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APPLY NOW

BC high school students graduating this spring can apply now for admission to UCC programs — and early application is recommended.

All BC high school Counselling offices should now have received copies of the green "Application Form — BC High School Applicants" sent out by the Admissions Office. If not, please contact them directly at 828-5071; fax: 371-5513 Attn: Gwen Schaeffer)

The form is a "one-step" application to start the admission process to any UCC program. Students applying for admission to first-year university program study won't need to do anything further, unless they are applying to the selective admission Nursing, or Bachelor of Natural Resource Science (BNRS) degree programs, or the Engineering or Forestry transfer programs.

Students applying to these or any other Career or Vocational program, will receive a follow-up Admissions Package, which they must read and ensure that any further required documents or forms are completed and returned.

China Bound

Speaking of Educational Tours, the UCC Alumni Association is offering a 13-day all-inclusive package tour to China next July (1996). For approximately \$3,500 you will get airfare and accommodation, plus meals, sightseeing entrance fees, baggage handling and the expertise of tour leader Charles Mossop. He happens to be the Executive Director of International Education at UCC and a noted specialist in Chinese history and culture. The package is open to anyone, anywhere in BC, so if you're looking for some educational travel and adventure next summer, call the UCC Alumni Association at 828-5267 for more details.

Hotel Management Degree

The Tourism Department at UCC is in the process of finalizing an agreement with the University of Calgary, to allow students in the Resort & Hotel Management DIPLOMA program at UCC to transfer into the Bachelor Degree program in Hotel Management at U of C.

The 2 + 2 model would allow UCC graduates to proceed directly to Calgary, much the same as the recent agreement with UVic allows those same grads to transfer to a B.Comm degree program there.

Tourism Degree

Work is also underway on the development of a Professional Degree in Tourism, involving a number of BC post-secondary institutions. It's expected the program would allow access through distance education, including new interactive TV delivery (ITV), as well as the traditional classroom delivery, giving students in various locations better access and more options — at less cost!

Tour Co-ordinator

UCC successfully launched the new one-year Tour Co-ordinator Certificate program this fall. It's attracted a mix of Canadian and international students, and will give them training in developing tour itineraries, industry skills like computer ticketing and reservations plus a solid background in BC geography.

The growing tour guide industry in BC includes bus tour travel for both European and Pacific Rim markets, and special interest group travel such as Heritage Tours, First Nations Cultural Tours, and Educational Tours.

International students who have been attending BC high schools, or college or universities, are attracted to the program because of the employment opportunities they can find using both English and their native language skills. Canadian students, especially those with a second language of any kind, could find the same advantage when it comes to employment in the growing tourism industry.

CAREER FAIR '96 AT UCC

Mark this date on your calendar:



Monday April 22, 1996

That's when UCC will host a major campus-wide career fair for high school students. Groups from everywhere in the province are invited to attend; visiting students will have an opportunity to explore the entire UCC campus, meet faculty and students in UCC programs, and get involved in a number of different workshops being planned to make the event even more valuable.

It's anticipated that the workshops and career displays may be suitable for credit to students in their Career and Personal planning programs.

If you want to advance book your school group right now, just fax us at 604-828-5159 (Attn: Barbara Berger). More details will be coming your way in the January issue of Advisor UPDATE.

ITV On-Line

UCC will launch a full, first-year academic program of courses in January, to both Merritt and 100 Mile House, using the new Interactive TV network. The live TV network now connects both Merritt and 100 Mile to the Kamloops and Williams Lake campuses.

Six first-year courses, including English, History, Political Studies, Psychology and Sociology are being offered in both locations, and local high school students may be eligible to start their first year studies early, through concurrent studies.

They can also continue to get ahead on earning their credits with courses during the May-July "Summer Session" offered by UCC.

Along with the summer courses available at both the Kamloops and Williams Lake campuses, there will be courses delivered in Merritt and 100 Mile House using ITV. It's planned that through a rotation of first- and second-year courses, residents in these smaller communities will be able to complete a full two-year Associate Degree in Arts from UCC at the local Centre.

Getting In to CSOM

Math and English in grades 11 and 12 continue to be very important factors in the success of students in the CSOM program. As well, a new change requiring a background in computer programming has been brought in to enhance retention in the program.

Meeting the background requirement would involve one of the following courses: Computer Science 12 (high school); Computing 060 (UCC college prep course); or Computing 113 (1st year course). The requirement comes into effect for September 1996 admission to the program.

More information about the program and the change is available directly from program co-ordinator, Jack Mathews, at 828-5214 at UCC.

BNRS: First Grads

June 1996 will mark the historic occasion of the first graduates from the Bachelor of Natural Resource Science degree program at UCC. The degree is unique in Canada, and was designed with the help of a wide cross-section of employers in the field.

It's also a co-op education degree, which has proven to be very attractive to both students and employers. Last year saw an amazing total of 97 students placed in work terms through co-op.

Unlike most other degree programs at UCC, this is a highly competitive, first-year limited admission program. Program faculty stress the importance of grade 11 and 12 sciences and math for anyone considering the program. There are 27 seats open to first-year students, and selection is made with grades in mind, as well as to the suitability of the applicant for this field of study.

Students are encouraged to be familiar with, and truly enjoy working and living an active outdoor life, and to be able to demonstrate this.

One recommended way is to volunteer with non-profit organizations, like Ducks Unlimited, or to seek summer employment in related areas, like the Parks branch or some sector of the forest industry.

CSOM Now Full Co-Op

The Computer Systems: Operations & Management Diploma program will become totally co-op next fall. That means those few students who are not involved in co-op will follow the same time pattern, and have a total of 12 months off during the 28-month program schedule.

Previously, students not in co-op could return at the start of the second year and finish the program in a regular four semester schedule. However, with over 80% of students in the program now involved in co-op work placements, it's been decided to make the schedule the same for all. Total co-op placements last year for CSOM reached a record of 41 students.

Co-op Time Pattern (CSOM)

	Sept-Dec	Jan-April	May-Aug
Year 1	Academic Semester 1	Academic Semester 2	Work Term 1
Year 2	Work Term 2	Academic Semester 3	Work Term 3
Year 3	Academic Semester 4		

Another new innovation is the introduction of a co-op course called "Working To Learn," which prepares students to compete successfully for co-op computer positions in the market place.