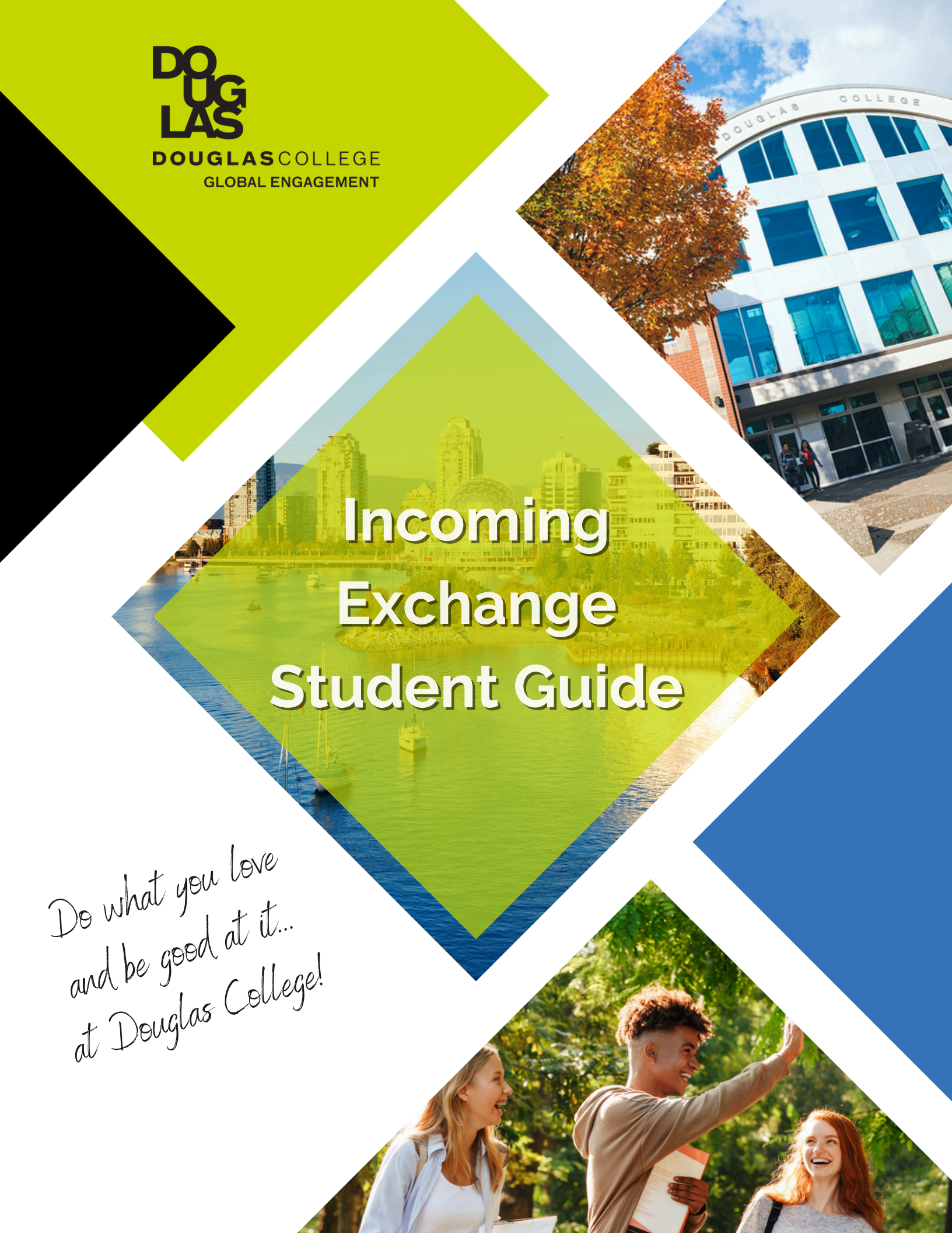




DOUGLAS COLLEGE
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

The background is a collage of images arranged in a geometric pattern. It includes a large green diamond in the center containing a cityscape and water, a blue diamond at the bottom right, and a black triangle at the top left. Three photographs are also present: a building with "DOUGLAS COLLEGE" on its facade, a city view from a boat, and three students smiling.

Incoming Exchange Student Guide

*Do what you love
and be good at it...
at Douglas College!*

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Douglas College

Founded in 1970, Douglas College is the largest degree-granting college in British Columbia, Canada, educating close to 24,000 students per year.

The College has two major campuses in Metro Vancouver (New Westminster and Coquitlam) as well as several smaller training centres and the Anvil Tower.

Douglas College's student body is characterized by great diversity, with students from 92 countries. Most Douglas College students are enrolled in 2-year programs and will eventually transfer to a local University to continue their studies. Some students are enrolled in Bachelors programs.

Douglas College is recognized by the British Columbia Education Quality Assurance program. BC's EQA Designation is a provincial seal that is recognized globally as a symbol of quality education and consumer protection.



[About Douglas College](#)

[Douglas College Global Engagement](#)



Program Essentials

Eligibility

Students must:

- be nominated by their home institution.
- maintain the equivalent of a 2.5 grade-point-average (GPA)
- demonstrate proficiency in English*
 - TOEFL 83
 - IELTS 6.5
 - CEFR C1
 - Institutional evaluations may be accepted
- be able to obtain, or be exempt from needing, a student visa

*Student who do not meet the English requirements may take English-language courses (ELLA).

Program Essentials

Dates and Deadlines

Nominations Dates:

Fall semester (September to December)

→ March 1st

Deadline to submit nominations: April 15th



Winter semester (January to April)

→ July 15th

Deadline to submit nominations: August 31st



Summer semester (May to August)

→ December 1st

Deadline to submit nominations: January 15th

Application Deadlines:

Fall semester (September to December)

→ April 30th

Winter semester (January to April)

→ September 15th

Summer semester (May to August)

→ January 31st



For additional dates and deadlines,
please refer to:
[Dates and Deadlines](#)

Academics: Programs Offered

Exchange students can choose from an extensive list of courses.



- Courses in Health Science and Applied Community Studies are not available for exchange students.
- Courses in Contemporary Arts (Music and Visual Arts) and Sports Science require permission of the Faculty.

COMMERCE & BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Accounting
- Business
- Business Law
- Commerce & Business Administration
- Computing Studies & Information Systems
- Economics
- Finance
- Hospitality Management
- Marketing
- Office Administration

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Anthropology
- Criminology
- Geography and the Environment
- History
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Legal Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

LANGUAGE, LITERATURE & PERFORMING ARTS

- Performing Arts
- Communications
- Creative Writing
- English
- Gender, Sexualities and Women's Studies
- Intercultural and International Studies
- Modern Languages
- Music, Performing & Fine Arts
- Theatre, Stagecraft & Event Technology

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computing Science
- Earth & Environmental Sciences
- Engineering
- Geological Resources
- Mathematics
- Science & Technology
- Sport Science



Academics: Recommended Courses

- Negotiation Skills
- Intro to Business Law
- Fundamentals of Business
- Management Essentials
- Business Statistics
- Public Speaking
- Intercultural Communication
- Business Communication
- Working in Groups
- Interpersonal Skills for the Workplace
- Communications & Social Change
- Intro to Media & Communication
- Global Media and Communication
- Intro to Computing Science
- Computing Science
- Intro to Criminal Justice System
- Comparative Justice Systems
- Perspectives in Criminal Justice
- Intro to Criminology
- The Canadian Legal System
- Excel for business
- Multimedia web development
- The Canadian Economy
- Globalization, World Economy
- Geography of British Columbia
- The Geography of Canada
- Global Citizenship
- Canada Before Confederation
- Canada After Confederation
- Urban Challenges
- Intro International Studies
- Introductory Marketing
- Personal Selling
- Introduction to Statistics
- Critical Thinking
- Values and Contemporary Issues
- Knowledge, Reason and Experience
- Business Ethics
- Asian Philosophy
- Introduction to World Politics
- Intro to Canadian Government
- Introduction To Canadian Politics
- Intro to Psychology
- Lifespan and Human Development
- Abnormal Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Behaviour in Organizations
- Intro to Human Geography
- Geography of Metro Vancouver



Course Descriptions



Make sure you have the proper pre-requisites for the courses you want to take. These are the courses you should have taken already before taking the course you'd like to take at Douglas College.

Academics: English Language Learning Acquisition (ELLA)

Study English at Douglas College, a leader in English as a Second Language (ESL) education for university and college students in Metro Vancouver.

Eligibility

Students must:

- maintain the equivalent of a 2.5 grade-point-average (GPA)
- demonstrate proficiency in English*
 - TOEFL 45
 - IELTS 4.5

In some cases students may be able to do ELLA courses for the 1st semester and academic courses in the 2nd semester.



For more information, check out the [ELLA program](#).



Student Life

Get Involved at Douglas College

[Douglas Colleges' Union](#)

We aim to make your time at Douglas as fun and memorable as possible.

DSU holds events for students to keep you entertained, to learn outside of the classroom and to provide an opportunity to meet and make new friends.

Check out [DSU's event page](#).

Looking to join a club? Check out all the different [clubs and collectives](#) Douglas College has to offer!

[GE Buddy Program](#)

Before your exchange semester begins, you will get connected with our GE Buddies. GE Buddies are here to help ensure you feel safe, connected, and have an exciting experience here at Douglas!

GE Buddies put on 3 events per semester exclusively for exchange students.



Student Life

Life in B.C.: Accommodation

Exchange students have many choices for accommodation. Most students choose to rent a room in a shared apartment or house, or rent a suite-apartment. Douglas College does not have on-campus housing. It recommended students rent a furnished apartment.

Some students prefer to immerse themselves in Canadian culture by living with a local family. This arrangement is known as a homestay. Homestays can include meals or not, depending on students' preferences.

For more information about accommodation options, visit:

[Living in Vancouver](#)

A great place to find tips and resources about housing for students is on the Douglas Student Union (DSU) [website](#).



Student Life

Life in B.C.: Cost of Living

Vancouver and British Columbia is a great place to live. It's no wonder that it is affectionately known as "Beautiful B.C." However, all this beauty comes with a price. Living in the Greater Vancouver area can be expensive. But, with some smart budgeting it is possible for any budget!

Below are approximate costs to help students plan their budget. These figures are approximate and can vary based on individual lifestyle choices and specific circumstances. It's advisable to plan a budget that aligns with your personal spending habits and financial resources.



Cost per month

Homestay

Renting own place

Housing

\$900 - 1,200*

\$1,100-2,300**

Meals

Included in homestay

\$300-500

Books

-----400 per semester-----

Entertainment

-----250-----

Health Insurance

-----Country Specific-----

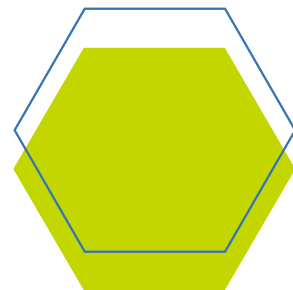
Miscellaneous

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~\$2,100 - \$3,200 per month

*Homestays usually charge a one-time placement fee.

**Price depends on shared or private accommodations and if utilities and internet are included



More practical information

Visas

Exchange students coming for 6 months or less

- A study permit is **not** required
- Students will need to obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or a Visitor (Temporary Resident) Visa, depending on their nationality.
- Click [here](#) to find out if an eTA or Visitor Visa is required.

Exchange students coming for 6 months or more

- Students are required to hold a valid [study permit](#) during their study in Canada.
- First, [apply for a study permit and prepare to arrive](#)
- Some student from certain [countries](#) must also apply for a [Temporary Resident Visa \(TRV\)](#)
- Be sure you are aware of the [Conditions of your Study Permit](#)
- Note that [eTA registration](#) is required for students from entry visa-exempt countries (except for U.S. citizens) when entering Canada by air
- Students should apply for their study permit as soon as they have been accepted



Student Life

More practical information

Insurance (all students)

All incoming exchange students must have sufficient medical insurance coverage. It is their responsibility to purchase their own insurance coverage before their travel to Canada. Students staying for the academic year will be required to enroll in the government insurance plan BC MSP.

More information can be found on the [Douglas College website](#).

Insurance for students studying for more than 6 months

Students who will stay for more than 1 semester must register for the government health plan (MSP) in addition to their private insurance. MSP costs CAD \$75 per month. More information can be found here [Apply for MSP - Province of British Columbia](#). It is recommended students apply as soon as they arrive.



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Roary the Lion
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