



VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY

*PROPOSAL FOR A
4-WEEK 2012 - JANUARY PROGRAM
Winter Camp for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
(Ages 13 to 18)*

MALASPINA HIGH SCHOOL AT VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY (VIU)

Malaspina High School is a privately funded high school located on the campus of Vancouver Island University (VIU), and welcomes up to 100 international and Canadian students each year. Malaspina High School offers students the opportunity to study on a university campus and access all the resources that are provided to university students, such as library services, gymnasium, and language/math assistance centers.

Vancouver Island University is a government-funded institution located on central Vancouver Island in British Columbia. More than 11,000 full-time students are enrolled in academic, career/technical and vocational programs, and on an annual basis more than 25,000 students take general interest courses. VIU has a long history of involvement in international education, and has assisted individuals and groups from many countries with specialized courses and programs. In addition, VIU faculties have been involved in development contracts and collaborative projects in Central America, Africa, Europe, the Caribbean and Pacific Rim countries.

Malaspina High School and Vancouver Island University are located in Nanaimo, on the scenic east coast of Vancouver Island in the heart of western British Columbia's tourism area. Nanaimo is a city of 85,000 people and has a mild climate, which allows us to enjoy a variety of summer and winter recreational activities.

For more information on Malaspina High School see the website at www.viu.ca/highschool or for Vancouver Island University, see the website at www.viu.ca

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- The program develops intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills during a west coast Canadian experience.
- Students will have fun, make friends and be confident.
- Malaspina High School, Vancouver Island University and Beautiful British Columbia are our classrooms. Discover university!
- Love Where you Learn

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

1. Classroom

All classes and activities are in English (Canadian). ☺

Students are assessed to determine their level of understanding. The classes will challenge students and encourage international-mindedness and a positive attitude to learning.

Our classrooms are huge! We base ourselves at Vancouver Island University's own high school and enjoy all the resources of the campus. Much of the fun and learning takes place on Vancouver Island and Beautiful British Columbia.

Have a look at our classrooms:

www.viu.ca

www.tourismnanaimo.com

2. Themes

Each week includes a theme: Tourism, Arts (Music, Drama, Food, Sport and Leisure) and Environmental Systems.

3. Canadian Culture

Participants will look at various aspects of Canadian culture (environment, arts, crafts, sports, music) and family life. They will gain a better understanding of Canada by comparing what they see here to life in their home country.

ACTIVITY PROGRAM

These Field trips will give the students an opportunity to explore a variety of areas on Vancouver Island and British Columbia. Some examples of day trips are listed below with websites.

Nanaimo: Our harbour city has so much to offer!

www.tourismnanaimo.com

Vancouver Island University: When you come to Malaspina you are at Vancouver Island University. Discover.

www.viu.ca

Coombs and Cathedral Grove: Enjoy a unique farmer's market and the majesty of Cathedral Grove.

www.oldcountrymarket.com

www.cathedralgrove.eu

Newcastle Island: is a protected and pristine green space, accessible by passenger ferry, with more than 15 km of well-marked interpretive trails that wind through shady forests, past First Nations historic sites, into idyllic bays and around a lake.

www.newcastleisland.ca

Mount Washington: Experience the majesty of Mount Washington by snowshoe, ski, toboggan or snowboard.

www.mountwashington.ca

Victoria: Participants will travel to *Victoria*, the beautiful capital of British Columbia, where they will visit the Royal B.C. Museum, which has many excellent displays including a turn-of-the-century village, natural history models of forests and the seashore and a section of the First Nations people of British Columbia. Students will have free time to explore many of Victoria's popular tourist areas or shops.

www.tourismvictoria.com

Vancouver: Participants will travel to *Vancouver* on a B.C. ferry and visit such sites as Capilano Suspension Bridge, a swinging bridge suspended over a river canyon, and the Vancouver Aquarium that displays hundreds of local and tropical fish plus otters. Participants will have free time to explore the many tourist areas and shops that Vancouver has to offer.

www.tourismvancouver.com

4. **Homestay Accommodation**

Homestay is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about Canadian family life and customs. Students are able to practice their English and receive help in a variety of areas that can be confusing to newcomers. Host families involve our program participants in their everyday activities and include them as members of their families. The students will have a comfortable room and be provided with breakfast, a bag lunch and dinner. Most students will have to commute by public transport to VIU, and all homes are within 1-hour commute time to the University. Students will be placed two per home.

5. **Winter Program January 3 to January 27**

(School begins on Tuesday, January 3rd following Christmas vacation. The four week program will include immersion in high school and university campus activity.)

PROGRAM COST

Prices quoted are **per participant** and in **Canadian dollars**.

4 Weeks **per student** **\$3,355** **each**

Included in the Program:	Not included in the Program:
B Homestay accommodation; Three meals per day provided by the host family;	B Personal expenses or costs incurred during free time;
B Tuition fees;	B Daily travel from home stay to MHS and return (approximately \$4.00 per day);
B Emergency medical insurance;	B Notebooks and pens required for class;
B Farewell reception for students and their hosts at the end of the program.	B Return travel from the group's home country to Nanaimo;
	B Meals before arrival at VIU in Nanaimo and upon leaving at the end of the program.

SAMPLE 4-WEEK WINTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Week 1: Tourism Hospitality

Week 2: Arts and Entertainment

Week 3: Forests and First Nations

Week 4: Tourism Recreation

Sport, leisure and entertainment will be integrated into the 4 week program so that students can appreciate our west coast Canadian lifestyle.

WEEK 1	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
am	ARRIVAL Nanaimo Airport pick-up	Orientation	Class E-Journal	Nanaimo Harbour Old City Quarter	Class Eco-systems	Class E-Journal	Free time With host Families
pm		Campus tour Gym, Library, Campus Recreation, Cafeteria, etc.	Explore VIU Tourism and Recreation	BBQ	Ocean Lake	Explore VIU: Sturgeon Studies	
		English Assessment (If needed)	Bowling	Westwood Lake	Nanaimo Aquatic Centre	Curling	
		E-Journal			Swimming		
WEEK 2	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
am	Free time with host families	Introduction to Leisure and Entertainment	VIU: Music program Visual Arts and Drama program	Field Trip Victoria	VIU: Explore Culinary Arts	Canadian Breakfast	<i>Free time with Host Families</i>
pm		VIU: Movie Theatre	Class Talent show preparation	Provincial Museum Undersea Gardens Inner Harbour	Cooking	Natural Foods Fitness	
WEEK 3	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
am	Free time with host families	Introduction to Forests and First nations Forests	Class Explore VIU Forestry Program	Mt Washington Snowboarding Skiing	Class Explore VIU First Nations Gathering Place	Class E-Journal Hockey	<i>Free time with host families</i>
pm		First Nations	Resource management, environmental studies	Mt Washington	First Nations Cultural Activity	Nanaimo Ice Centre Skating Hockey	
WEEK 4	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
am	Free time with host families	Class: E-Journal Performance preparation	Class: E-Journal Party prep	Field Trip Vancouver	Class Presentations	Class Presentations Certificate presentations	DEPARTURE
pm		Harbour walk	Activity: Student vote	Vancouver Aquarium Gas town	Campus Recreation	Farewell Party Student Performance	