

## COLLEGE CONTACTS

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RECREATION STUDIES

## ADMISSION TO LANGARA COLLEGE

Langara College starts accepting applications 11 months prior to the beginning of each term. Apply online or pick up a form at Registrar & Enrolment Services. As course registration priority is given to early applicants, make sure you apply as soon as you can. General admission requirements are as follows:

- Completion of BC Grade 12 (or equivalent) or 19 years of age (or older).
- Canadian citizenship or permanent resident (landed immigrant) status. International students should contact the International Education (IE) Department for admissions information.
- English language proficiency to support college-level studies. Please refer to specific program requirements on the website for details.



**Langara** is a community of thinkers, collaborators, and mentors who value exceptional learning opportunities. Whether you are on a set path or navigating your way through a sea of options, our focus is on you and your experience here.

## RECREATION LEADERSHIP DIPLOMA

The two-year Recreation Leadership Diploma Program is for students who are looking to create environments for people to experience the benefits of quality recreation, while developing their own personal skills and competencies. Courses address program and event development, facility operations, communication, leadership, budgeting, community and business development, human relationships, and entry-level management.

The market for trained recreation professionals is expanding. Changes in patterns of leisure time and growth in organized and spontaneous recreational activities have increased demands on facilities and resources. These trends have created attractive employment opportunities with competitive wages, fringe benefits, significant vacation allowances, and potential for self-development and advancement. Employment and contracting opportunities are available with:

- Community centres
- Ice arenas, aquatic facilities, seniors' centres, golf courses, ski hills, and fitness centres
- Health and wellness organizations
- YMCAs and YWCAs
- Arts and cultural organizations
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Tourism
- Sports organizations
- Neighbourhood Houses
- Provincial, regional, and municipal parks

## BACHELOR OF RECREATION MANAGEMENT (CO-OP OPTIONAL)

The Bachelor of Recreation Management (BRM) at Langara is the only degree completion program (third and fourth year of a bachelor's degree) of its kind in Canada. The BRM is for students who have completed the Recreation Leadership Diploma, or equivalent, and are interested in pursuing or furthering their careers in the recreation field.

Courses are delivered online, making this program flexible for working recreation professionals. Both full- and part-time options are offered.

The BRM builds on the skills learned in the Recreation Leadership Diploma Program and further develops understandings of community recreation, business, and management theory. Graduates are equipped with the knowledge and tools to move forward in their recreation careers.

The objectives of the BRM Program are to:

- Provide students with the business knowledge and tools to manage staff and operate within a business environment in a recreational setting.
- Deepen students' theoretical understanding of philosophy, environment, and leadership in a recreation setting.
- Provide students with a bachelor's degree qualification that moves their recreation careers forward.
- BRM students can also complete a minimum of one or maximum of four co-op terms. A student with a minimum of three co-op terms qualifies for a cooperative education designation on their degree (two work terms or less will still be reflected on transcripts).



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# Recreation Studies

## RECREATION LEADERSHIP DIPLOMA

### What You'll Learn

The Recreation Leadership Diploma Program combines a strong foundation of the concepts and theory of recreation and leisure with leadership, communication, and business skills that are tailored to recreation practitioners. This program is designed to teach students:

- How to become professionals in the field of recreation.
- To lead, design, and manage quality recreation programs and facilities.
- The techniques and business practices of recreation service delivery and community development.
- Communication, leadership, planning, and teamwork skills.

Practical experience is emphasized throughout the program. Each student will have the opportunity to directly apply their knowledge during a 14 week internship at a recreation facility in the final semester of the program. This work experience is often cited as a high-light of the program and an excellent addition to student's resumes. Graduates will have the skills, knowledge, and abilities to work in direct leadership or instructor roles, as well as entry-level supervisory positions in a recreation setting.

### Program Admission Requirements

In addition to the general Langara College admission requirements (see reverse), applicants need:

- Previous participation in at least one area of recreation.
- Three letters of reference assessing the student's match with the program.
- A personal resume summarizing the student's experience in: education, employment, recreation participation, interests, hobbies, and volunteering.
- A supplemental Recreation Leadership Diploma Program application, available from Registrar and Enrolment Services and on the College website.
- Criminal record check is required.

## BACHELOR OF RECREATION MANAGEMENT

### What You'll Learn

The BRM is flexible and student-focused, and combines a solid foundation in management theory and practical knowledge with specialized courses in recreation.

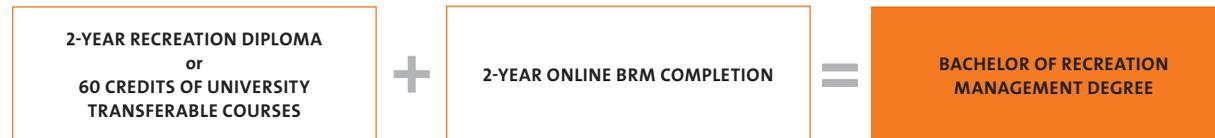
The BRM can be completed in two years (six semesters) if taken on a full-time basis. As many of today's students work, the option of completing the BRM on a full- or part-time basis is available. All courses are delivered online. Students entering the BRM will need to have some experience in the recreation field. In the final semester students will complete a major applied recreation project in the community.

Students may also choose to take part in a paid Co-op placement(s) while they are completing their BRM. The Co-op option provides additional work experience and/or the opportunity to explore new positions in the field of recreation.

### Program Admission Requirements

In addition to the general Langara College admission requirements (see reverse), applicants are required to have one of the following:

- Graduated from a post-secondary recreation diploma program with a minimum GPA of 2.33.
- Completed at least 60 credits of university-transferable courses, including six credits of English or Communications (minimum 'C' grade) with a minimum GPA of 2.33 in the most recent 60 credits, combined with related recreation employment.



## THE RECREATION STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Recreation Studies is more than a department – it's a community. Founded in 1967, we have graduated more than 1,000 students who now work in the recreation field and the related areas of business management, government administration, teaching, and community development.

Our mission is to provide outstanding education so that graduates are able to make meaningful contributions to the field of recreation. To this end, our faculty members work closely with students, taking a keen interest in their progress during and after their time at Langara.

Our department provides students with:

- The benefits of learning in small class groups
- Relationship-building skills and personal growth
- The guidance of a diverse and experienced faculty
- Flexible scheduling options
- The skills to design high-quality programs, and the expertise to lead them
- Management skills for use within facilities or organizations
- Marketing skills
- Pathways to degrees

Our programs, together with our strong, diverse faculty, contribute to the building of a thoughtful, purposeful, and educated recreation profession.



**Tara Nazemi, Graduate**  
Community Arts Program Assistant III  
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

"The Recreation Leadership Diploma program fed my insatiable thirst for wanting to dig deeper into recreation and leisure studies, while the Bachelor in Recreation Management, comprised of equal parts business and recreation courses, furthered my career aspirations."

"The recreation program at Langara has taught me invaluable skills in facility operations, programming, and community development. The diverse courses gave me the advantage I needed to quickly excel towards becoming a recreation professional."



**Jerome Oregas, Graduate**  
Recreation Leader Attendant  
City of New Westminster

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