



2025–2026

Student Guide

BRITISH COLUMBIA

North Vancouver | Sunshine Coast | Squamish





A space to be you

Surrounded by rugged mountains and lush forests, Capilano University is located in some of the most spectacular areas of British Columbia. Serving the communities of Metro Vancouver, the Sunshine Coast, Sea-to-Sky Corridor and beyond, CapU offers a truly distinct university experience.

And the location is only part of it. Here, a welcoming community and inspiring

curriculum come together to create space where you can explore your interests and really come into your own.

When you have freedom to question, when you have support to discover, when you have the community to try new things, this is where you find the space to really be yourself. And THIS is the space where that opportunity comes to life.



Capilano University is named after Sa7plek (Chief Joe Capilano), an important leader of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the territories of the Lílwat, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

93%

CapU bachelor's degree graduates who are satisfied with their education

93%

CapU bachelor's degree graduates who rate the quality of instruction as very good or good

95%

CapU bachelor's degree graduates who are in the labour force

BC Student Outcomes Survey, 2021-2023

"I really love CapU's nature-and enquiry-based experiential learning and how it connects you with the land, stories and Indigenous peoples who were here since time immemorial."

Harjan Mann

Bachelor of Early Childhood Care & Education student





A space to find community

CapU offers smaller, interactive classes, a wide variety of student support services and a diverse student population. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, from student clubs and peer mentor programs to volunteer opportunities and campus recreation.

16

Bachelor's degrees offered

122

Programs offered

9,958

Students enrolled in for-credit programs

24

Average number of students in a class

42

Student clubs, associations and collectives

28

Study abroad destinations

92

Countries represented in student population

216

Indigenous students

Source: 2023-2024 academic year



"The people really make this place. I've never met so many supportive and positive people in my life."

Jesen Little Mustache

University One for Indigenous Learners certificate, 2024



- 1 Squamish campus**
 - 45 mins to Whistler
 - 60 mins to Vancouver
- 2 Main campus in North Vancouver**
 - 30 mins to downtown Vancouver
 - 10 mins to the beach
 - 20 mins to local mountains
- 3 Sunshine Coast campus**
 - Located in the heart of Sechelt
 - Minutes to beaches and trails

A space to grow

With over 120 programs, CapU offers countless ways to explore what inspires you. Discover your path through engaging classes with faculty experts, work practicums, study abroad adventures and hands-on learning opportunities in and out of the classroom.

Credentials

- ▲ Associate degree
- Bachelor's degree
- ◆ Bachelor's degree (honours)
- Certificate
- ▼ Diploma
- ★ Post-baccalaureate certificate
- Post-baccalaureate diploma

Locations

- ▲ Main (North Vancouver)
- ▲ Squamish
- ▲ Sunshine Coast
- T'szil Learning Centre

Arts & Sciences

Applied Behaviour Analysis (Autism) ■★▲▲

Arts ▲▲▲▲▲

Biology ▲▲

Creative Writing ▲▲

Engineering ●▲

Engineering Transition ▼▲

English ▲▲

Environment & Society ■▲

Interdisciplinary Studies ■▲▲

Lílwat Nation Language & Culture ●●

Psychology ▲▲▲▲

Science ▲▲▲▲

Sechelt Nation Language & Culture ●▲

Writing & Literature ■▲

Business & Professional Studies

Bookkeeping ●▲

Business Administration ■●▼▲▲▲

Business Administration Pathway ▲

Communication Studies ■▼▲

Financial Planning Professional ●▲

Legal Administrative Assistant ●▲

Legal Studies ■▲

North American Business Management ●▲

North American Business Management Applied ●▲

Paralegal ●▼▲

Retail Operations ●▲

Education, Health & Human Development

Business Administration Pathway ▲

Community Capacity Building ▲●

Discover Employability ●▲

Early Childhood Care & Education ■●▼▲▲▲

Early Childhood Care & Education Pathway ▲

Education & Employment Access ●▲

Education Assistant ●▲

English for Academic Purposes ▲

Health Care Assistant ●▲▲

Music Therapy ■▲

Rehabilitation Assistant ▼▲

University One for Indigenous Learners ●▲

Upgrading & University Preparation ▲▲▲●

Fine & Applied Arts

2D Animation & Visual Development ▼▲

3D Animation for Film & Games ▼▲

Acting for Stage & Screen ●▼▲

Advanced Arts & Entertainment Management ●▲

Animation Fundamentals ▲

Arts & Entertainment Management ▼▲

Costuming for Stage & Screen ▼▲

Design in Visual Communication ■▲

Documentary ●▲

Grip Work for Digital Imaging & Film ▲

Indigenous Digital Filmmaking ●▼▲

Interaction Design ▼▲

Jazz Studies ■▼▲

Lighting for Digital Imaging & Film ▲

Motion Picture Arts ■●▼▲

Music ▼▲

Musical Theatre ▼▲

Technical Theatre ▼▲

Visual Effects for Film, Streaming & Immersive Media ▼▲

Global & Community Studies

Global Hospitality & Tourism Management ●▲▲

Kinesiology ■▼▲

Local Government Administration ●▼

Local Government Administration (Advanced) ●

Local Government Leadership Development ●

Outdoor Recreation Management ▼▲

Tourism Management ■▲

Tourism Management Co-operative Education ▼▲

Tourism Management International ▼▲

Tourism Marketing ▲

Expand your career choices with a minor in a secondary discipline. capilanou.ca/minors



Review the requirements

Minimum admission requirements vary by program, but most CapU programs require successful completion of the following:

Graduation requirement

B.C. secondary school (Grade 12) or equivalent (B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma or General Education Diploma)

Grade point average

A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 (60%) calculated on English Studies 12 or English 12 or English First Peoples 12 and two academic Grade 12 courses. See the list of accepted Grade 12 courses: capilanou.ca/accepted-courses

English language requirements

If English is not your first language or if you have received your education in another language, you must meet CapU's English language requirements: capilanou.ca/english-requirements
If you don't meet the requirements yet, the English for Academic Purposes program can help. See capilanou.ca/eap

Upgrading and university preparation

We want you to be part of our community, so if you don't meet the admission requirements or need to boost your high school grades before applying, we can help. Visit capilanou.ca/upgrading

Get transfer credit

Transferring to CapU from another post-secondary institution is easy and our advisors are here to help you if you have any questions. Find out how to transfer credits from another post-secondary institution to CapU: capilanou.ca/transfer-credit

"The smaller classes allow for a lot more connection between students and instructors. It creates a sense of community and family at CapU."

Ruvarashe Gatsi

Bachelor of Communication Studies student





Good value for a great future

Affordable tuition

With some of the most competitive tuition rates in British Columbia and a reputation for outstanding graduates who get hired, CapU is a wise investment for your university education.

Use the fee estimator tool to calculate the cost of a program: capilanou.ca/tuition-fees-estimator

Don't let finances hold you back

CapU offers scholarships, bursaries and awards that you don't have to pay back. One simple online application through your myCapU account each term puts you in the running for 340+ financial awards.

Connect with our financial aid & awards team for information about funding resource options, budgeting and money management tools, and one-on-one advising appointments. capilanou.ca/financial-aid



Live in a close-knit student community

Living in residence gives you the opportunity to build meaningful friendships and a sense of community. Supported by live-in residence advisors, CapU student housing offers engaging programs and activities that help you grow and succeed. Apply early and learn more at capilanou.ca/housing

North Vancouver housing

Just a short distance from our main campus and close to beaches, trails and shopping, CapU offers single and double rooms with free laundry and Wi-Fi. Rooms start at \$4,876 per term and include meals. A new housing complex will open at our main campus in 2025.

Squamish housing

With stunning mountain views, our Squamish campus offers on-campus housing next to dining, recreation, academic and student services. Units include single rooms paired with adjoining washrooms, as well as accessible rooms with private washrooms. Rooms start at \$6,450 per term and include meals, free laundry and Wi-Fi.

633

Current number of spaces in CapU student housing

362

Additional housing spaces opening in 2025

\$4,876

Starting price for student housing per term, including meal plan

\$1.9 M+

Value of CapU scholarships, bursaries and awards provided to 1,339 students in 2023-2024





Ready to learn more?



Ask an advisor

Need advice on choosing a program or navigating your next steps? Connect with one of our recruitment advisors: capilanou.ca/request-information

Sign up for a campus tour

Take a scenic walk around our main campus with a student ambassador as your guide. Book a tour: capilanou.ca/visit-capu

Get to know us

Follow us on social at @CapilanoU 
Read stories about CapU: capilanou.ca/capsule



Take the next steps

Apply to CapU today

Apply online at capilanou.ca/apply. The application fee is \$50 for domestic students and \$135 for international students. Application deadlines vary by program. See capilanou.ca/programs

Submit documents

Be sure to review the admission requirements and submit all required documents. See capilanou.ca/programs

Register for classes

You will receive information about course registration through your CapU email account, including the date and time to register. To secure your spot, pay the balance of your tuition fees before the fee payment deadline. See capilanou.ca/new-students



Explore CapU Open House

Discover meaningful career paths and education options at our open house.

Saturday, November 30, 2024
11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Main campus, North Vancouver



Learn more about Explore CapU events in North Vancouver and Squamish at capilanou.ca/explore



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North Vancouver, B.C.
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CapU Lonsdale
250-125 Victory Ship Way
North Vancouver, B.C.
Canada V7L 0G5
Tel: 604 986 1911, ext. 5600

CapU Squamish Campus
3200 University Boulevard
Squamish, B.C.
Canada V8B 0N8
Tel: 604 983 4020

**kála~~x~~-ay Sunshine
Coast Campus**
5627 Inlet Avenue
Sechelt, B.C.
Canada V0N 3A0
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Toll-free from Vancouver:
604 986 1911, ext. 5900

Ts̓zil Learning Centre
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Mount Currie, B.C.
Canada V0N 2K0
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