



Welcome to Opening Week

August 30 - September 2, 2021

UBC Master of Management, Class of 2022

UBC Master of Business Analytics, Class of 2022

UBC Master of Business Administration, Class of 2023

Rigor, Respect and Responsibility

What is Opening Week?

Are you ready to embrace the UBC Sauder Spirit?

Come join us at Opening Week, RHL's orientation program specifically designed to familiarize yourself with UBC Sauder, the Robert H. Lee Graduate School (RHL) community and the land on which we teach and learn. It marks the exciting beginning of your journey as a UBC MM, MBAN, or MBA student.

Staff, faculty and alumni will share their experience, career perspectives, and insights for maximizing your time here.

This year, Opening Week will combine in-person and online activities and workshops to foster connections among students, support your adjustment to academic life, jump-start your career and start building your UBC MBA, MBAN and MM toolboxes.

Full attendance to Opening Week is mandatory to stay in the program. Please mark your calendar from August 30 to September 2, 2021.

- **Monday, August 30, 2021: Mandatory in-person attendance for students who are in Vancouver and not quarantining. Students directed to quarantine or who still haven't arrived in Vancouver will be attending online**
- **Tuesday, August 31 to Thursday, September 2, 2021: All sessions will be online**
- **Tuesday, September 7, 2021: First day of classes, everything in-person**





The Land Where We Stand. What does it mean to be a University of British Columbia student?

UBC Vancouver is located in the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. The land is situated on what has always been a place of learning for the Musqueam community, who for millennia have passed on their culture, history, and traditions from one generation to the next on this site.

Many times throughout your program, you will hear this [Land Acknowledgement](#) before starting a session. This is to express our gratitude and respect for being able to teach and learn on this land. We encourage you to learn more about Canada's Indigenous culture by visiting the university's [Indigenous Portal](#) as well as reading through the "Learning and Leading on Indigenous Land" of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion module on Canvas.

At the same time, we also recognize that many of you are joining UBC from a variety of places near and far, and we would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands where you are right now as well.

UBC is an inspiring and inclusive intercultural space where the spirit of community thrives. You will be part of an energetic community of students, faculty and staff from over 150 countries.

We are very excited to welcome you to this land, and to UBC Sauder School of Business!

What should you expect from Opening Week activities?

During these last few months, you have been participating in a variety of onboarding activities that have helped you get program-ready: coffee chats, advising sessions, Sauder Lounge speaker series and Ask Me Anything sessions, as well as preparation modules like Excelling with Integrity, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; and BCC's pre-program workshops. All these activities have primed you for what is to come.

Opening Week adds another enriching layer by introducing you to the tools that will help you build your own path to success. Opening Week will help you understand the different pieces and players that comprise your program's eco-system: from academics and research, to personal and professional development, community building, and health and wellness matters.

In addition to getting to know the students in the UBC MM Class of 2022, UBC MBAN Class of 2022, and UBC MBA Class of 2023, you will also get to engage with the faculty who will be teaching you in the first few months of the program, as well as some of the amazing staff who will support you throughout your program journey: Business Career Centre, Student Experience and Development and Alumni Engagement teams.

Throughout Opening Week, you will get to know your RHL family of staff, faculty and your peers! Together, you will be inspired, and challenged to think deeply and operate in the uncomfortable. Buckle up and get ready for what this new journey has to offer you.





What should you prepare yourself for?

- Four days of intense learning, community building and fun. Opening Week activities will touch upon a myriad of things available to you as a UBC student. Start thinking about what you want your UBC Sauder graduate journey to be!
- Opening Week is also the time to meet your cohort and start some beautiful, lifelong friendships
- Bring your best-self to Opening Week. Be on time. Stay refreshed and hydrate. Self-care is important; do not forget to eat healthy and get good rest!
- Get your working-space ready: your desk, chair, lighting, computer and internet, so you can stay comfortable through the Opening Week activities and beyond
- Get familiar with other UBC support resources starting with the Resources Page in your program site on Canvas

What attitude should you come with?

- Come with an open mind and a willingness to try out new things and participate in all activities
- Be ready to be pushed beyond your limits
- Maintain an open mindset to learn from your instructors and your peers. You will often be surprised by your peer group!
- Concentrate on your learning. Make sure your phone is off during sessions. Current students have mentioned this is the most distracting item for them during online learning.
- Think about what you want your journey to look like. What role will you play in your own academic and career development? How are you going to lead the way?
- Last but not least, the human factor. UBC envisions a climate in which students, faculty and staff are provided with the best possible conditions for learning, researching and working, including an environment that is dedicated to excellence, equity and mutual respect. We have established practices that respect the dignity of individuals and make it possible for everyone to live, work, and study in a positive and supportive environment. Respect yourself and your peers. Join activities on time and come prepared, maintain integrity, respect deadlines, and do your share of the work. Also, make sure that you understand the policies on Professionalism and Academic Integrity when submitting course deliverables. Remember that this is the beginning of your legacy here at UBC Sauder.



UBC Sauder School of Business. Who are we?

By joining UBC Sauder, you've entered a collaborative and respectful environment, which is characterized by honesty, integrity, and respect. Find below the people and teams that you will be involved with at different points during your program, and beyond.

Dean's Office

Robert Helsley,

Dean of UBC Sauder School of Business and Grosvenor
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Joined UBC Sauder School of Business as Dean on July 1, 2012

Joey Hoegg,

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Bonnie Lee,
Volunteer & Student Program Officer

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Ready, Set, Go!

- Mark your calendars for August 30 to September 2, 2021 and get ready! As you know, attendance to all four days of Opening Week is mandatory to stay in the program
- Sessions will be daily, starting at 8:30 am PST. Approximately 5-7 hours every day with staggered breaks in between.
 - Monday, August 30: in person (and online for those who will be quarantining)
 - Tuesday, August 31 to Thursday, September 2: online via Zoom
- The Opening Week schedule will be posted on your Canvas site
- We expect that you have completed all items in your Canvas check-list, as well as the academic prep modules
- For questions, please contact askmba@sauder.ubc.ca, askmban@sauder.ubc.ca and askmm@sauder.ubc.ca accordingly

We are looking forward to see you at Opening Week!
Your UBC MBA, MBAN and MM Teams

