**British Columbia**

*See also:* [*Higher education in British Columbia*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Higher_education_in_British_Columbia) *and* [*List of colleges in British Columbia*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_colleges_in_British_Columbia)





The University of British Columbia has the largest number of students enrolled in western Canada

In total, there are eleven [public universities](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_universities) and four [private universities](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Private_universities) in [British Columbia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Columbia). Six of these universities – [Capilano University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capilano_University), [Emily Carr University of Art and Design](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emily_Carr_University_of_Art_and_Design), [Fairleigh Dickinson University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairleigh_Dickinson_University), [Kwantlen Polytechnic University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kwantlen_Polytechnic_University), [Simon Fraser University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simon_Fraser_University), and the [University of British Columbia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_British_Columbia) – are in the [Metro Vancouver](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metro_Vancouver) region, the most populated region of British Columbia, and four of them – [Vancouver Island University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vancouver_Island_University), [Royal Roads University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Roads_University), the [University of Victoria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Victoria), and the [University Canada West](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_Canada_West) – are on [Vancouver Island](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vancouver_Island). Two public universities, [Capilano University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capilano_University) and [Kwantlen Polytechnic University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kwantlen_Polytechnic_University), and one private university, [Quest University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quest_University), are primarily undergraduate institutions.

The oldest university in the province is the [University of British Columbia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_British_Columbia), established in 1908,[[16]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-16) followed by the [University of Victoria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Victoria), also established in 1908. Five institutions in British Columbia were officially designated as universities on September 1, 2008:[[17]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-17) Capilano University, [Emily Carr University of Art and Design](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emily_Carr_University_of_Art_and_Design), [Kwantlen Polytechnic University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kwantlen_Polytechnic_University), the [University of the Fraser Valley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_the_Fraser_Valley), and [Vancouver Island University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vancouver_Island_University). University enrolment in British Columbia ranges from [Quest University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quest_University) with 350 students to the University of British Columbia with 45,484 students.

The biggest provider of online and distance education in BC is [Thompson Rivers University, Open Learning (TRU-OL)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thompson_Rivers_University%2C_Open_Learning_%28TRU-OL%29). With over 400 individual courses and more than 57 programs available for completion by distance and online learning, students can take a variety of programs such as: adult secondary school completion; certificates and diplomas, including advanced and post-baccalaureate; associate degrees; and bachelor's degrees. Considering distance students, Thompson Rivers University's enrolment is 22,036 (8964 of which is distance).

| **Institution** | **Location(s)** | **L** | **E** | **U** | **P** | **T** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| [Capilano University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capilano_University) | [North Vancouver](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Vancouver%2C_British_Columbia_%28district_municipality%29) | E | 1968 | 70037500000000000007,500 | 50000000000000000000 | 70037500000000000007,500 | [[18]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-18) |
| [Emily Carr University of Art and Design](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emily_Carr_University_of_Art_and_Design) | [Vancouver](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vancouver) | E | 1925 | 70031870000000000001,870 | 700128000000000000028 | 70031898000000000001,898 | [[19]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-19) |
| [Fairleigh Dickinson University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairleigh_Dickinson_University) | [Vancouver](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vancouver) | E | 2007 | 700178000000000000078[[*not in citation given*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AVerifiability)] | 50000000000000000000 | 700178000000000000078[[*not in citation given*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AVerifiability)] | [[20]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-20) |
| [Kwantlen Polytechnic University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kwantlen_Polytechnic_University) | [Richmond](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richmond%2C_British_Columbia), [Surrey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Surrey%2C_British_Columbia), [Langley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Langley%2C_British_Columbia_%28city%29), and [Cloverdale](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloverdale%2C_British_Columbia) | E | 1981 | 700416811000000000016,811 | 50000000000000000000 | 700416811000000000016,811 | [[21]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-21) |
| [Quest University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quest_University) | [Squamish](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Squamish%2C_British_Columbia) | E | 2002 | 7002300000000000000300 | 50000000000000000000 | 7002300000000000000300 | [[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-22) |
| [Royal Roads University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Roads_University) | [Victoria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria%2C_British_Columbia) | E | 1995 (June 21) | 7002887000000000000887 | 70033385000000000003,385 | 70034272000000000004,272 | [[23]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-23) |
| [Simon Fraser University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simon_Fraser_University) | [Burnaby](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burnaby), [Surrey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Surrey%2C_British_Columbia), & [Vancouver](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vancouver) | E | 1965 | 700429697000000000029,697 | 70035507000000000005,507 | 700435204000000000035,204 | [[24]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-24) |
| [Thompson Rivers University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thompson_Rivers_University) | [Kamloops](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kamloops) | E | 1970 | 700413072000000000013,072 | 7002100000000000000100 | 700413172000000000013,172 | [[25]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-25) |
| [Trinity Western University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity_Western_University) | [Langley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Langley%2C_British_Columbia_%28city%29) | E | 1962 | 70032130000000000002,130 | 7002730000000000000730 | 70032860000000000002,860 | [[26]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-26) |
| British Columbia, University of ![University of British Columbia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_British_Columbia) | [Vancouver](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vancouver) & [Kelowna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kelowna) | E | 1908 (March 7) | 700441700000000000041,700 | 70038630000000000008,630 | 700450330000000000050,330 | [[27]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-27) |
| Victoria, University of ![University of Victoria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Victoria) | [Victoria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria%2C_British_Columbia) | E | 1903 | 700418863000000000018,863 | 70033542000000000003,542 | 700422405000000000022,405 | [[28]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-28) |
| [University Canada West](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_Canada_West) | [Victoria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria%2C_British_Columbia) | E | 2005 | 7002350000000000000350[[*dated info*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AManual_of_Style/Dates_and_numbers#Precise_language)] | 50000000000000000000 | 7002350000000000000350[[*dated info*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AManual_of_Style/Dates_and_numbers#Precise_language)] | [[29]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-29) |
| Fraser Valley, University of ![University of the Fraser Valley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_the_Fraser_Valley) | [Abbotsford](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abbotsford%2C_British_Columbia), [Chilliwack](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chilliwack%2C_British_Columbia) and [Mission](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mission%2C_British_Columbia) | E | 1974 | 70038124000000000008,124 | 700140000000000000040 | 70038164000000000008,164 | [[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-30) |
| Northern British Columbia, University of ![University of Northern British Columbia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Northern_British_Columbia) | [Prince George](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prince_George%2C_British_Columbia) | E | 1990 (June 21) | 70033068000000000003,068 | 7002490000000000000490 | 70033558000000000003,558 | [[31]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-31) |
| [Vancouver Island University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vancouver_Island_University) | [Nanaimo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nanaimo), [Duncan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duncan%2C_British_Columbia), [Parksville](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parksville%2C_British_Columbia), & [Powell River](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Powell_River%2C_British_Columbia) | E | 1969 | 70036116000000000006,116 | 7002163000000000000163 | 70036279000000000006,279 | [[32]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Canada#cite_note-32) |