



Information Session

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snəwəyəl leləm' Langara College
acknowledges with respect our location
on Musqueam unceded, traditional and
ancestral territory.

We are grateful for our relationship with
Musqueam, who gifted us with the name
snəwəyəl leləm', *house of teachings*,
in 2016.





Agenda

1. Intro to the Library Field
2. Langara Program Profile
3. Admissions Process
4. Curriculum
5. Pathway Programs
6. Other Details
7. Connect with us



**Why choose the
library field ?**

Three types of workers in libraries

- Librarians (Masters Degree)
- Library technicians (**Diploma**)
- Library assistants (Grade 12)



Types of libraries and information centres

Academic

- College or university

School

- Elementary and secondary schools
- Public and private

Public

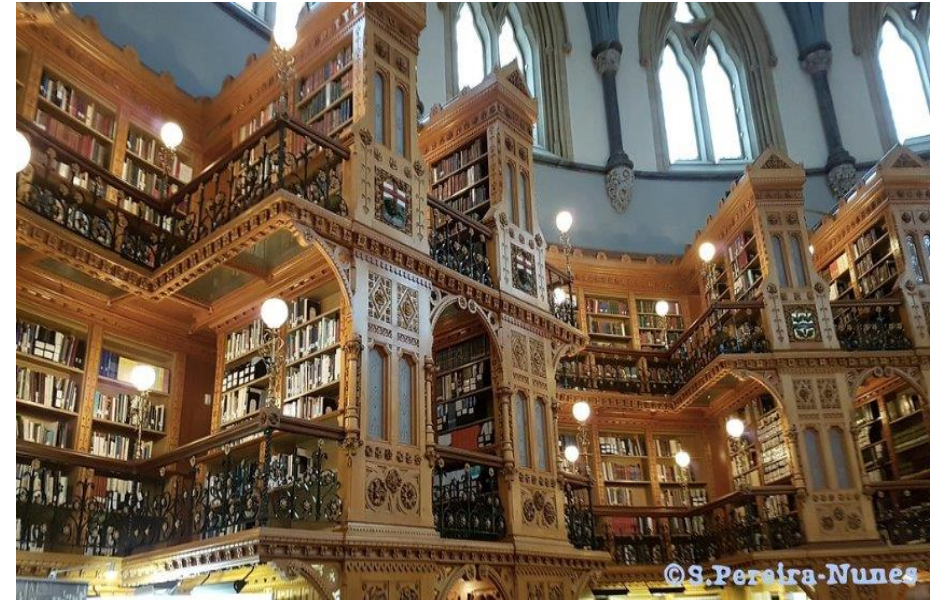
- Large, small, main/branches, urban/rural

Special

- Corporate, non-profit, arts/cultural, national, government, medical, legal, etc.

Non-Traditional

- Non-Traditional: providing technical support, consulting, web design, database design, records management, digital curation, information architecture / UX, research, etc.



Library of Parliament, Ottawa

Why Libraries?

- Median annual income for library technicians is \$62,422 in B.C. (median hourly wage: \$29.93/hr)
- Average earnings between \$42,130 to \$72,996

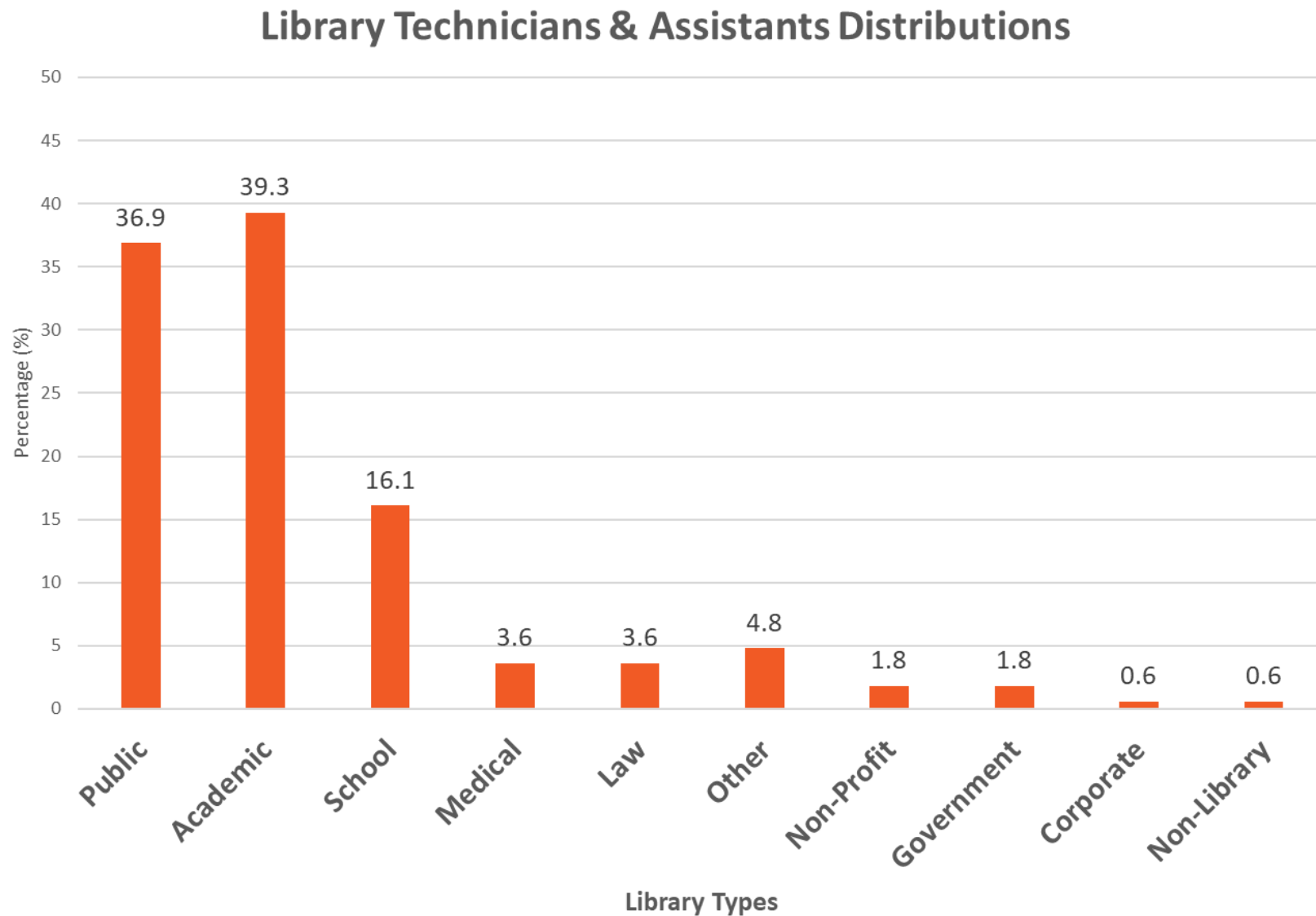
https://www.workbc.ca/career-profiles/library-and-public-archive-technicians#career_overview



Job Bank (2024)

Where do Library Technicians work?

Library Technicians and Assistants Section (LTAS) of the British Columbia Library Association's 2013 survey, responded to by individuals from 7 provinces and 1 from out of country, indicates the approximate percentage of technicians and assistants is distributed as following:



Library Work

- **Public Services**
 - Circulation, reference, help desk, adult or children's services, ILL, outreach, etc.
- **Technical Services**
 - Acquisitions, cataloguing, processing, serials
- **Technical Support**
 - System support, library web page, computer lab instruction, etc.



By **Kampus Production** <https://www.pexels.com/photo/a-man-teaching-elderlies-to-use-a-laptop-7983549/>



Photo by Pollak Library Marketing student assistant Carose Le. www.library.fullerton.edu/visiting/circulation-desk.php



Working conditions


- Part time, on call, and temporary contracts to start
 - Evening and weekend work is common
 - 35 – 40 hours per week
- Unionized environment (usually good benefits)



Associations & job postings

- Partnership National Library Jobsite of Canada
- British Columbia Library Association
- Library Technicians and Assistants Section (LTAS)
- Canadian Library Association
- Canadian Federation of Library Associations
- Special Libraries Association – Featured Jobs
- Langara Library & Information Technology Listserv

<https://flic.kr/p/9sCRwZ>

The background of the slide features a photograph of a modern, multi-story building with a grid-like facade, likely a library or university building. The scene is captured during sunset or sunrise, with a bright sun on the left side creating a strong lens flare and casting a warm, golden light across the entire image. In the foreground, there are out-of-focus branches with autumn-colored leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and brown, framing the top and right sides of the image. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text.

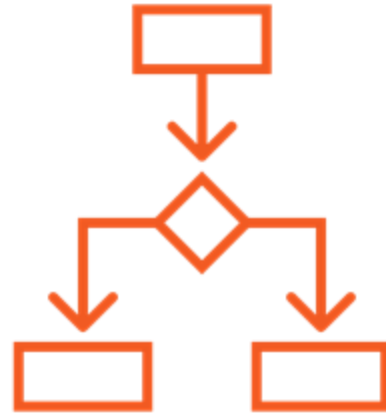
Why Choose Langara Library & Information Technology Program ?

Program at a glance



150
Students

2 Options



7- 9 Faculty

Diversity



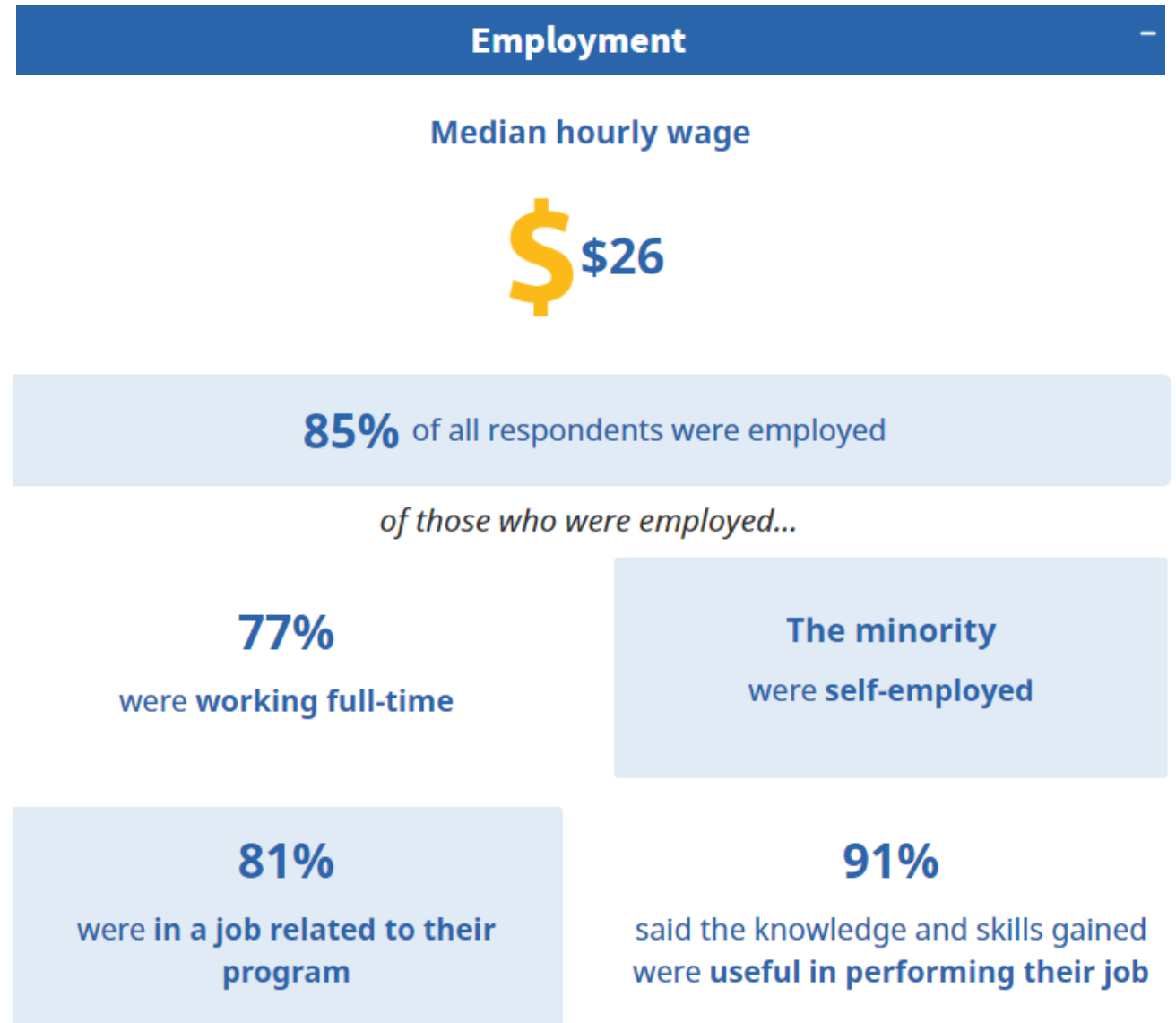
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BC Student Outcomes

Langara Library & Information Technology Program

Data retrieved April 2024 from
https://bcstats.shinyapps.io/so_data_viewer/



Summary

Former post-secondary students were asked about their educational experiences, subsequent employment, and further studies. Here is a summary of the results:

Gender	Median age	Satisfaction rate
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Why Langara?

- Recognized across Canada.
- One of only two programs in BC.
- Courses offered in Fall and Spring.
- Usually only one course during the summer (often it is online).
- Flexible participation options is entirely online.
- In person option is entirely on campus.
- Hybrid allows you to study with a combination of online and on-campus courses.





Hands on learning

2 practicums

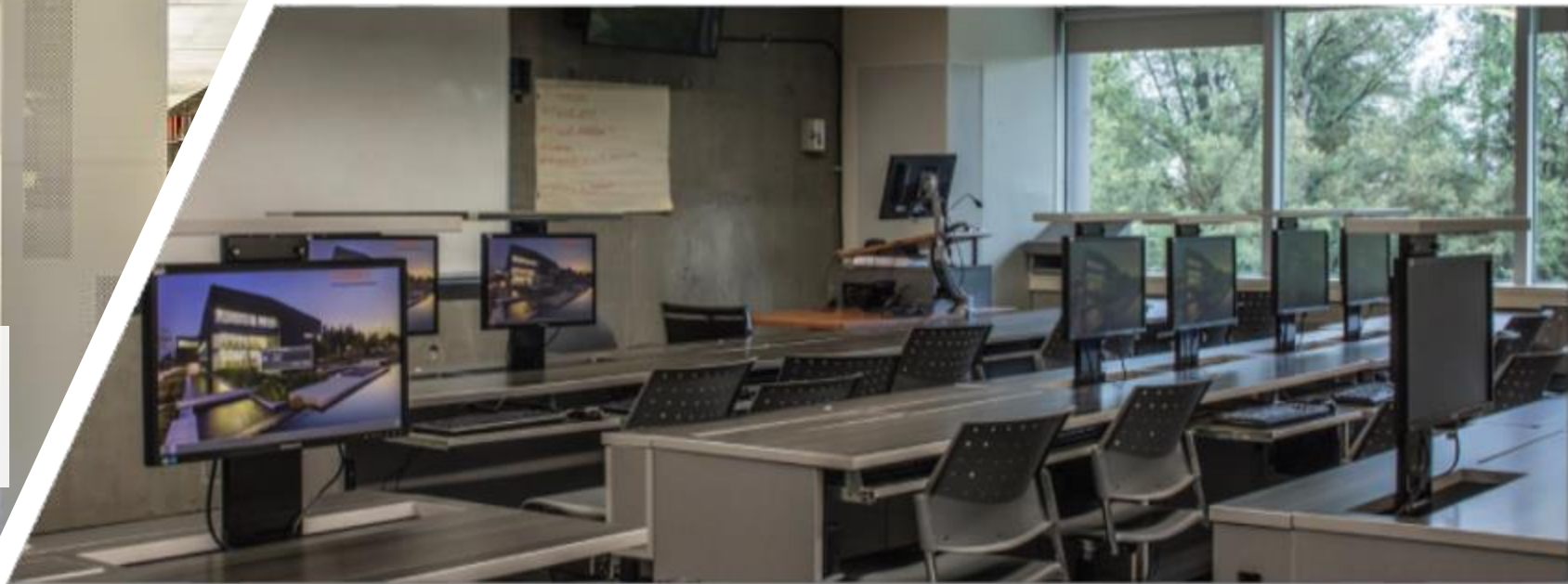
- Job shadowing
- Project work
- Entry level library work

13 technical courses

- Including 2 practicums
- Hands-on instruction methods
- Opportunities to try methods with instructional computer labs



Langara Campus



Our Space

Our Grads



Ronald Deo
Manager, Learning Resources
Services, Surrey Schools



Julie Cole
Library Systems
Administrator, Library
Services, Langara College



Marianne Huang
Library Assistant II
Vancouver Public Library



Wendy Wright
Director
Smithers Public Library

How to apply?





Admission Requirements

BC Grade 12 graduation (or equivalent)
or 19 years of age or older.

English category 2

- 70% English 12
- LET 3
- IELTS 6.5
- *More ways to satisfy this requirement can be found on the website*

<https://langara.ca/programs-courses/library-information-technology-diploma-we/admissions>

All intakes offer Flexible Participation, meaning you can study part time, full time, in person or through online instruction.

Admissions Process

All necessary documents must be submitted to Registrar and Enrolment Services.

1. Completed Application Form
2. Official Transcripts
3. Letter of Intent – indicating what makes you a good candidate, and what are your experiences with libraries?
4. Interview and testing

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Program Intakes

Langara offers 3 intakes per year.
Applications open 11 months in advance
of each intake.

Fall Intake (September start)

- Interview/testing begin in April
- Registration begins in June



Spring Intake (January start)

- Interview/testing begins in October
- Registration begins in November



Summer Intake (May start)

- Interview/testing begin in February
- Registration begins in March



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through online instruction.



Interview and Testing

Interview

- Meet with faculty and have a conversation about yourself and the reasons why you want to enter the program.
- In person or online

Computer Usage Survey

- Complete the survey indicating your level of familiarity of using current technology, social media, and equipment.

Test

- Filing exercise
- Short paragraph answers related to the career and/or library industry
- Conducted online
- 90 minutes

Contact libtech@langara.ca if you have any questions.



Selection Criteria

1. Academic ability (assessed based on grades)
2. Library/information work experience (including volunteer)
3. Work experience / involvement in other fields indirectly related to libraries (i.e. teaching experience, computer training)
4. Ongoing interest as a library user
5. Aptitude or experience with computers or automated environments
6. Ability to communicate in writing
7. Ability to communicate orally
8. Ability to organize information and follow written instructions
9. General knowledge and evidence of well-rounded interests



Criminal Record Check

A Criminal Record Check (CRC) is expected for many library jobs and practicum placements.

AFTER acceptance into the program, you will be requested to start the CRC process.*

Students will not be able to register for second term and onward without completing the CRC process.

**A link to the CRC form will be sent in an email after your acceptance.*

Curriculum: In Person

<https://langara.ca/programs-courses/library-information-technology-diploma-we/courses>

Core Courses:

FIRST YEAR (Fall)

LIBR	1111	Online Search and Information Handling	3
LIBR	1118	Introduction to Cataloguing	3
LIBR	1120	Philosophy and Functions	3

FIRST YEAR (Spring)

LIBR	1219	Field Work I	3
LIBR	1228	Introduction to Technical Services and Circulation	3

SECOND YEAR (Fall)

LIBR	2328	Subject Analysis and Classification	4
LIBR	2411	Library Technologies and Information Management	3

SECOND YEAR (Spring)

LIBR	2416	Reference Resources and Services	3
LIBR	2418	RDA, MARC Coding & Derived Cataloguing	3
LIBR	2419	Field Work II	

In addition:

Three (3) Special Topics Courses:

LIBR XXXX 9

Mostly offered in Summer and Spring semesters

Sometimes one is offered in Fall

Topics:

- Indigenous Knowledges and Libraries
- Young Adult Services
- Children's Services
- Readers' Advisory
- Records Management
- Archives and Museums
- Special Libraries
- Supervisory Skills
- Digital Collections Management
- Media and Electronic Materials
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Libraries

Curriculum: Non-LIBR Courses

<https://langara.ca/programs-courses/library-information-technology-diploma-we/courses>

Non-LIBR Courses

Support Courses - focusing on communication skills, computer/technology skills and knowledge about Canadian, Indigenous and Business topics, all of which are useful in libraries. General electives – any topic.

1. **BCAP 1200** Business Computer Applications I 3
2. **Two English/CMNS courses** 6
 - Any two English courses offered by Langara
 - CMNS 1118 Written Communications
 - CMNS 2228 Advanced Written Communications
3. **One** from the list of 22 courses on Canadian, Indigenous and Business topics** 3
4. **Three general electives** 9
 - Three non-LIBR courses on any topic
 - These courses are designed to increase the breadth of knowledge of our students, so that they are not solely focused on library topics.

****List of 22 electives:**

ABST 1100 Cdn Abgnal Experience
ABST 1102 Abgnal Culture....
ABST 1104 Cdn Abgnal Policy
ABST 1115 Abgnal Contemp Issues
ABST 1116 Abgnal Women in Can.
AHIS 1119 Oh Canada!: Art, Ident...
ANTH 1180 Colonialism and Rec. in BC
BUSM 1100 Intro to Bus in Canada
BUSM 1115 Entrepreneurship
BUSM 1200 Mgmt Principles
BUSM 2115 HR Management
BUSM 2200 Organizational Behaviour
CNST 1120 Cdn First Nations Concerns
CNST 1130 Work in Cdn Society
CNST 1140 Racism & Ethnic Reltns Can.
HIST 1116 Canada to 1867
HIST 1126 Canada since 1867
HIST 1161 Issues in Cdn History
HIST 2207 Early BC
HIST 2215 Modern BC
POLI 1119 Cdn Politics and Govt

Course Search: <https://langara.ca/programs-courses/course-search>

Curriculum: Flexible (Online) Program

<https://langara.ca/programs-courses/library-information-technology-flexible-option-diploma-we>

Flexible Participation (Online) Students must:

- take one to five courses each term
- select courses based on prerequisites; courses are offered on a rotating schedule, following the same Fall/Spring schedule as on previous slide
- complete the program within five years (for both programs)

Core Courses:

LIBR 1111 Online Search and Information Handling
LIBR 1118 Introduction to Cataloguing
LIBR 1120 Philosophy and Functions
LIBR 1219 Field Work I
LIBR 1228 Introduction to Technical Services and Circulation
LIBR 2328 Subject Analysis and Classification
LIBR 2411 Library Technologies and Information Management
LIBR 2418 RDA, MARC Coding & Derived Cataloguing
LIBR 2416 Reference Resources and Services
LIBR 2419 Field Work II
+
Three Special Topics courses
+
Non-LIBR courses, as described on the previous slide

Credits and Pre-reqs:

3
3
3
3 has prerequisite(s)
3
4 must have taken or be taking 1118
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NB: The online program is identical to the in-person/regular program

Fieldwork I for online cohort offered **every second Fall**. Next offering: **Fall 2026**

Course Search: <https://langara.ca/programs-courses/course-search>



Workload

We recommend that students budget
10-15 hours per week per course
while in the program.

Courses have significant workload and
students are asked to complete many
hands-on assignments.



Academic Performance

Students must achieve a minimum grade of 'C' in all courses to remain in the program and receive the Diploma in Library and Information Technology.

Pathway Programs

TRU Open Learning

- Bachelor of General Studies
- Bachelor of Arts – General Studies
- Bachelor of Arts – General Program



THOMPSON
RIVERS
UNIVERSITY

Athabasca University

Bachelor of Professional Arts – Communication
Studies

Athabasca University 



Transfer Pathways are subject to change

Money matters.

(The following fees are an approximation and subject to change)

Application: \$40 (domestic students)
(non-refundable and covers applications to more than one program)
<https://goo.gl/LB1xGr>

Registration : \$6, 696 (domestic students)
(for entire curriculum of 20 or 21 courses; include tuition, building, Student Union, and health fees)
<https://goo.gl/LB1xGr>

Cost of study: <https://langara.ca/programs-courses/library-information-technology-flexible-option-diploma-we/costs> (Domestic)

Material/Lab: vary
(information is in the course listing of the current Semester Course Schedule)
<https://langara.ca/register/you-register/search-courses>

Books: vary



SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Office can help you find ways to reduce the financial barriers through bursaries, scholarships, emergency loans, student loans (domestic students), grants, and student work assistant programs. Contact finaid@langara.ca for details.

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Criminal record check: \$28

<https://langara.ca/admissions/application-information/appl-decisions-definitions/appl-pdfs-non-searchable/liit-supplemental>

Personal desktop or laptop computer is required if student is not able to use campus lab. PC computers are recommended. English interface is required.

U-Pass: available if qualified

U-Pass BC is a student transit program delivered in partnership with TransLink, and the Ministry of Transportation. Eligible students will have access to a 3-zone pass valid for unlimited use on TransLink bus, SkyTrain and Seabus services for an affordable rate per month which will automatically be added to fees upon registration if qualified. <https://students.langara.ca/student-services/upass/exemption.html>

Miscellaneous other items: vary
(credit transfer, supplies, printing, etc)



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Student Support

Academic Success Centre & Tutoring

<https://students.langara.ca/academic-success-centre/index.html>

Financial Aid and Scholarships

<https://langara.ca/financial-aid>

Student Employment

- **Job board:** <https://langara-csm.symplicity.com>
- **Co-op & Career Development Centre**
<https://langara.ca/coop-and-career-development>

Health Coverage

<https://www.studentcare.ca>

<https://students.langara.ca/student-services/health-services/index.html>

■ **Counselling**

<https://students.langara.ca/student-services/counselling/index.html>

■ **U-Pass Program**

<https://students.langara.ca/student-services/upass/index.html>

■ **Much more...**

<https://langara.ca/student-services/>

Other Details

- Part-time, online, or evening courses available in Spring and Fall terms for those who are busy. (PT only available through online flexible participation option)
- Summer session: We offer typically one library-related course; Students often take electives or support courses in this semester, or a break.
- Peer-support lab hours available during Spring and Fall for online and on-campus students.
- Transfer credits available; must apply by completing a Transfer Credit Request form
 - (transfercredit@langara.ca)
- Scholarships/bursaries, loan, and student work available (GROW: <https://langara.ca/financial-aid/grow-program>)



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