

# QUEST UNIVERSITY CANADA



## Intimate... Integrated... International...

Quest University Canada is an undergraduate liberal arts and sciences university in Squamish, BC.

## THE BLOCK PLAN

Imagine being able to focus on a single course of interest for three and a half weeks without interruption or the demands of other classes. Imagine meeting with a small group of peers and experienced faculty for three hours a day, Monday to Friday, to explore, discuss and question all aspects of your chosen topic. This is the Block Plan at Quest.



Unlike traditional universities which teach several subjects at the same time, Quest is the first university in Canada to use the block system. It provides students a focused and engaging approach to learning and allows for flexibility in how a course is taught. Each block includes seminars, small group projects, research, or laboratory work. You have the option of leaving the classroom and taking your learning experience into a new environment. You may find yourself measuring river currents, or visiting an art gallery for class.

As a small, undergraduate-only university with a unique and integrated liberal arts and sciences program, Quest offers a single degree, a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences. In the Foundation Program, not only will you study such subjects as Fate & Virtue, Neurosciences, Humans Beings and Nature, and the History of Math, but you'll be encouraged to see how subjects relate to one another.

With an innovative, dynamic approach to higher education, Quest is a unique university created for a unique student. Find out more at [www.questu.ca](http://www.questu.ca).



## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: 32 BLOCKS

### FOUNDATION PROGRAM (16 blocks)

CORNERSTONE	FATE & VIRTUE	EARTH / OCEANS / SPACE	POLITICAL ECONOMY
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	REASON & FREEDOM	ENERGY / MATTER	GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES
ECOLOGY	IDENTITY & PERSPECTIVE	MATHEMATICS	DEMOCRACY & JUSTICE
NEUROSCIENCES	RELIGIOUS STUDIES OR DIMENSIONS OF MUSIC	RHETORIC	YOUR QUESTION

### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING (1 - 4 blocks)

Every student required to take at least 1 block.

### LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT (2 blocks)

All students must take 2 blocks of a language other than their native language.

### INDIVIDUAL CONCENTRATION PROGRAM (6 - 12 blocks)

Student selects these in consultation with advisor. A minimum of 6 blocks should address the student's chosen Question.

### ELECTIVES (3 - 8 blocks)

These 3 - 8 blocks do not require advisor approval.


### CAPSTONE (1 block)

Final Course at Quest: Student reports on his/her Question.

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## HOW DOES THE BLOCK PLAN LOOK? SECOND TERM: BLOCK ONE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JANUARY 13</b> <i>MOVE IN DAY!!</i>	<b>14</b> COMMUNITY UPDATE 4pm in the Library Welcome/Welcome Back!	<b>15</b> QUCEP: On-Campus Jobs Posting in Student Affairs office	<b>16</b> YOGA @ 5:15pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>FIRST PAPER DUE</i>	<b>19</b>
	CLASS: Earth Oceans Space - 9:00am to 12:00pm					<i>Avalanche Course</i>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Work on group project</i>	<b>23</b> YOGA @ 5:15pm	<b>24</b> <i>Field work 10am-3pm</i>	<b>25</b> ★ <i>Go to FILM!</i>	<b>26</b> BASKETBALL HOME GAMES: WOMEN'S @ 5PM MEN'S @ 7PM
<i>Avalanche Course</i>	CLASS: Earth Oceans Space - 9:00am to 12:00pm					AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL @ QUEST
<b>27</b> Vancouver Art Gallery (trip to town)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>SECOND PAPER DUE</i>	<b>30</b> Lunchtime Travel Series Alicia speaks about living in Tanzania YOGA @ 5:15pm	<b>31</b> <i>Summer Employment Seminar: 12:15-1pm workshop room</i>	<b>FEBRUARY 1</b> <i>*GROUP PROJECT PRESENTATION</i>	<b>2</b> SPIRIT CUP CHALLENGE: FLOOR BY FLOOR CURLING 8-11PM @ GOLF CLUB <i>WORK ON FINAL PAPER!</i>
FESTIVAL - FINAL DAY	CLASS: Earth Oceans Space - 9:00am to 12:00pm					
<i>*SKIING!!</i>  <b>SHUTTLE TO WHISTLER 8am</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>FINAL PAPER DUE</i> YOGA @ 5:15pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> ASIAN COOKING WORKSHOP 5-7PM	<b>8</b> <i>WALKERS</i> <b>BLOCK BREAK</b> (SEE THE ADVENTURE CLUB FOR TRIP DETAILS!) SIGN UP IN STUDENT AFFAIRS FOR SHUTTLE TO WHISTLER	<b>9</b>
	CLASS: Earth Oceans Space - 9:00am to 12:00pm					

## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

**Stephen J. A. Ward, Acting Director and Associate Professor of Journalism Ethics  
The School of Journalism  
University of British Columbia, Canada**

I think the goals of Quest University Canada - the linking of communication, critical discernment and integrated knowledge-seeking - are exactly the correct goals for the 21st century. They break down traditional barriers to using all of our mind (and body) in approaching real-world problems. I suspect that Quest's approach, especially the integrated block plan, will create many motivated students who are able to bring scholarship to bear on problems, and problems to bear on theory. In this rich interplay of mind and world, theory and practice, your students will be prepared to become engaged citizens. Therefore, I believe that Quest's graduates could be good candidates for schools of journalism and communication, such as my own school.

**John Nightingale, President  
Vancouver Aquarium, Canada**

I believe Quest University Canada will provide its students with both a stimulating environment and academic excellence. With a strong emphasis on interconnected information and learning, Quest graduates will not only have a breadth of knowledge, they will be able to think, and will be prepared for life and work in our rapidly changing world. The Vancouver Aquarium looks forward to working in partnership with Quest University Canada to help diversify and enrich an already effective curriculum, and to providing "real world" biological and ecological experience to as many students as possible.

**Gail Gregerson, Student  
Founder's Class, Quest University Canada**

I like the block program because it gives me a chance to focus all of my energy on one subject - I'm not juggling four classes, and homework for each, all at once. It's also convenient because if we go on a field trip, there's no stress over missing other classes. Learning this way gives me the opportunity to be more involved. The class sizes are glorious, too! With so few people it's easy to have good discussions. You are truly able to hear the ideas of peers and tutors, which in turn helps to formulate your own personal opinions, one of the fundamental objectives of a Quest University Canada education.



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