

Vancouver Summer Program: Integrated Sciences

At UBC Science, you'll study at a top international research university, learn from faculty members committed to teaching excellence, and enjoy state-of-the-art facilities. Explore game theory, symmetry and Vancouver sustainability with the Vancouver Summer Program.



The 2023 VSP for UBC Integrated Sciences consists of one packages of two courses (equivalent to six credits). Courses are directed and taught by UBC faculty members and overseen by Professor Lee A. Groat, award winning Scientist and Teacher. Classes are interactive and include group discussions, guest lecturers, research projects, laboratory experimentation, day trips, and visits to research facilities.

The program includes accommodation, a city tour, welcome and farewell lunches, and many social activities in the evenings and during weekends. Activities may include museum visits, skating, outdoor activities such as kayaking and cycling, with plenty of opportunity to explore sites of interest in Vancouver.







2023 Course Packages

Integrated Sciences VSP website

Package A: Game Theory and Symmetry

Game Theory

Game theory is the study of mathematical models of conflict and cooperation between intelligent rational decision-makers. It's applicable to a wide range of behavioral relations, and is now an umbrella term for the science of logical decision making in computers and organisms. Game theory is an important tool in computer science, biology, economics, political science and psychology. By the end of this course, students learn how to describe real-world interactions in terms of game theory, recognize and solve game types (cooperative/non-cooperative, symmetric/asymmetric, zero-sum/non zero-sum, simultaneous/sequential), and learn to apply game theoretic models to dynamics problems in evolutionary biology.

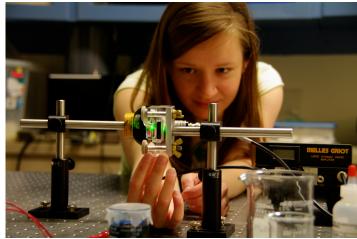
*These courses are equivalent to the UBC Science credit courses: <u>ISCI 312</u>, <u>ISCI 344</u>.

Symmetry

Symmetry is a transformation that can be applied to an object that leaves it looking unchanged. This relatively simple idea provides a powerful tool for looking at the world. Symmetry is all around us—in the forms of plants and animals, in patterns and shapes of art and architecture, and in the structures of materials from simple molecules to complex proteins and minerals. The principles of symmetry play important roles in biology, chemistry, physics, mineralogy, mathematics, astronomy, and many other sciences. In this course, we will discuss basic principles such as mirror reflections, rotations and repetition, and how different symmetries combine into groups in two and three dimensions. Students will learn to recognize different kinds of symmetry in shapes and patterns, and use their understanding of symmetry to discover how it appears in science and art.

> Dates: July 14 to August 14, 2023 Registration Deadline: April 1, 2023





Program Fee: \$5625 CAD

Tuition for two courses

Course materials

Shared accomodation on campus

Medical insurance

Group Airport transfer

Social activities

Application: Students should contact their home university's international office.

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