



**University  
of Victoria**

Peter B. Gustavson  
School of Business

# Bachelor of Commerce Program (BCom)

## Admission Requirements for International (Student Visa) Students

*The world looks  
different from here.*

The BCom program requires applicants to complete 30 units (normally two years) of course work in areas of interest to the student, including a core set of **Required Pre-Commerce Courses** (see below). Admission decisions are based on a combination of quantitative (academic grades) and qualitative (leadership, experience and community involvement) considerations. The earliest international students can be accepted to the BCom program is after completion of 15 UVic units (normally one year). Second year admission allows international students to complete their remaining electives, including COM 206C (Business English & Communication) and COM 290 (Introduction to Canadian Business) and the first co-op work term within UVic Business, while taking advantage of the Faculty's award-winning support program for international students.

<b>Year 1</b>  Pre-Commerce 15 UVic units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete 3 of the 5 required courses</li> <li>Complete 3.0 units (6 credits) of 100 level English</li> <li>Non-Business electives to at least 15 units</li> </ul>

**Required Courses:**

- Econ 103: Microeconomics
  - Math 151: Finite Math
  - Stat 252: Statistics for Business\*\*
  - English 100-level
  - Another English 100 level or Writing 102
  - Com 206C: Business English and Communications
  - Com 290: Introduction to Canadian Business
- Plus: General computer knowledge

*\*\*please see Notes on the Math and Stats requirement*

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<b>Year 2</b>  15 UVic units	Co-op Work term 1 (May-Aug)	<b>Year 3*</b>  BCom Core (Sep-Apr) 15 UVic units	Co-op Work term 2	<b>Year 4</b>  Specialization Term Or Exchange Term (Sep-Dec) 7.5 UVic units	Co-op Work term 3	<b>Year 4</b>  Specialization Term Or Exchange Term (May-Aug) 7.5 UVic units
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete remaining required courses</li> <li>Complete COM 206C and COM 290, Spring Term</li> <li>COM 204 Co-op Prep</li> <li>Complete remaining non-business electives for a total of 30 UVic units (60 credits) by April</li> </ul>		<p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COM 205, COM 315, COM 321, COM 351, COM 361, COM 362</li> </ul> <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COM 316, COM 322, COM 331, COM 341, COM 371</li> </ul>		<p>Choose from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Int'l Business</li> <li>Entrepreneurship</li> <li>Service Management</li> <li>or study area: Non-Specialization Option</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete remaining Business electives</li> <li>Participate in an International Exchange</li> </ul>

\*Graduates of Hospitality Management Diploma Programs may apply for third year entry.

## Admission Criteria

### Quantitative Considerations

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- No application with a GPA of less than 4.0 (B- on the UVIC 9-point scale) in the last 15 units of course work will be reviewed by UVic BCom.
- Applicants who meet criterion above will then be ranked based on their most recent 15 units and **Required Course** GPA as calculated by UVic BCom. The quantitative consideration will form 60% of the admission decision.
- Successful applicants will be admitted on the condition that they complete 30 units of course work, including the Required Pre-Commerce courses by the end of the January-April term, prior to beginning studies in the BCom program in the September term.

**Qualitative Considerations:** The Peter B. Gustavson School of Business recognizes that many different factors contribute to a person's chances of success in business. Applicants are therefore required to submit information on their Supplemental Application Form outlining experiences and attributes which they feel indicate their suitability for the BCom program. An evaluation of qualitative considerations will form 40% of the admission decision.

*\*Applicants should be aware that admission is highly competitive and meeting minimum requirements is not a guarantee of admission*

### Notes on the Math and Statistics Requirement

It is recognized that students transferring from other institutions may have different combinations of Math and Statistics courses. At a minimum, students must have 3.0 units of courses in the Math and Statistics area. The following combinations are acceptable: One course in Business Statistics (1.5 units), and one other Math course (1.5 units) which may not include Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Math or Pre-Calculus Algebra, or Math for Elementary Education. Acceptable topics for the other Math course include Finite Math, Linear Algebra, Business Math, and Math for Economics, Calculus, among others. A minimum transfer credit of MATH 100-level must be awarded for the other Math course. Students who select ECON 245 & ECON 246 or the STAT 255 & STAT 256 combinations can satisfy both the statistics requirement (1.5 units) and the other math requirement (1.5 units). Decisions regarding the appropriateness of Math & Statistics courses are at the discretion of the Faculty.

### Recommended Courses

Recommended elective courses include: COM 100, ENGL 225, ECON 104 and 205, MATH 100 or 102, PHIL 201 or 330, THEA 150 or 122, ES 200, EPHE 142, FA 101, SOCI 100A and 100B, and CSC 100 or 105.

### Limitation of Commerce Credit and Course Waivers

Applicants are required to take courses in other disciplines as part of their 30 units of Pre-Commerce work. Students should be aware that a maximum of 4.5 units of business courses may be used as part of the 30 units of Pre-Commerce courses. All students will be expected to complete all of the courses required in the BCom Program. *Students will not be granted waivers for 300 level Commerce core courses, based on any previous credit.*

### Notes Regarding Transfer Credit Equivalency

Students transferring from other institutions in British Columbia should consult the B.C. Transfer Credit Guide ([www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca)) for assistance with determining transferability of courses. Students from outside British Columbia may wish to contact the Faculty Admissions Officer for informal assistance and recommendations.

### Co-op Requirement

The BCom program is a mandatory co-op program requiring students to complete three four-month paid co-op work terms. Students normally complete one co-op work term prior to commencing the BCom program and two co-op work terms upon entry to the BCom program. The first co-op work term may be satisfied by completing one of the following:

- Students will have the ability to challenge their first co-op work term if they have sufficient work experience prior to entry into the program.
- Students can transfer a co-op work term or internship completed through an accredited co-op program prior to entry into the program.
- Upon admission to the BCom program students can complete their first co-op work term during the summer session (May to August) prior to entry to the BCom program. Note: This option is only available to students who are pre-admitted into the BCom program.

### Questions?

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