Activities

Weekday Afternoons (3-5pm)
(For all students)

Granville Island
Granville Island is a popular hangout spot for Vancouver locals. It’s a great place to explore and take photos as it has beautiful views of False Creek and downtown. Granville Island has a large public market, along with many shops and art galleries, and a fun variety of outdoor live music and street performances.

Kits Beach
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at the beach! Kitsilano (Kits) Beach is one of the most popular beaches in Vancouver, with stunning views of the city and the North Shore mountains. Enjoy swimming, beach games such as frisbee and volleyball, and basketball at the nearby park.

West 4th Avenue
West 4th Avenue is a trendy shopping street located near UBC in the neighbourhood of Kitsilano. Browse through stores such as Lululemon, Urban Outfitters and Patagonia, and enjoy a snack or drink at David’s Tea, Rain or Shine Ice Cream or 49th Parallel Coffee. Kits Beach is also a short walk from West 4th Avenue.

Beaty Biodiversity Museum
Beaty Biodiversity Museum is a natural history museum located on the UBC campus. The museum’s most well-known exhibit is a blue whale skeleton, which is the largest in Canada. Other permanent exhibits include an interactive timeline of the Earth’s history, and a vast collection showcasing dinosaur fossils, birds, mammals, plants, shells, insects and other specimens from British Columbia and around the world.

Belkin Art Gallery
Belkin Art Gallery is a contemporary art museum located on the UBC campus. The collection focuses on Vancouver’s post-World War II art history and displays many pieces by Canadian and British Columbian artists. Join a guided tour of permanent and temporary exhibits, as well as the gallery’s outdoor exhibit.

Museum of Anthropology
The Museum of Anthropology is a global arts and culture museum located on the UBC campus. It has an extensive permanent collection of First Nations art and artifacts alongside art from British Columbia, Canada and many countries around the world.

Nitobe Memorial Garden
Nitobe Memorial Garden is a traditional Japanese tea garden located at UBC. It’s considered to be one of the most authentic Japanese gardens in North America and is among the top five Japanese gardens located outside of Japan. Take a guided tour of the garden and tea house and learn about the garden’s symbolism and Japanese traditions.

Botanical Garden and Tree Walk
Come explore Vancouver’s coastal temperate rainforest at UBC’s Botanical Garden, which features plants from all over the world. Navigate the forest on 310 metres (1,000 feet) of suspended walkways and platforms 20 metres (66 feet) above the forest floor to get a unique, up-close view of flora and fauna.