



**Biology Articulation Committee Meeting**  
**May 9-10, 2023, UBCO in Kelowna**  
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Course (credits)	Course Name	Text	Projected Enrolment	Hours/week lec-lab-tut	Pre-requisites	Notes	Course Instructors
BIOL 100 (3)	Modern Biology	OpenStax Biology 2 e	300	2-0-2	None	Non majors	Dr. Mitra Panahi Dr. Sina Mahabadi Dr. Dereje Bezabih Dr. Prashant Kumar Dr. Zahra Moradi Dr. Michael Baumann Dr. Regan Zhang
ECOL 100 (3)	Introduction to Ecology	OpenStax Biology 2 e	300	2-0-2	None	Non majors	Dr. Michael Baumann Dr. Prashant Kumar Dr. Jasmine Hue Dr. Zahra Moradi Dr. Dereje Bezabih Dr. Sina Mahabadi Dr. Regan Zhang

## NOTES

Dr. Zahra Moradi, Dr. Jasmine Hue, Dr. Regan Zhang, and Dr. Evgeniy panzhinskiy are the new instructors.

## INSTITUTIONAL UPDATE

### General

UCW is pleased to be operating fully on campus with all services and facilities open to students and faculty both in person and virtually at both our Vancouver House and West Pender campuses. There has been a return to on campus events for students, faculty, and staff; however, the university continues to also offer events and workshops online.

### Students/Enrollment

- UCW continues to experience growth in student enrollments.
- Our student body currently represents over 120 nationalities with the top percentage of students coming from India (54.2%), Sri Lanka (5.87%), Nigeria (4.39%).
- Other nationalities represented include Columbia, Philippines, Brazil, and Iran.
- We currently have almost 13,000 students enrolled as of April 2023 with over 3200 new students who just joined us for the Spring 2023 term.
- Please see the student enrollment details in the Table 1 below (enrollment figures include new starters and continuing students).

**Table 1: Student Enrollments**

<b>Programs</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022 (Winter Term)</b>	<b>2023 (Spring Term)</b>
MBA	2247	4679	7749	9572
BCom	133	348	452	662
BABC	48	120	145	203
AA	553	1099	1704	2514
<b>Total</b>	<b>2981</b>	<b>6246</b>	<b>10050</b>	<b>12951</b>

### Staffing

- Dr. Stephanie Chu was promoted to Associate VP of Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship as of December 2022.
- Kathleen Campbell was appointed as Associate VP of Administration as of May 2022.
- Amy Hua was appointed as Director, Academic Planning and Budgeting as of September 2022.
- Harpreet Ahluwalia was promoted to Director, Curriculum and Quality Assurance as of October 2022.
- Douglas Thorpe-Dorward was appointed as Director, Faculty Relations as of August 2022.
- Jenny Shickele was appointed as Director, Finance as of May 2022.
- Sparsh Sood was promoted to Associate Director, Facilities and Health and Safety as of February 2023.
- Abrar Ahamed was promoted to Associate Director, Digital Transformation as of October 2022.

- Bradley Fehr was promoted to Associate Director, Communications as of January 2023.
- Madison McLeod was promoted to Associate Director, Marketing as of January 2023.
- Dr. Jill Cummings was appointed as UAP Department Chair as of February 2023
- With the continued student growth, UCW has also increased the number of support staff. Please see the staffing growth in Table 2 below (faculty numbers include both sessional and continuing full-time faculty).

**Table 2: UCW Staff Growth**

<b>Department</b>	<b>April 2021 Staff</b>	<b>April 2022 Staff</b>	<b>April 2023</b>
Academics	15	33	54
Administration	4	10	11
BD - Recruitment	8	10	13
Finance	15	17	29
Health & Safety	1	5	5
Human Resources	4	10	17
Library & Information Services	6	10	12
Information Technology	13	17	12
Marketing & Communications	8	13	18
Office of President	3	5	10
Registrar Office	33	45	56
Student Affairs	11	27	44
UAP Faculty	7	10	22
Faculty	174	201	416

### **Instruction**

- UCW’s Centre for Teaching Excellence has launched a Teaching Excellence micro-credential for Faculty, which includes asynchronous components such as:
  - Classroom Management
  - Course Design
  - Universal Design for Learning
  - Instructional Methods, etc.

### **Open Education Resources**

- UCW continues to update courses to use OER textbook and resource options wherever available. The current focus is on the Associate of Arts degree.
- Our OER committee works with course developers, faculty, and Department Chairs to identify options to update our courses where appropriate.
- Funding is available to incentivize Faculty to update their course using OER options.

### **Program Update**

- UCW is currently working on new program development within our graduate area. Two proposals have been put through to the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB) for consideration.
  - Master of Entrepreneurship
  - Master of Marketing

### **Curriculum & Course Developments**

- The Bachelor of Commerce degree is in the process of finalizing articulation of all courses associated with ENTRY TO THE CPA PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (CPA PEP). The in-depth review has resulted in 13 CPA courses being articulated thus far with the remaining two to be completed by Summer 2023.
- UCW is currently finalizing the cyclical review process with the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB) for all programs at the university. Self-study committees, PAC meetings, and external reviews have been completed.