours away by car for more hiking and camping. A good place to find out about all this is to check out the student-run [Outdoors Club](#) or the community-based [Caledonia Ramblers](#).
- **GET OUTSIDE!** If you are not accustomed to the long Canadian winter, the best way to enjoy it and avoid ‘cabin fever’ is to learn to play in the snow. For instance, try snowshoeing around the university hill; learn to cross-country ski at Otway Nordic Ski Centre; downhill ski or snowboard at the Hart Ski Hill, Tabor Mountain, Purden Ski Village, or Powder King; ice skate at the Ice Oval by the bottom of the university hill; take up curling; or even fish on a frozen lake. This is the best way to get sunshine! In addition, exercise and fresh air clear your mind and offer an exciting escape from your reading and papers! Getting active outside is also a great way to meet people in the community.
- **PREFER THE INDOORS?** If you want to try and avoid the winter cold or summer heat, there are plenty of indoor activities available as well. Located just down the road from the university is the [Aquatic Centre](#), one of two of Prince George’s indoor pools. Downtown (but still reachable by bus) is the [Canfor Leisure Pool](#). This pool was just recently built and offers many great options for anyone looking for a place to swim. There are [indoor ice skating](#) rinks available during the winter months that will limit your exposure to the cold. Please check out the City of Prince George webpage for information on skating times and locations. Check out your [local community centre/hall](#) for any events they may be hosting as well. [The Prince George Public Library](#) hosts a wide variety of events, even some that involve graduate students. Check out their website for more information.

- CHECK OUT LOCAL ARTS! Prince George is home to [Theatre Northwest](#), a professional theatre organization. Prince George also has community theatre and improv groups (e.g. Nechako Community Theatrics Society.) Interested in live music? Many of the locally run restaurants host live music nights weekly or monthly. Check out a variety of local restaurant's FaceBook pages to learn when they are hosting musicians. [The Omineca Arts Centre](#) also hosts a variety of events as well as live music. The City of Prince George had a list of local community events on [their website](#). [The Two Rivers Art Gallery](#) is located in downtown Prince George and is a great place to visit to see local artists' work. It wouldn't be a section about the arts without mentioning [Studio 2880](#). Check out their wide variety of events, groups, and more that are open to all.
- ENGAGE WITH PRINCE GEORGE'S MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES! The [Multicultural Heritage Society](#) and the [Immigrant and Multicultural Services Society](#) often organize events celebrating diverse communities and cultures in Prince George. [Marquee International Food](#) is a speciality grocery store that specializes in food and other products from a range of countries, including China, Korea, Philippines, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Mexico, and South Africa.