

Creating a Connected Community

WORLDVIU DAYS



Program Guide



November 1 - 5, 2021

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UNIVERSITY

The VIU community acknowledges and thanks the Snuneymuxw, Quw'utsun, Tla'Amin, Snaw-naw-as and Qualicum First Nation on whose traditional lands we teach, learn, research, live and share knowledge.

Why we celebrate WorldVIU Days

At Vancouver Island University, WorldVIU Days is a week-long annual event where we explore how culture influences the way we make sense of the world - our world view.

This year we will focus on Creating a Connected Community at VIU. We will showcase initiatives that faculty, staff and students are making that increase social connections on and off campus, especially connections between international and domestic students or between people from different cultural backgrounds.

The purpose of the week is to:

- Raise awareness and build appreciation for the cultural diversity on campus.
- Celebrate culture and recognize the richness that diverse perspectives bring to our campus and community.



Exploring identity, culture and community through hip hop

Workshops • Performances • Panel Discussion

[See schedule for programming](#)

Week Long Events

Ed Abroad Scavenger Hunt:

Participate in the self-paced Ed Abroad Scavenger Hunt around the Nanaimo campus. Explore our beautiful surroundings while learning about various overseas learning opportunities for VIU students.

Visit the World VIU Days Ed Abroad Scavenger Hunt pathway on the **Co-Curricular Involvement App** starting November 1, 2021. Happy Hunting

Hosted by Education Abroad (International Education)

Around the World with Arts & Humanities:

Drop in to the Malaspina Theatre Lobby (B 310) from 11:00am-1:00pm on Tues, Wed, and Thurs to visit interactive stations that share international perspectives on how Arts & Humanities celebrates diversity in its programs.

Hosted by Faculty of Arts and Humanities
(Media Studies, English, Art and Design, Music, Theatre and History)

Friday, October 29

WorldVIU Virtual Open House

9:00 pm Pacific

We're excited to invite prospective international students to attend this special kick-off event for WorldVIU Days. Your hosts from VIU's International Marketing and Recruitment team will offer a LIVE webinar so you can learn about VIU's programs and services. Meet current students who will introduce you to their favourite places on campus and tell you about life at VIU!

Stay for a Q&A after the webinar.

Link to register: international-info.viu.ca/helloviu-registration-f21/

Hosted by International Education (International Marketing & Recruitment)

Food Specials



Enjoy flavours inspired by regions around the world
all week in the Upper Cafeteria.

Schedule of Events

MONDAY, NOV. 1

Dr. Who's T.A.R.D.I.S. (Telecommunication And Relevant Discussions with International Students)

11:30-1:00pm

[Join Online](#)

The TARDIS will allow anybody to telecommunicate with international students from many different countries. Just step inside during the posted times and you will be able to ask questions, chat with your fellow global citizens and discover what connects us!

Hosted by Child and Youth Care, English Language Centre & International Education

WorldVIU Days Kick-Off

12:00pm-1:00pm

Library Quad

Join us in starting the week off on the right foot. We'll officially unveil the We Are VIU Mural, have music for dancing (even in the rain) games and hot drinks by the fire.

Hosted by International Education & VIUSU

British Columbia: An Untold History, Ep.3 - Migration and Resilience

6:00pm- 8:00pm

Malaspina Theatre (B310)

[Online and In-Person Tickets](#)

Join us for a screening of episode three of this Knowledge Network Series and conversation with an expert panel to discuss the immigrant narratives of resilience that define BC. The series offers an inclusive and diverse perspective as told through the voices of the people who lived it and those who have studied it: authors, historians, elders, families, and descendants of historical figures. The primary focus of this episode is on early Asian Canadians, which will be reflected in the panel discussion.

Hosted by VIUFA Human Rights and International Solidarity Committee, Knowledge Network and PCHC Museum of Migration

TUESDAY, NOV. 2

WorldVIU Stage

11:45am-1:15pm

Royal Bank Plaza

Live music and performances!

Join us Rain or Shine!



Culture Couch Hip Hop Edition: Intro to Turntablism

5:00pm-6:00pm

B255 1st Floor Lobby

Culture Couch is a weekly drop-in event hosted by Intercultural Programs in the Faculty of International Education. The events are usually facilitated by students, but this special edition is led by veteran turntablist (and VIU alumni) DJ All Good for an interactive workshop on the four elements of hip hop with a specific focus on turntablism.

Hosted by International Education

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

WorldVIU Stage

Celebrating Diwali!

11:45am-1:15pm

Royal Bank Plaza

Live music and performances!

Join us Rain or Shine!



Up, Up and Away!

2:00pm-3:30pm

[Online \(Register Through INVUI\)](#)

Join the VIU Travel Advisory Committee for a discussion on how VIU is preparing for the eventual return to international travel including travel planning and preparations, travel advisories, risk assessment and approval processes and travel medical insurance coverage. This discussion is relevant for individual staff travelers, leaders of international field schools, or advisors of students who are interested in study/work abroad experiences as well as those involved in local/regional travel.

Hosted by VIU Travel Advisory Committee.

Let's Talk: What Does a Sustainable Student Life Look Like?

5:00pm-6:00pm

[Register to join online](#)

Do you find yourself frustrated by the costs of eco-friendly living on a student budget? This event will allow students to discuss and learn different ways to live sustainably by building off a students' personal experiences and learning international methods. Participants will also be able to share and receive a variety of eco-friendly recipes! Come join the conversation, share your favourite eco-friendly recipe and get a chance to receive a gift card to a local sustainably focused shop!

Hosted by VIU Eco Club

THURSDAY, NOV. 4

Support BioDIVERSITY in Nanaimo: Join an Invasive Plant Work Party!

10:00am-12:00pm

Pipers Lagoon Park

(Transportation provided from VIU)

Meet new people and tackle invasive plants during one of our work parties. Your efforts really make a difference in improving our environment's health. Transportation, equipment, and training are provided. Event is FREE.

Register before October 29th by emailing:
Kelsey.Moon@viu.ca

Hosted by City of Nanaimo & Intercultural and Group Programs (International Education)

WorldVIU Stage

11:45am-1:15pm

Royal Bank Plaza

Live music and performances!

Join us Rain or Shine!



Forced to Flee: Understanding Refugee Experiences

1:00pm-2:20pm

B300/R401

Join VIU WUSC (World University Service of Canada) for a simulation that takes participants on a journey through the difficult decisions that refugees encounter in the face of conflict and forced migration.

Hosted by VIU WUSC, Geography and Global Studies

Tell Your Story Hip Hop Panel

1:30pm-2:30pm

Join via Facebook: VIU Cultural Connections

VIU English professor and hip hop enthusiast, Dr. Paul Watkins, will ask this diverse panel of hip hop artists to speak about their personal journeys in finding their voice through hip hop as well as how their art connects with culture, community and personal identity.

Hosted by English Department & International Education



Intercultural Hip Hop Cypher

7:00pm-8:00pm

Student Union Pub

Past and present participants of VIU's Intercultural Hip Hop Forum will flex their improvisation rap skills at this online version of the hip hop forum's popular pub night that would usually happen at the Students' Union Pub. The online format allows artists from past years to easily participate and have a reunion of sorts while sharing their talents and mutually inspiring each other's creativity and passions. Cyphers are a classic part of hip hop culture and are often the place where rappers get their start and hone their skills. The gatherings are known for their participatory, spontaneous and inclusive qualities both for audience and emcees.

Hosted by VIUSU & International Education

Hosted by Faculty of International Education

(Education Abroad)



We Are VIU Mural

Join us for the official unveiling of the Mural at the WorldVIU Days Kick-Off:
Monday, November 1, 12:00pm in the Library Quad.



The project is the brainchild of 2020 Visual Art graduate Joe Lyons, and began as an initiative of WorldVIU Days in 2019 and Global Citizens Week 2020. More than 300 people took part in painting the mural.

“The mural is about being inclusive and celebrating all people from all different walks of life and different backgrounds,” says Lyons, who came to VIU from the United States. “We all come from different places in so many senses, but we’re all involved at VIU.”

The mural, located in front of the Library, is made up of more than 300 4x8 tiles, each of them individually painted by a student, staff, faculty or community member, which are then woven together with wire and hung on a wooden frame to spell out VIU.

Thank you to Joe Lyons for making this project happen and to all the students, staff and faculty who participated. Thank you also to Joe Lyons, the Department of International Education and The VIU Committee for World University Service of Canada (WUSC) for funding.



February 7-11, 2022

Through campus and community events, visiting speakers, and virtual classroom dialogues, Global Citizens Week celebrates the many changemakers at VIU and beyond who are taking action on issues of global development at home and abroad. From climate change, human rights, equity and justice issues to international trade, peace and security, global health, music (and more!), join us as we broaden our collective horizons and learn from each other.

How can YOU get involved?

- Host a virtual or in-person event or activity in your class
- Bring your class to an event or activity that is already in the works or being hosted by another instructor
- Weave related content into your course planning, and use the event as a venue for your students to share their learning
- Organize an event where your students could: present their projects, lead an activity or facilitate a discussion
- Other ideas are welcome!

To get the ball rolling, please contact or Darrell.Harvey@viu.ca.

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