

UBC Sauder – HKU Dual Degree

Transition to UBC

After year 1 of your dual degree program, you'll make a big transition from Hong Kong to Canada. Regardless of whether you are Canadian or not, your transition to UBC will be academic and cultural, and there will be many things to consider.

Student Resources

The [Student Services](#) website is a great place for students new to UBC to learn about orientation, campus life, academic success, health and wellness, financial planning, and more.

Timeline of the Transition

Your transition to UBC begins during Year 1 at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). Read through below to get an idea of what all of those steps are, to help you prepare in advance of your move to Canada.



February: Information about housing at UBC

You will receive an email from the International Programs Advisor at UBC Sauder with more information about [housing at UBC](#). Winter Session (September–April) housing in Year 2 of the Dual Degree is guaranteed. To secure a space in housing you will need to submit a 2023 Winter Session Residence Application directly to [Student Housing](#) online by the March 1* deadline. Research your options to determine what type of housing best suits your needs. You will be able to rank preferences for which type of housing you would like to live in, and also indicate if you have any roommate preferences. Winter session offers are sent out early to mid-June so you will want to ensure you are checking your email regularly during that time.

If you plan to start your studies at UBC in Summer Session Term 2 (July–August) you can also apply for summer housing. While only Winter Session housing is guaranteed for Dual Degree students, summer housing is typically readily available.

*March 1 is the deadline for Dual Degree students. Please disregard posted deadlines and submit your application before March 1.



Mid to late March: Meet with your UBC academic advisor

The International Programs Advisor will be in touch to set up an individual advising appointment. This is extremely important as it will help prepare you for registration at UBC, which takes place in June. Before your individual advising appointment, you should think about what areas you would like to specialize in, academic and professional goals, and other areas that you might be interested in exploring.

Be sure to familiarize yourself with the [BCom program](#) at UBC as well as with the requirements for the [Dual Degree](#) so you can get the most out of your appointment.



April: Apply for your study permit

Your UBC Letter of Enrolment will be sent to you in March. If you are a non-Canadian citizen, you should [apply for your study permit](#) as soon as you have received your UBC Letter of Enrolment. This process can take several months depending on your citizenship, so it's important to start as early as possible.

If you are a Canadian citizen, you do not need to obtain any documentation to study in Canada.



April-May: Plan and prepare for Year 2 registration at UBC

Prior to the start of each academic year you will receive a registration email from the Undergraduate Program Office (UGO) outlining all the things you need to know to plan your upcoming academic year.



June: Register for classes at UBC

At UBC, students are responsible for registering for courses on their designated time and date. To learn more about registration, how to prepare, and things to consider when putting together your schedule see the [myBCom website](#).

You will receive an email a week before your registration opens to let you know your assigned date and time are available on the Student Service Centre (SSC). Your registration date and time is determined based on your year level and overall GPA from Year 1. [See here for detailed registration dates.](#)



June: Accept your housing offer

In June, you will receive an email from UBC Housing with your housing offer for the session that you have applied for. **You have only 7 days to accept your offer, and must accept your offer during this time.** If you miss the offer acceptance period, your spot in housing will be offered to another student and the program cannot get your spot back for you.



Arrival at UBC

You will arrive at UBC on your designated move-in date to move into your residence. Before that, be sure to read through UBC's [International Student Guide](#), a useful resource for students coming to study in Canada, and includes important and helpful information on health insurance, immigration documents, working in Canada, paying Canadian taxes, and other topics. The guide is also useful for Canadian students, especially if you've been away for a few years.

Once you are settled, you can pick up your UBC Student Card at the Bookstore, and your Compass card so you can get around on local transit.



July: Apply for BC MSP

Once you arrive in Canada, you will need to apply for BC's Medical Services Plan. See the [Health Insurance](#) page to determine what you need to do to ensure you have adequate coverage, based on your specific circumstances.



September: Attend UBC's Campus-Wide Orientation

[UBC Student Orientation](#) welcomes students to UBC before classes start. You will have the chance to meet some great people including your Dean, some of your future professors, and other students. It will be an opportunity to learn about your new academic environment and the specific expectations of the School.

Questions about transitioning to UBC while registered in the UBC Sauder - HKU Dual Degree?

If you have questions about the UBC Sauder - HKU Dual Degree, please contact our International Programs and Awards Advisor, **Ann Gilray** at ann.gilray@sauder.ubc.ca