

# Welcome to UBC!

## Navigating Housing and Transit

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# I will briefly talk about

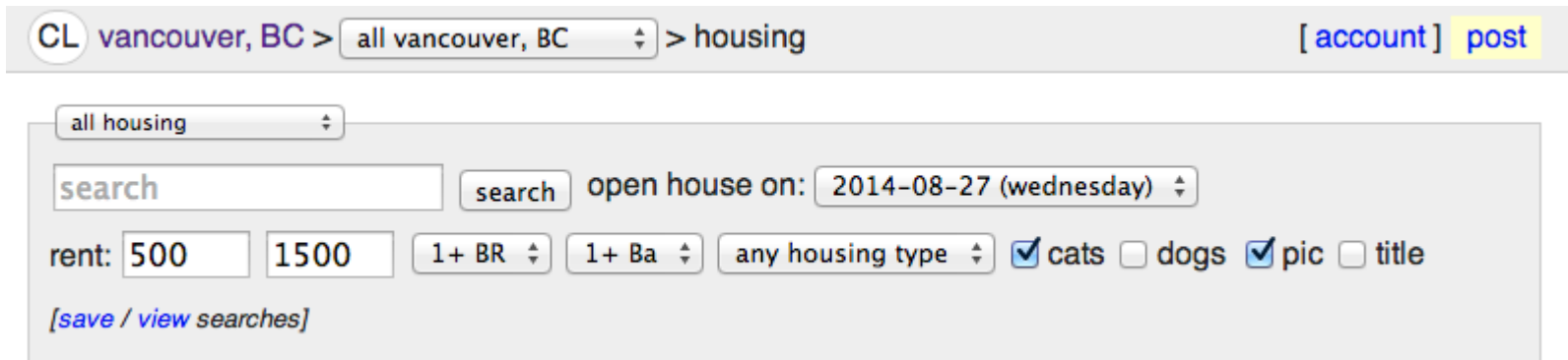
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# Housing

- Types: on-campus, off-campus
  - On-campus
    - SHHS: student, family - kids, family + kids
    - Private residences
  - Off-campus: all combinations
- General tips
  - read **a contract** carefully, particularly about **start and end dates!**
  - roommate: just **be good**

# Off campus house hunt

- [Craigslist](#) – includes furniture, bikes and etc.



The image shows a screenshot of the Craigslist Vancouver housing search interface. At the top, it displays 'CL vancouver, BC > all vancouver, BC > housing' with links for '[ account ]' and 'post'. Below this is a search bar with 'all housing' selected. The search bar contains the text 'search' and a 'search' button. To the right of the search bar is a date selector for 'open house on: 2014-08-27 (wednesday)'. Below the search bar are several filters: 'rent: 500 1500', '1+ BR', '1+ Ba', 'any housing type', and checkboxes for 'cats', 'dogs', 'pic', and 'title'. At the bottom left of the search bar area, there is a link for '[save / view searches]'.

- Alternative resources
  - [AMSRentsline](#), [Padlister](#), [Kijiji](#), [AirBnB](#) and others ...
  - <http://www.padmapper.com/> --- aggregates
- Tip: be aware of “bad guys”

# Transit

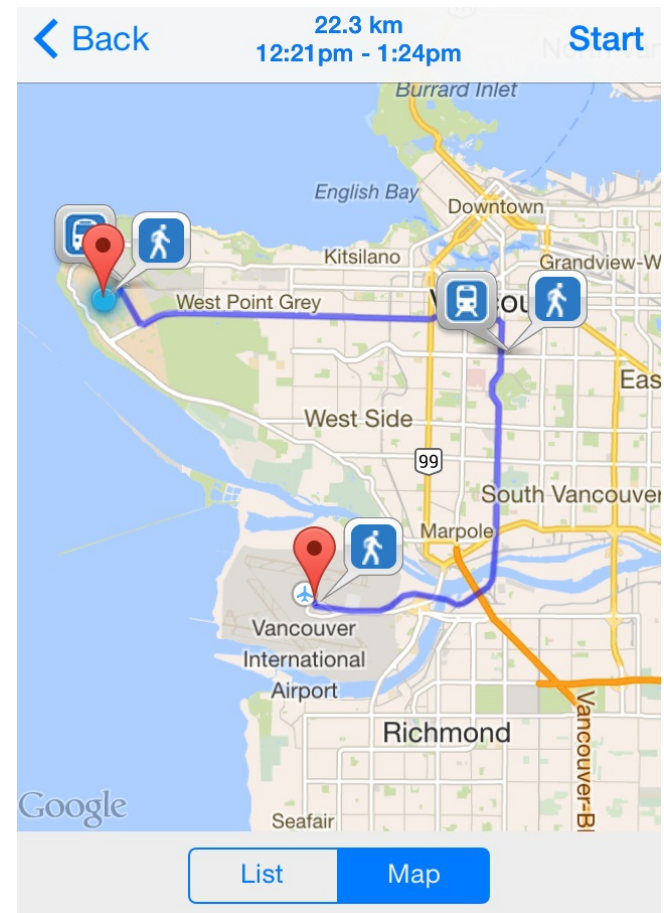
- UPass: bus, trolleybus, sea bus, sky train



Google Maps



- Vancouver is very **bike** friendly too, check out [UBC bike kitchen](#)



# Driving license



building trust. driving confidence.

- Insurance Company of British Columbia
- New BC residents can drive **up to 90 days** with a foreign license (visitors up to 6 months)
- Then, everyone (exceptions below) should **convert** to a Canadian driving license
- Exceptions (source [WelcomeBC](#) and personal experience)
  - License holders from United States, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, South Korea or another province of Canada can **apply directly** (without knowledge test and etc.)
  - Full time students from above locations can drive with their foreign license **as long as in a full time student status**

# Car sharing

- Very affordable way of “owning” a car  
(source: personal experience)



- Example (insurance, fuel, parking\* included):
  - 7.50 CAD (+ tax) per hour (up to 200 Km)
  - 60 CAD (+ tax) for 24 hours booking

# Questions & Answers

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**Enjoy UBC!**