

Welcome to Kelowna!

Moving away from your home or community can seem overwhelming at times, but the Okanagan is a beautiful place to live! Many students experience community living here on campus and others find **off-campus rentals** are a great opportunity to learn about the surrounding community while studying at UBC's Okanagan campus.

If you are looking to live on campus, apply [online](#) and be conscious of deadlines.

For off-campus housing, Kelowna and the surrounding areas have many neighbourhoods to choose from. When choosing your neighbourhood for off-campus rentals, keep [parking costs](#) and [transit routes](#) in mind. If you will not be driving, access to transit can be a really important consideration. The [Student U-Pass](#) is included with your tuition fees and can be used for unlimited transit in the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) Transit area and connections to Vernon with Vernon Regional Transit.

Kelowna Neighbourhoods

Rutland

- Very close to campus, groceries, and transit routes
- Often affordable rent

Okanagan Mission

- Close to lakefront and bus routes
- Can be pricier in general but less expensive near Okanagan College

Downtown Kelowna

- Close to Kelowna's main Queensway bus exchange
- Near lakefront, stores and Kelowna's cultural core

Glenmore

- Residential area: many basement suites and apartments available
- Very close to campus

[Parking Passes](#) for UBCO go on sale in August and there is often a waitlist. Get your application in as soon as possible and pick the lot that will work for you. You may also want to consider [carpooling](#) or other [sustainable transportation options](#).

Where to Look for Rentals

UBCO Notice Boards

Rental and roommate notices are posted on the 1st floor of the University Centre (UNC) building.

Websites

A lot of locals post their rental units on: [Castanet](#), [Kijiji](#), and [Craigslist](#). These are also great sites to search for used furniture, dishes and jobs. There are also sites like [Rent Okanagan](#) or [Relocate Canada](#) for additional listings.

Newspapers

Check local classified ads in [The Capital News](#) and [The Daily Courier](#) newspapers.

Neighbourhood Postings

While searching for the neighbourhood that you want to live in, keep an eye out for rental notices or "For Rent" signs in that area.

Word of Mouth

Check with other students or community members if they have heard of upcoming vacancies in the area

Protect Yourself

Remember to be cautious of scams when finding housing online.

When you are moving in, protect yourself and know your [rights and responsibilities as a tenant](#).



Areas Surrounding Kelowna

Lake Country

- Located North of UBCO, 10-15 minute drive from campus
- Cheaper rental options

Westside

- Across the lake, 30 minute drive – longer bus commute
- Many basement suite rentals

The Okanagan Territory

At UBC Okanagan, we respectfully acknowledge the traditions and customs of the [Okanagan Nation](#) and its people in whose territory we are situated. The two closest bands are [Okanagan Indian Band](#) and [Westbank First Nation](#)

Community Resources

- [Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society](#)
- [First Nations Friendship Centre](#)
- [Lake Country Native Association](#)
- [Métis Community Services Society of BC](#)
- [Okanagan Métis and Aboriginal Housing Society](#)
- [Okanagan Regional Library](#)

Recreation/ Leisure

Resources

- [UBCO Campus Recreation](#)
- [Kelowna hiking trails](#)
- [Big White Ski Resort](#)
- [Silver Star Ski Resort](#)
- [Recreation Parks/ Facilities](#)
- [Rotary Centre for the Arts](#)

Child Care Resources

- [University Children's Learning Centre](#) (on campus)
- [Kelowna Child Care Society](#)

UBCO Aboriginal Programs & Services

212 University Centre
3333 University Way
Kelowna, BC V1V 1V7

If you have any further questions, we are here to help and want to ensure you have a great experience living and studying in the sunny Okanagan.

[Contact us](#) for more information!



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