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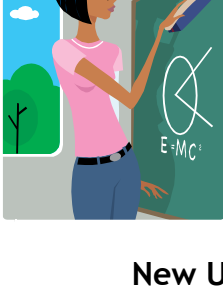
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New UFV Logo

Notice the NEW logo at the top of the page? Yes, as of September 1, UCFV is officially now the University of the Fraser Valley. With the name change came a new visual identity and it is significant to our Valley. UFV is all about nurturing students and helping them grow to reach their full potential. Our new colours represent growth and transformation. Our new graphics represent the combination of mountain, river, and lush valley that we call home, together with a plant sprout that represents both the fertile soil of the valley and the fertile minds of our learners as they begin their personal transformation with us. Spend some time looking at it and you may also see a cupped hand cradling our new name.

Welcome Back

To all returning students—we hope your Summer was filled with Good feelings and Happiness!
We look forward to serving you this academic year.

Seeing you in September

It is September, again. Welcome to all the new students. Aboriginal Access Services is pleased to welcome each and every one of you to the University of the Fraser Valley. We are looking forward to offering our support services to all students and potential students. Our services include university skills workshops, social gatherings, and our Resource Centres in both Abbotsford and Chilliwack where students can enjoy a study space, computer access, social networking, or a quiet rest between classes.

We encourage you to get involved starting with our Back on Campus BBQ on September 9th at 11:30 am.

Community members are also welcome to drop-in and participate in gatherings and activities.

You will find we welcome your feedback and look forward to your company. Tell your friends and family or even better bring them along to S'olh Shxwlèlì. Just make us a part of your Education experience.

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Remember:

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Hello All,

I would like to introduce myself and the Native Indian Teacher Education Program (NITEP) to you here at UFV. Although NITEP is operating out of UFV's Chilliwack Campus, it is a UBC program being housed and hosted by UFV. I have just been hired by UBC to coordinate the new NITEP Field Centre, Chilliwack as of July 1, 2008. This is an exciting opportunity for me as I have been away from my home territory for the past 14 years. I am a member of the Skowkale Indian Band and have been in Vancouver until now. I am also a 1999 graduate of the NITEP program and have been teaching for the Vancouver School Board ever since. In this new position here in Chilliwack, I have been becoming familiar with UFV, Aboriginal Access Services and the staff that accommodates me here in the Aboriginal Resource Centre over the course of July and August. I extend my welcome to all to drop in to meet me and to learn more about this UBC bachelor of education program that is NITEP.

O'Siam,
Saylesh Wesley
See-ya-maht-see-ya

Welcome Aboard Saylesh!



Indigenous Arts Certificate—Honouring Our Gifts

The Visual Arts Department and Aboriginal Access Services are honoured to offer Contemporary and Traditional Carving program. The Indigenous Arts Certificate will be taught by Master carvers and is a full-time education program that will provide learning about indigenous art that is anchored in and built upon life experiences and collective wisdom of the participants. It will teach and develop traditional and contemporary artistic skills. It will honour the artistic gifts and provide the skills needed to further professional practices.

The program will begin October 15th and will run until April 23, 2009. Interested applicant should contact Josephine Charlie at 604-795-2835 or email arc@ufv.ca for entrance requirements, fees, and general inquiries.



Ey Swayel, Good Day

My name is Mary D. Stewart. I am a member from the Sto:lo territory. I have been hired to teach the Indigenous Peoples Knowledges (IPK) 100 / 121 course in the Transition Year program this semester.

I have an educational background in the Social Services, Education and Halq'emeylem language fields. For the past 23 years I have applied my knowledge and skills in serving Aboriginal people in the Sto:lo communities.

To share further with you, I have walked the journey as an academic student. I am aware of both the rewards and sacrifices involved in pursuing education, and I look forward to assisting and sharing with UFV students in their academic journeys. Please drop in to G102 to say hi! Kw'as hoy. Thank you.

Good to have you with us Mary !





University Skills workshops
In Chilliwack S'olh Shxwleli
G130

Prepare for exams, sharpen your reading and writing skills, note-taking abilities and learn about stress and time management.

Writing Centre:

September 29 : Research Paper

October 14 : Summarizing—bring your assignment

October 20 : APA documentation

November 10 : Checklist, Strategies for Revision

Laura Smith (reading and writing skills):

October 1,8,15,22,27 : Bring your assignments / rough draft

October 6 : Using Graphic Organizers

November 3,12,17,19,24,26: Bring your assignments/ drafts

Mark Hoffman (study skills, time management, note taking) :

TBA

Educational Advising:

TBA

Financial Aid:

TBA

Self Identifying as an Aboriginal Student

Aboriginal student self-identification

At UCFV, students of Aboriginal ancestry can choose to self-identify so that they may benefit from supportive programs and services. By doing so, students also enable UCFV to identify, review, and analyze data that will contribute to improved programs and services for Aboriginal learners.

Who can self-identify?

Aboriginal ancestry for self-identification purposes follows the [Canadian Constitution Act \(1982\), Section 35, Number 2](#) and includes the descendants of the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.

What happens to my information?

Data will be treated in the same manner as UCFV Student Records and protected and governed by the Freedom of Information Act. Individual data will not be communicated.

How do I self-identify?

Simply print and complete the [one-page PDF form](#) and submit it to any UCFV campus Admissions & Records office. For more information about Aboriginal ancestry [contact Aboriginal Access Services](#) at UCFV. Read the web page:

http://www.ucfv.ca/_shared/assets/SelfIDform210716.pdf

Academic Support

Tutoring is available for a number of classes. Math is popular, and so is paper writing. But do you need help with Sociology, Anthropology, History, Chemistry, Geography, CIS, Biology or Agriculture?

Let Josephine (arc@ucfv.ca) know—don't wait until your over your head, we know the sooner you ask for a Tutor the more likely you are to succeed. Do it today!

***Sweat lodge Ceremonies with our Elder in
Residence Terry Prest
Third Sunday of each Month***

Sunday, September 20, 2008 9:00 am

(meet at Cultus Lake mall to proceed to sweat lodge)

Sweat Lodge Protocol

Elder Terry Prest (Skwah) suggests to prepare for the sweat lodge ceremony:

A tobacco offering to the lodge leader is an acceptable way to start talking about the ceremony with the Elder. Be willing to help at the sweat lodge ceremony. Be prepared to come early and stay late to help finish the work together.

Wear proper attire (be sure and ask what you should wear).

An offering for the lodge can be brought: package of loose tobacco and/or items such as sweetgrass, sage, 1 meter of cotton/broad cloth.

Stay alcohol and drug free for 4 days before the ceremony. Contribute food and help with the feast that follows the ceremony.

Discuss health concerns i.e. medication, illnesses with your doctor and lodge keepers.

Come with a good mind and a good heart. Show respect for the lodge, the keepers, all participants and helpers, yourself, the Ancestors. Learn the teachings that are offered by listening to learn because you have learned to listen.

Women call Josephine (604) 795-2835

Men call (604) 795-2835 and ask for Terry to return your call

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT arc@ufv.ca

Need to Park your car at UFV?

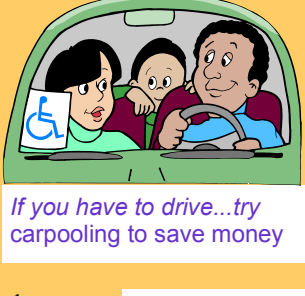
Parking improvements at UFV check out the website:
<http://www.ucfv.ca/Facilities/Parking.htm>

PAY AND DISPLAY

Parking tickets can be purchased from ticket dispensers.
Parking tickets can be purchased from new LUKE ticket dispensers located in our buildings in Abbotsford & Chilliwack for a cost of
\$2.00 per 4-hours or \$3.50/day \$17.50/week

SEMESTER HANGER PERMITS (NEW)

Semester hanger permits are now available for students to purchase on-line at for **\$150.00 per semester** . Check the website to purchase.



Use the UFV portal myUFV

myUFV is a one-stop website for UFV students, faculty and staff.

Consider it your virtual desktop, accessible everywhere you go, customizable to show what you want to see.

go to: <http://my.ufv.ca/cp/home/loginf>

How to Login

Your User Name is your 9-digit UFV student number.

Your password is the same one you use to register online.

Make it your HomePage today!

Lunch / Dinner on Campus

S'olh Shxwleli in Chilliwack offers a complete kitchen so bring your lunch OR there is the cafeteria that offers hot lunch, sandwiches, soups and salads. There is also a snack dispenser available. At the Chilliwack Education Park there is also a full cafeteria—the Cooking class puts out amazing lunches! S'olh Shxwleli in Abbotsford has a fridge, kettle and toaster oven. The cafeteria is located in the basement of Building B and there is a Tim Horton's kiosk in Building G (which is way close to S'olh Shxwleli for those rainy days!) and a coffee bar is located at the far end of Building B on the 3rd floor.

S'olh Shxwleli on the move, again

Reminders:

Aboriginal Community Council Sub-Committee Meeting

September 8th, 2008

Chilliwack Campus

Room G130, Building G

At 1 pm.

Aboriginal Community Council Meeting

September 15, 2008

Chilliwack Campus

Room A 201, Boardroom

Lunch served at 12 noon.

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It was just last September that Aboriginal Access Services expanded its space, in both Abbotsford and Chilliwack. This year has brought some more changes which we hope will improve the Centres and our services.

In Abbotsford—we are located in both A221 and A219a. When this change happened A221 was established as office space and A219a became dedicated student space with access being granted by “checking out” the key from the Library. This summer we realized that A221 is the larger space and should be the student space.

So, now students will still be able to get the key from the library but will open the door to A221. There is computer access, study space, print resources, the t.v., couch, refrigerator, and altar. The bonus is the sink, with running hot and cold water—no more trips down the hall to get water to make a cup of tea/coffee.

An added bonus is the increased visibility of the Centre. Located in the main hallway it will be easily found by new students! The office space, will be just around the corner in A219a where you will find staff happy and eager to provide student services. Don't forget to drop in and say HI!

In Chilliwack, we are still located in Building G—the old daycare or the building surrounded by the white fence— but there has been some office movement. Aboriginal Access Coordinator Shirley Hardman has moved into a smaller office in the Centre, G122 and the Sessional office will now be in the main foyer in G102—right by the front door. Laura Smith will be found in here as well as IPK instructors: NITEP Coordinator Saylesh Wesley will also be located in the main foyer in office G109.

Some things have remained the same—Josephine can be found down by the coffee maker, near the back door...Is there a story behind that? And the Elder has meditation space in G136. We hope the changes allow us to serve you better. Be sure and let us know.

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Important DATES

July 15 Last day to drop courses without financial penalty .

July 16–August 29 A penalty of 5% of the total tuition fee will be charged for any dropped courses or sections.

August 30–Sept 16 A penalty of 10% of the total tuition fee will be charged for any dropped courses or sections.

September 1 Last day for course adds through myUFV.

September 2–29 Instructor's permission required to register in a course.

September 4, noon **Deadline to login to online courses.**

September 16 Fee payment deadline. Penalties apply if fees not paid in full.

September 16 Last day to withdraw from a course and receive a refund or fee reduction.

September 17 Late registration fee of \$20 per course in effect. Full fees must be paid in order to add courses.

September 17–November 10 No refunds or fee reductions are given; full fees will be charged. Withdrawals permitted through myUFV or in-person.

September 29 **Last day to add a course** without DH's permission.

October 8 **Last day to withdraw without a W** on transcript.

October 9–November 10 Withdrawals possible. A W grade will be recorded on transcript.

October 13 Thanksgiving ; University Closed ; No classes

November 10 **Final day to withdraw** from a course.

November 11 Remembrance Day ; University CLOSED ; No Classes

November 16 Metis Day

December 1 Last day of classes.

December 3–16 Examination period (includes Saturdays). No classes.

December 17—January 2 **Winter Break**

Announcement Alaura Mizheekay Blackface

Sheilah Marsdan and Clinton Blackface – had a BABY Girl (9lbs 12 oz.) On August 3, 2008 at 10:30 am the Angels delivered Alaura to our world to be welcomed by friends and family. Congratulations Sheilah and Clinton. She is welcomed by bro's Corbin,, Clinton Jr., Ethan, and Justice.

