

MBA Exchange Program Fact Sheet 2027 Spring Term



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Overview

The Sauder School of Business is pleased to welcome exchange students to join our Master of Business Administration program for **Spring 2027**. We are a popular destination for MBA exchange students from schools throughout the world for our strong teaching and research reputation, international diversity, and our spectacular natural setting.

The University of British Columbia (UBC), established in 1908, is one of Canada's leading research universities and is consistently ranked among the top 40 in the world. The university attracts [over 70,000 students](#) from across Canada and 140 countries around the world to two major campuses.

Vancouver Campus

The largest campus is 30 minutes from the heart of downtown Vancouver, a spectacular location that is a 'must-see' for any visitor to the city — where snow-capped mountains meet ocean and breathtaking vistas greet you around every corner. The campus is home to more than 47,000 undergraduate and 11,000 graduate students.

MBA Exchange academic overview

Term Dates: The Exchange Term covers two periods within the **Spring 2027 Term***

Period 3: **January 5 - February 11, 2027****

Exam week: February 8 – 11, 2027

Break (no scheduled classes for exchange students): Feb 12 – March 7, 2027

Period 4: **March 8 – April 17, 2027****

Exam week: April 12 – 17, 2027

* UBC MBA has in-person instruction only.

**Dates are subject to change.

Structure and delivery of classes: Lectures, seminars, case studies, project works, group work, presentations and field trips.

Language of Instruction: English

Teaching hours: 1 Course = 1.5 credits or 20 credit hours (note: Exchange students take 8 courses over two periods from January to April)

Class size: 50 students max in class; average 26 students in a class.

Standard course load:

- 4 courses each in periods 3 & 4. Equal to 6 UBC credits.
- Total: 8 courses over duration of Exchange term. Equal to 12 UBC credits.
- Optional: 1 course in period 5. Equal to 1.5 UBC credits.
- With approval from their home university, exchange students may reduce their course load (3 courses per period) or overload (5 courses per period).

Grading: Percentage system used; 60% = Minimal Pass

Examinations: Final Evaluations are held during the last week of class (during week 6 of each of Period 3 and Period 4). Final evaluations may involve a written examination and/or oral presentation, written paper, or assignment.

Course selection and registration

Course listings for Period 3 and 4 will be available once you create a UBC student account.

Course outlines from last year's class are available on our website [here](#). Courses may be taught by different instructors and the syllabus content may be updated from year-to-year.

Registration will open for all MBA students (including Exchange students) in December.

Administrative overview

Nomination deadline: August 31, 2026

Exchange application deadline: September 14, 2026

Latest arrival date: January 4, 2027

Orientation: during the week of January 5, 2027

Classes begin on **January 5, 2027**

For information on FT MBA program at the Sauder School of Business, please visit [our website](#).

Academic requirements: applicants must have completed at least 1 term (approximately 4 months) of foundational courses in their MBA / Master's level business degree, achieving the equivalent of a B (72% or higher) average across these courses.

Work experience requirements: applicants must have prior work experience, either full-time work or internship / co-op experience.

English language requirement: Applicants must be able to speak, comprehend, and write fluently in English. An English proficiency exam is required for all applicants whose degrees are from a university outside Canada or the U.S.A. in which English was not the official language of instruction (this may include a previous undergraduate degree or a current graduate degree in which English is the official language of instruction). The required scores are:

- TOEFL iBT: 100
 - Tests taken prior to January 21, 2026 (1-120 scale): 90 overall with a minimum component score of 22 (reading, listening) and 21 (writing, speaking) or
 - Tests taken as of January 21, 2026 (1-6 scale): 5 overall with a minimum component score of 5 (listening), 5 (reading, writing) and 5 (speaking)
- IELTS Academic: 7.0 overall band and no IELTS Indicator score lower than 7.0
 - You may take the IELTS Academic at a test centre or online.
 - IELTS General and IELTS Indicator are not accepted.
- Other tests are not accepted.

Housing: [On-Campus](#), single-student Winter Session Housing is difficult to secure and **not guaranteed**. (Year Round Housing is not available for one term).

Students looking to secure [off-campus accommodation](#) should expect to spend \$1,200 – \$2,400 CAN per month for accommodation. Current rental rates are roughly \$1,200 to \$1,800 for a shared apartment, \$1,500 - \$2,100 for a studio, or \$1,800 - \$2,400 for a 1-bedroom apartment.

This varies depending on location, age of the building, amenities, etc. It maybe difficult to secure housing while still abroad and before arriving in Vancouver. Students may wish to book short term accomodations for the first few days/weeks of their arrival in Vancouver.

Visa Details: As a short-term exchange student coming to Canada for a period of less than 6 months, you are eligible to study in Canada without a study permit.

Depending on your nationality, you will need a visitor visa or electronic travel authorization to come to Canada. You can use [this tool](#) from the Canadian government to find out whether you need a visa or an eTA.

When it asks "What do you plan to do in Canada?" please select "Study".
Then, when it says "Select the option that best matches your situation:" please select "I'm eligible to study without a permit".

To demonstrate that you will return home after completing your Exchange term, you should include proof of enrollment at your home university that shows your MBA program continues in-person after your exchange term. You may wish to include other documentation that shows you will return home. For example, you may have a job offer letter from a company in your home country or proof that you will be returning to family in your home country (e.g. a spouse or children). You should also include proof of funds to show that you can support yourself financially while you study in Canada.



Estimated exchange expenses

Exchange students are exempted from paying UBC MBA tuition since tuition is paid to the home institution. The following fees and expenses are only ESTIMATES for a single student and are subject to change without notice. Expenses are in Canadian dollars and may vary depending on the student's own personal spending habits.

MANDATORY Sauder School of Business MBA Fees (4 months)

iMED (UBC Health and Medical Insurance)	\$348.95 <i>(including billing fee)</i>
U-Pass/Compass Card (public transit access)	\$191.40
AMS Membership	\$52.42
Student Aid Bursary	\$12
Capital Projects Fund Fee	\$13.16
SUB Renewal Building Fee	\$100
SUB-TOTAL of SAUDER EXPENSES	\$717.93

Living and Studying Expenses** (4 months Sep - Dec)

Shared or Single Housing	\$4,800-9600
Food	\$1,600-2,400
Books, supplies, and course package fees	\$300-500
Personal Spending/Expenses	\$1,000-1,200
SUB-TOTAL of LIVING AND STUDYING EXPENSES	\$7,700-13,700CAN

TOTAL EXPENSES (4 months) **\$8,417.93 CAN – 14,417.93 CAN**

*2026 rate, subject to change in 2027. Fees are subject to change

**Estimates, may vary



Student services

Exchange Buddy System: The MBA Student Society (MBAS) organizes a buddy-system for incoming Exchange students to help new students get acquainted with their peers in the MBA program and to answer questions, give guidance/advise and ensure students feel comfortable in their new environment. Exchange students are invited to BBQs, Canadian Cultural Week and other social events organized by the MBAS.

Business Career Services: The Business Career Centre (BCC) is available to Exchange students. Services are available upon request and can include:

- Job Postings /Recruiting Sessions (for those with a valid Canadian Work Permit)
- Job Search Seminars
- Career Resource Information
- Resume Assistance/Video Practice Interviewing
- Professional Development and Career-related seminars are held throughout the term. Exchange students may request to participate along with the Full-Time MBA class.

Other services/facilities include:

- Computer Labs
- David Lam Management Research Library; all university libraries
- Wireless Internet Access/Email
- MBA Lounge
- Sports/Athletic Facilities
- International Student Advising

Health insurance - iMED

Exchange students at UBC are required to obtain the iMED: Health Insurance for New International Students. You are automatically enrolled once you are registered in UBC courses. This insurance which will provide basic medical coverage during the exchange term. Please see iMED details by clicking [here](#).

You will get your iMED card after you confirm when you will travel to Canada, starting from 3 weeks before your travel date, to activate iMED coverage for your arrival. After you have confirmed your arrival date, David Cummings Insurance Services (DCIS) will email your iMED card to the email address you provided to UBC.

Check your inbox and junk-mail folders. Print your iMED card and keep it with you at all times. If you don't receive your iMED card, please email DCIS at info@david-cummings.com iMED costs \$338 (Canadian dollars) for single-term exchange students at UBC (4 months of coverage), plus a \$10.95 direct billing fee.

With your iMED card, you don't have to pay for your visit if you see a doctor at the Student Health Service at UBC or the University Village Medical and Dental Clinic in the Village on campus. Also, iMED covers emergency hospitalization and medical services (including outpatient treatment at a doctor's clinic) for an unexpected sickness or injury. The full policy is available on the [iMED website](#).

