



UBC Law Ambassadors: Frequently Asked Questions

General Law School Questions

Where is the new UBC Law Building located?

We moved into Allard Hall (1822 East Mall, Vancouver, BC) in August 2011. For directions and a detailed map showing the location of Allard Hall on the UBC campus go to:

http://www.maps.ubc.ca/PROD/index_detail.php?show=y,n,n,n,y&bldg2Search=n&locat1=482.

Is there someone I can speak to about financing my education?

UBC Law has a dedicated financial advisor, Liz Hagerty, who is available to meet and speak with students. To schedule an appointment please e-mail Liz at liz.hagerty@ubc.ca.

Can I go on a tour of UBC Law or speak to a law student?

UBC Law has a “Law Ambassador” program designed to provide prospective students with information about UBC Law. You can contact a Student Ambassador regarding the law school experience, life at UBC Law, or living in Vancouver, at ambassadors@law.ubc.ca.

Housing and Transportation

How do I find out more information about on-campus housing for UBC Law students?

UBC Law’s Prospective Students website has more information:

<http://www.law.ubc.ca/prospective/housing.html>

Where is a good place to live if I want to live off-campus?

Students live all over the City of Vancouver and in the surrounding suburbs. Popular student areas include Kitsilano, West Point Grey (along 10th Avenue), Fairview (Granville and Broadway area), Downtown, and the West End.

The Alma Mater Society (UBC student union) runs the free “Rentsline” service:

<http://www.amsrentsline.com/>. Students also find accommodation through Craig’s List:

<http://vancouver.craigslist.ca/apa/>.

What is the transit like in Vancouver? How much are transit passes?

Public transportation is frequent and reliable within the City of Vancouver. It is also good in the suburbs of Burnaby, North Vancouver, and Richmond. It is less frequent in the outer suburbs. There are several express bus services to UBC from various points in the city; many buses connect with SkyTrain (Vancouver's rapid transit metro). TransLink provides all public transportation services in Metro Vancouver. All UBC students get a "U-Pass," which is good for travel in all transit zones on buses, SeaBus, and all three SkyTrain rapid transit lines. It costs approximately \$30/month and is included in your student fees. The U-Pass is valid from the beginning of September to the end of April. During the summer months, you can purchase a one-zone pass (good for travel within the city) for about \$80/month. For more transit information, including TransLink's useful "Trip Planner" tool, go to www.translink.bc.ca

Is there parking near the law school?

Parking is available near Allard Hall in the North Parkade and Rose Garden Parkade. For more info, check out UBC Parking's website: <http://www.parking.ubc.ca/>

First Year Life

What is a first year schedule like at UBC? What classes will I take? Do students have any days off?

All first-year students take the same classes. Each student is placed in a "small group" of approximately 22 students, with whom you will have all your classes (along with one other small group that changes from class to class).

Although the schedule may change for 2012-2013, historically first year students received one day off from classes during the week (usually Monday). For the remaining four days, students historically attended classes from about 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with a lunch break. Here is a link to the first year schedule from 2011-2012:

http://www.law.ubc.ca/files/pdf/current/jd/web_files/First_Year_Timetables/Fall_Spring_First_Year_Timetable.pdf.

What events and activities are there for first year students?

Lots! During the week, there are often information sessions, club meetings, faculty presentations, and other events at lunch and after class. The Law Students' Society (LSS) and various clubs organize social events throughout the year.

There are lots of ways to get involved in the law school community. Some options include the LSS, the Law Students' Legal Advice Program, Pro Bono Students Canada, the UBC Law Review, and various sports teams.

What kind of recreation opportunities are there on campus?

UBC Rec provides cheap gym memberships to UBC students. They also offer workout classes and personal training. For more information, check out their website:

<http://www.rec.ubc.ca/>

Career Services

What kinds of services does UBC offer to assist students in finding jobs?

The UBC Law Career Services Office (CSO) has four dedicated staff members whom help students find jobs. For more information, go to the UBC Law CSO's website:

<http://www.law.ubc.ca/careerservices/info.html>.

Throughout the year, the CSO offers information sessions on jobs, interviews, and lots of other useful topics for students. The CSO also organizes recruitment events, compiles career guides, and meets with students one-on-one to edit resumes and assist with job interview preparation. Once you have started classes as a first year student at UBC Law, you will be able to access the CSO's "Simplicity" website that has hundreds of handouts, a calendar of events, and job postings for law students.