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The first thing that I felt as soon as I landed in this small but beautiful Harbor City, Nanaimo was, I was able to breathe easy. The beautiful setting of Nanaimo and Vancouver Island University (VIU), overlooking the ocean with a few lakes, parks and the trails can keep us active through the year, I involved myself in a few of activities like bungee jumping, kayaking, rock climbing, biking along the trails and there are lots of recreational activities organized by the school as well. It is only an hour's ferry ride to Vancouver or an hour and a half's drive to the capital city Victoria.

Nanaimo has a truly diverse community with a lot of welcoming and helpful people, my experience has been amazing with the people of this city, and I have friends from places I never knew. It is a comparatively inexpensive city with a lot more to offer like community floor hockey, Rotract, multicultural society and lots more.

I am in a Bachelor of Science transfer program; my intended majors are physics and mathematics. The Professors are very knowledgeable and friendly. Unlike the bigger schools, students can draw individual attention of these professors. The school's grading system is a wonderfully planned one, with the way my instructors balance it between knowledge, application and theory is excellent. The school has a wonderful Library. It is a wonderful atmosphere to go to school.

My experience in VIU has been a huge transition from going to a high school in India to going to a post-secondary institution in Canada which has inculcated in me a lot of values and some changes. I learned an incredible amount of material and skills, but also learned about myself and became my own. My relationship with the staff, faculty and students through working in a few volunteer events, at the gym, the math learning centre as a tutor and also as resident advisor in the student residence made me realize the positives of working and in a team and learning from my team-mates and inculcating the qualities of a good teams man, leader, organizer, and lots more.

For this amazing experience I have to thank my parents, the institution on the whole and the gym staff, the friends from the math learning center, faculty and the res life team in particular.