



**Davis
Academy**

International Student Orientation

A practical guide to studying and living in Vancouver

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Welcome & Who Can Help You

You do not need to solve every question alone.

- Student Services: orientation, daily-life questions and referrals
- Academic team: course expectations, progress and learning support
- Administration: records, documents and general school information
- If you are unsure where to start, contact Student Services

START HERE

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OUR APPROACH

**Ask early. We will help you find
the right person or service.**

Your Campus & Staying Safe

VANCOUVER CAMPUS

**Suite 400
1130 West Pender Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 4A4**

**Save the campus address and key numbers
in your phone.**

Know the right first step

- Call 911 for an immediate threat to life or safety
- Call 811 for non-emergency health information in B.C.
- Follow campus instructions during alarms or evacuations
- Tell Student Services about safety concerns or accessibility needs

Health, Mental Health & Well-being

Use the support that fits the situation.

HEALTH COVERAGE

Keep your GuardMe information accessible. Apply for MSP when eligible and follow current B.C. guidance.

MENTAL HEALTH

Here2Talk offers counselling and referral support for B.C. post-secondary students.

- Emergency: 911
- Health advice: 811
- Suicide Crisis Helpline: call or text 988
- Mental health, substance-use or naloxone support: ask Student Services or use the current resources online

Accommodation & Housing Support

Plan early, verify details and protect yourself from rental scams.

- Ask about homestay or other housing assistance; availability may vary
- When renting independently, inspect the home and understand the agreement
- Do not send money until you have verified the landlord, property and terms
- Learn your rights and responsibilities through B.C.'s Residential Tenancy Branch
- Contact Student Services if housing becomes unsafe or unstable

MORE INFORMATION

davisacademy.ca/accommodation/

BEFORE SIGNING

Check the total cost, deposit, utilities, rules, location and move-in date.

Academic & Learning Support

Ask for support before a small problem becomes a large one.

LEARNING SUPPORT

Ask about tutoring, writing and assignment support, English-language help and study strategies.

PROGRAM PROGRESS

Speak with the academic team about course sequencing, progress, graduation requirements or academic difficulty.

- Attend and participate consistently
- Read course outlines and assignment instructions
- Use feedback to improve your work
- Ask questions when expectations are unclear
- Keep copies of important academic records

Community Integration & Life in Vancouver

Belonging grows through small, regular connections.

- Visit Vancouver Public Library and neighbourhood community centres
- Join clubs, events, volunteering or cultural organizations
- Use BC 211 to find community, settlement and social services
- Explore WelcomeBC for information about living and settling in B.C.
- Talk with Student Services if isolation or culture shock is affecting you

A GOOD FIRST WEEK

Choose one nearby library or community centre, learn how to get there and attend one activity.

Getting Around & Daily Life

TRANSPORTATION

Use TransLink's current trip-planning and Compass information. Check current fares and service before travel.

BANKING & COMMUNICATION

Compare accounts and fees, protect passwords, and keep reliable phone and internet access.

IDENTIFICATION

Learn about B.C. identification options and keep identity documents secure.

DAILY PLANNING

Budget for housing, food, transportation, health, study needs and unexpected costs.

Prices and rules change. Use official websites for current information.

Living in Canada

Observe, ask and stay curious as you adjust.

- Canada is diverse; people may communicate and live in many different ways
- Punctuality and clear communication are valued in school and appointments
- Respect personal space, privacy, consent and individual differences
- It is normal to experience culture shock, homesickness or uncertainty
- Keep your own traditions while making room to learn about others

WHEN UNSURE

Ask respectfully. Avoid assumptions. Student Services can help you understand unfamiliar situations.

Student Responsibilities

Your choices help create a safe and successful learning community.

- Attend, participate and communicate promptly about absences or difficulties
- Complete your own work and follow academic-integrity expectations
- Treat classmates, staff and community members with respect
- Follow Davis Academy policies and campus safety instructions
- Keep your contact information and required records current
- Maintain your immigration status and use official IRCC guidance for current conditions

IMPORTANT

Immigration conditions can change. Use canada.ca and seek qualified advice when needed.

Important Policies & Where to Find Them

Know the policies that shape your studies and your rights.

- Student conduct and respectful behaviour
- Attendance, academic standing and program progression
- Academic integrity
- Dispute resolution and student complaints
- Sexual misconduct, harassment and discrimination
- Tuition, refunds and withdrawals

USE THE CURRENT VERSION

Find Davis Academy policies on the school website or ask Student Services for help locating the policy you need.

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