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Business and Management Programs

Graduate Diploma in Project Management

Location Offered:

Nanaimo

Credential:

Graduate Diploma

Program Length:

1 Year

The Program

The GDPM is an integrated, cohort based program with a specialization in project management. Students will be immersed in the core theories supporting the specialization before demonstrating their knowledge in an integrative Applied Project. Elective courses will advance their understanding in an area of interest.

Program Outline

Fall Semester	Credits
GDPM 502 - (Project Management Essentials)	3
GDPM 505 - (Project Management Scope and Schedule)	3
GDPM 515 - (Project Management Cost and Schedule Control)	3
Semester Total	9

Spring Semester	Credits
GDPM 510 - (Project Management Risk Assessment)	3
GDPM 520 - (Project Management Systems)	3
GDPM 525 - (Research Methods)	3
Elective*	
<i>Select one of:</i>	3
GDIT 510 - (Global Supply Chain Management)	
GDPM 540 - (Quantitative Decision Modeling)	
GDPM 550 - (Forecasting in Business and Economics)	
Semester Total	12

Summer Semester	Credits
GDPM 590 - (Applied Project)	6
Elective*	
<i>Select one of:</i>	3
GDPM 545 - (Contract & Procurement Management)	
GDPM 555 - (Operations Management)	
GDPM 560 - (Project Management in Marketing)	
Semester Total	9
Total Program Credits	30

* Elective courses will be offered based on student demand and faculty availability. All elective courses may not be offered in every semester/year.

Completion Requirements

The Diploma will be awarded upon successful completion of required coursework including the Applied Project with a minimum of a "C" grade in any course and an overall "C+" GPA for the program.

The program has minimum standards as follows:

1-Year* Graduate Program

*Successful completion of a Graduate Diploma in one year can be affected by course availability and the previous academic and work related experience of the individual candidate.

Admission Requirements

- International students must meet VIU's International Student English Language Requirements for Academic Programs.
- An acceptable undergraduate or master's degree in business from a recognized university with a minimum "C+" (2.33) grade point average on the most recent 60 credits, or VIU's Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB) with a minimum "C+" (2.33) grade point average.

Notes on Admission

- This is a competitive admission process with limited seats in the program. Applicants who meet or exceed the minimum admission requirements may not necessarily be admitted to the program.
- Priority admission will be given to graduates from the Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB) who have a minimum "C+" grade point average.
- Preference will be given to candidates with the above noted admission requirements as well as individuals whose background, and prior work and study indicate preparation for careers in project management.

Program Regulations

Special regulations once a student has been admitted to the program are as follows:

Applied Project Extension: The program has been designed with the intention that the Applied Project will be started and completed within the one semester, however, there may be situations where extra time is required. Students will have the ability to request a project extension. In no instance shall there be more than two extensions.

Career Opportunities

The GDPM provides a specialization in project management that can lead to the designation of Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) and Project Management Professional (PMP). Students can expect to work in a variety of project management jobs in industries such as construction, information technology (IT), manufacturing and service.

Vancouver Island's recent industrial and infrastructural growth facilitates numerous firms in initiating new projects and there is a great demand for qualified project management professionals to run these projects successfully. To satisfy these demands the Vancouver Island Chapter of Project Management Institute (PMI) is constantly working with Vancouver Island University (VIU) to produce qualified project management professionals. The Chapter President also expressed their willingness to assist our students in connecting them with a company for their applied project.

Start Date and Application Deadline

Applications will be taken anytime between the first business day of October and March 31.

Applications received after March 31 are considered late and will be processed as space permits.

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