



INFOCUS FILM SCHOOL

WELCOME!



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to InFocus Film School! We are excited to be a part of your journey towards a career in cinematic arts. This booklet contains important information about what to expect as a student living in Vancouver. Please read it carefully, and feel free to reach out if you have any questions.



ABOUT US

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InFocus Film School was originally founded in 2010 as a non-profit training centre focused on affordable, accelerated education in film. Since then, we have grown into one of Vancouver's premier independent institutions, offering certificates and diplomas in multiple aspects of media and cinematic arts.

We are fully designated by BC's Private Training Institution Regulatory Unit and Education Quality Assurance standards.



THE CAMPUS

The InFocus Film School campus is equipped with all of the gear and facilities you will need for your program. The campus is fully accessible to those with mobility issues, and contains both learning and leisure areas for students.

For a full list of what is available on campus, you may refer to our Equipment and Facilities List located at [this link](#).

With a prime location in the downtown core, we are accessible from multiple major transit routes and easily reached by bicycle. We are within walking distance of hundreds of restaurants, shops, and cafes, and are minutes from both ocean and mountains. InFocus Film School is truly the ideal location to study film.

Our campus is conveniently located at 554 Seymour St. in Vancouver, within steps of everything you may need.

- **Granville Station:** 150m (2 min)
- **Waterfront Station:** 350m (5 min)
- **Vancouver Library:** 550m (8 min)
- **Groceries:** 350m (5 min)
- **Pharmacy:** 160m (2 min)





VANCOUVER, BC

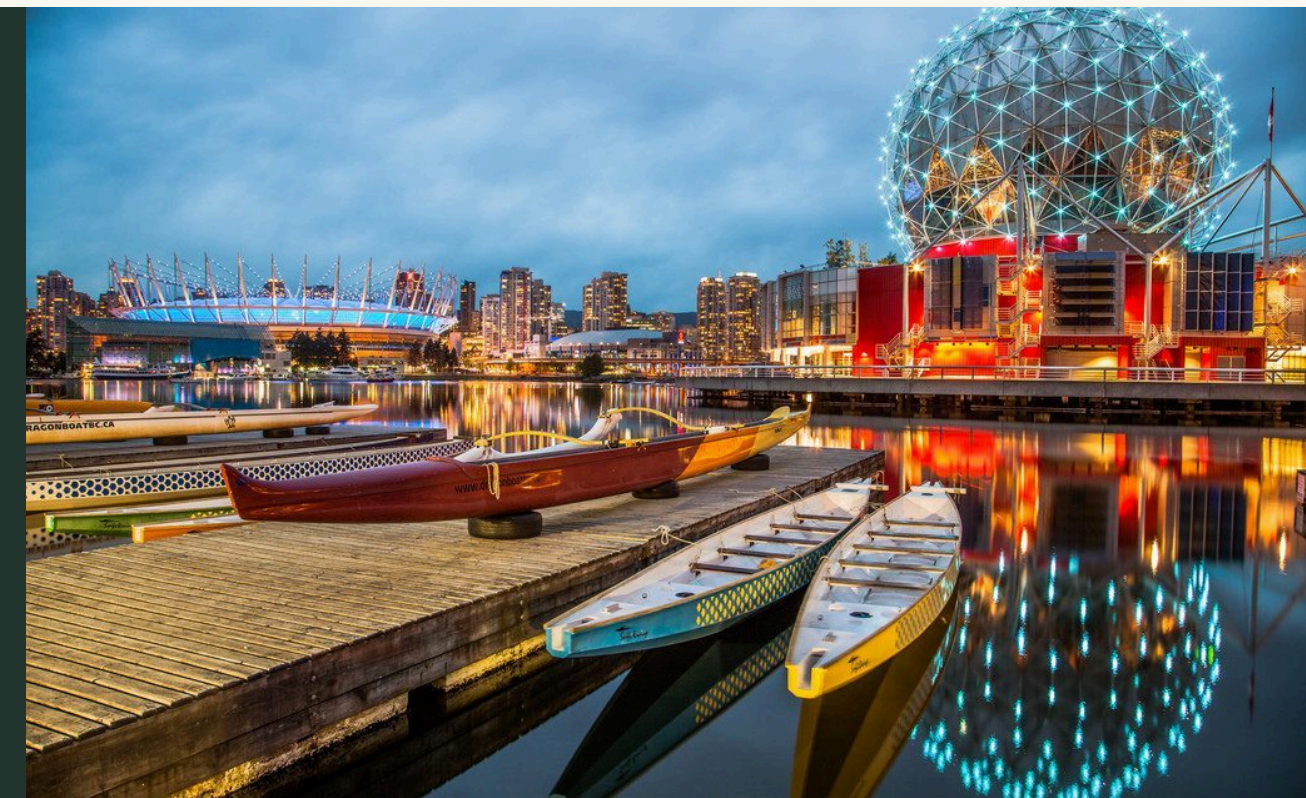
Over 100,000 students travel to Vancouver annually for its vibrant, safe, and warm atmosphere. Actually comprised of 21 individual municipalities and one treaty First Nation, Metro Vancouver possesses striking natural beauty and has long been established as one of the world's most creative centres for film and digital screen arts.

Vancouver also offers many recreational benefits, including access to the ocean, mountains, parks and fitness centres, all complemented by a lively arts scene and vibrant nightlife.

DID YOU KNOW...

Vancouver is the largest film hub in Canada and the third-largest in North America behind only LA and New York. Hundreds of film and TV projects are filmed in Vancouver every year.

Other screen-based sectors such as Visual Effects & Animation, Digital Media, and Video Game Design are similarly booming. The 3D animation and visual effects industries are massive in Vancouver, with many Oscar-winning studios including Industrial Light and Magic, Sony Imageworks, and DNEG.



COMMUNITY

DAILY LIFE IN BC

Outside of your studies you may need to drive, seek out healthcare, run into emergencies, or manage your money. Newcomers to BC can [find info here](#).

CANADIAN CULTURE AND SYSTEMS

Want to know more about the cultures? Need help understanding Canada's governments or legal system? Learn more about Canada's culture [here](#).

LGBTQ2SAI+ STUDENTS

Vancouver is one of the most accepting cities in the world for LGBTQ2SAI+ people. Support for newcomers is available [here](#).



BC'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Comprised of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples, the indigenous communities in Canada hold a unique and important place in the country's history. BC is home to over 200 distinct indigenous nations, each with its own unique culture, language, and tradition. Some have signed treaties outlining land rights and autonomy, while others are still working towards recognizing self-governance.

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

From the 1800s until the mid 1990s, many indigenous children were separated from family and community and forced to attend residential schools. These institutions attempted to erase the traditions and languages of indigenous children and assimilate them into Western culture, resulting in generational harm.

[Learn more about the indigenous people of BC](#)

[Resources for indigenous students in Vancouver](#)

HOUSING

As you settle into your new home, it's important to understand your rights as a tenant.

Landlords are required to provide a written rental agreement and are not allowed to raise rents outside of set annual limits. You also have the right to privacy, meaning a landlord cannot enter your space without notice (except in emergencies) or prevent you from entering your unit. BC also provides a formal arbitration process to resolve conflicts and disputes.

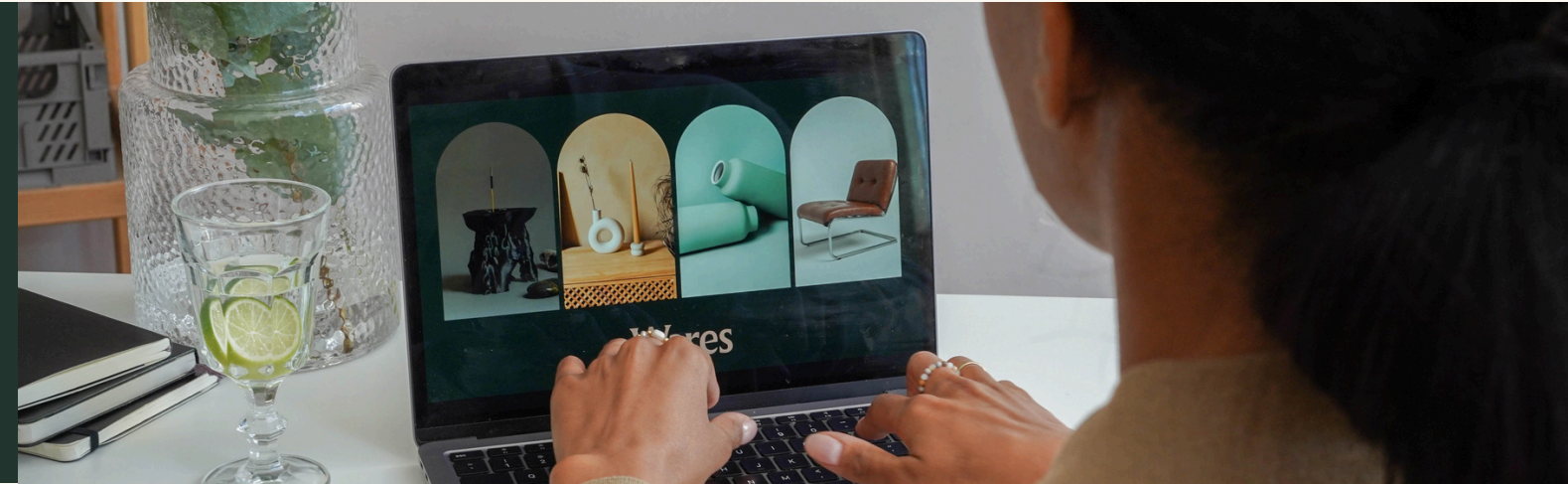
Learn more about your rights as a tenant [here](#).

COST OF LIVING

CATEGORY	MONTHLY COST	DETAILS
HOUSING	\$700 to \$2,500	Homestay and shared living options range from \$700 to \$1,500, and studio apartment rentals start around \$1,500.
UTILITIES	\$40 to \$200	Includes mobile phone (\$40 and up), internet (\$25-\$100), and electricity costs (\$40-\$60), although some may be included in rent.
TRANSIT PASS	\$112 to \$202	Single tickets start at \$2.70, with a monthly pass for the longest distances at \$201.55.
FOOD	\$250 to \$750	Expect between \$250-\$450 per month for groceries, and \$15-\$30 per meal at restaurants.
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$0-\$75	BC MSP is free after 3 months of residency. You will require private insurance until then.

*Costs are an estimate and will vary by student. Prices in CAD.

LEARNING SUPPORT



ACCESS TO INSTRUCTORS

Our instructors are experienced industry professionals who are passionate about teaching. You can connect with them during class, after class, or online to ask questions, get feedback, and explore creative ideas.

ACCESS TO FACILITIES

Creativity doesn't keep office hours. Our computer labs and campus facilities stay open after-hours so you can work on projects, practice techniques, and make the most of professional equipment outside of class time.

PERSONAL TUTORING

Need extra help with a scene, script, or edit? One-on-one tutoring gives you focused attention and personalized advice so you can build skills and confidence at your own pace.

ACCESS TO EQUIPMENT

Our gear library lets you sign out cameras, lighting, audio equipment, and other filmmaking tools to work on projects at home. Sharpen your skills and experiment with professional gear in your own time.

DEDICATED LAB T/A

During lab sessions, our teaching assistants are ready to help troubleshoot technical issues, guide you through complex tasks, and offer practical tips drawn from real experience.

LEARNING ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have a disability or learning difference, we can arrange accommodations to help you participate fully in classes and projects. Our team works with you to understand your needs and provide the right support.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES



HERE2TALK

Here2Talk connects students with mental health support when they need it. Through this program, all students – domestic or international – currently registered in a B.C. post-secondary institution have access to free, confidential counselling and community referral services, conveniently available 24/7 via app, phone and web.

1-877-857-3397

here2talk.ca

RHODES COLLEGE COUNSELLING CENTRE

The Rhodes Counselling Centre is a multidisciplinary online counselling and coaching centre that provides pro-bono services from senior student counsellors in the process of completing their Professional Counsellor Diploma at Rhodes Wellness College. All senior students provide counselling and coaching services under the supervision of senior instructors.

1-877-708-4416

rhodescounselling.ca

HOPE FOR WELLNESS

Indigenous wellness helpline

1-855-242-3310

EMERGENCY

For Police or Ambulance Call

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STUDENT POLICIES



STUDENT STATEMENT OF RIGHTS



TUITION REFUND POLICY



ENGLISH PROFICIENCY POLICY



ACCESSIBILITY POLICY



GRADE APPEAL POLICY



ATTENDANCE POLICY



CODE OF CONDUCT



DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL POLICY



DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY



SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY



CRITICAL INCIDENT POLICY

