



## Bachelor of Education (Elementary Curriculum)

Based on the *May 2014 University of Victoria calendar*.

Prepared by UVic Teacher Education Advising [www.uvic.ca/education](http://www.uvic.ca/education).

This four-year degree program will prepare you to be an elementary classroom teacher. Graduates are awarded a Bachelor of Education degree (UVic) and are eligible for a BC teaching certificate (BC Ministry of Education).

The program takes place over four winter sessions: one year of admission requirements are followed by three years in the UVic Faculty of Education. You will find the program format in the UVic undergraduate calendar at <http://web.uvic.ca/calendar>.

### Admission requirements

To be considered for admission to year two of the BEd (Elementary Curriculum) program, you'll need:

- 3.0 units\* approved English.
- 3.0 units approved Canadian studies.
- 3.0 units approved mathematics with a C+ average.
- 3.0 units approved laboratory science.
- 3.0 units approved academic electives.
- to demonstrate competency in written English.
- a sessional grade-point average of at least 4.00 on a 9-point scale (equivalent to UVic's B- grade) on your most recent 12.0-unit session. If your most recent session is less than 12.0 units, you must have a grade-point average of at least 4.00 on a 9-point scale (equivalent to UVic's B- grade) on your most recent consecutive 12.0 units.

An interview may also be required.

**All admission requirements must be completed by April 30th of the year you intend to enter this program.**

*\* A 1.5-unit UVic course meets for at least 3 hours per week for 13 weeks (one term).*

### Approved English, Canadian studies, mathematics and laboratory science courses offered at UVic

**If you want to take a course that is not listed here or if you have taken courses prior to 2014-2015, consult UVic Teacher Education Advising.**

#### English

Select **two** from:

- ENGL 135 University Writing or Academic Reading and Writing
- ENGL 146 Introduction to Literary Genres, Themes and Styles
- ENGL 147 Introduction to Literary Traditions and Transformation

#### Notes:

1. We can't accept technical or creative writing courses.
2. We can't accept 3 units of English composition.
3. Consult an adviser if you've taken English courses at UVic but not the ones listed here.
4. Written English competency is satisfied by one of:
  - ENGL 135 with a B-, or
  - ENGL 146 and 147 with a B- average.

#### Written English Competency Requirement

**Important** [Regulation 8.1: Written English Competency](#) in the University of Victoria's academic calendar. If you aren't sure if you've satisfied this requirement, consult a Faculty of Education adviser.

## Canadian studies

Choose courses that focus on the Canadian experience and that cover topics taught in the BC elementary **social studies** curriculum.

Select any **two** from:

- CS 102 Introduction to Canadian Contemporary Issues
- ECON 100 The Canadian Economy Problems and Policies
- HSTR 230A Canada to Confederation
- HSTR 230B Canada from Confederation = present
- POLI 101 Canadian Politics
- POLI 201 Canadian Institutions of Government
- SOCI 103 Canadian Society

**Not** from:

- Canadian literature or art history.
- Courses that study one region or province of Canada.

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## Mathematics with a C+ average or better (completed within 10 years of program entry)

Select **two** from:

- MATH 100 or 102 Calculus I or Calculus for Students in the Social and Biological Science
- MATH 101 Calculus II
- MATH 151 Finite Mathematics
- MATH 161 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I (*recommended*)
- MATH 162 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II (*recommended*)

**Not** from:

- Math 120 Pre-calculus

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## Laboratory science (completed within 10 years of program entry)

Because elementary teachers take a strong field-based, hands-on approach to teaching sciences, you should choose science courses that offer a significant lab component. We recommend courses with a weekly three-hour lab, but will accept those that average at least 1.5 hours of lab time a week. Try to choose courses from two different subjects. For example, BIOL 190A and EOS 120.

Take PHYS 102 (3 units) **or** choose **two** from:

- ASTR 101 Exploring the Night Sky
- ASTR 102 Exploring the Cosmos
- BIOL 190A General Biology I
- BIOL 190B General Biology II
- CHEM 101 Fundamentals of Chemistry I
- CHEM 102 Fundamentals of Chemistry II
- EOS 110 Oceans and Atmosphere
- EOS 120 The Dynamic Earth
- EPHE 141 Human Anatomy
- GEOG 103 Introduction to Physical Geography\*
- PHYS 120 Physics I

### Notes

1. EOS 120 includes a lab that was specifically designed for prospective teachers. This course is a good choice if it fits your timetable.
2. Speak with an academic adviser if you took a human anatomy course elsewhere.
3. Consult an adviser if you want to take GEOG 103 but have already taken EOS 110 or 120.

### Teachable subject electives (3.0 units)

Choose from subjects related to those taught in a BC public school. For example: ANTH 100 (anthropology); ASL 100A (American sign language); ART 141 (art); CSC 100, 106 (computer science); DHUM 150 (digital humanities); ES 200 (Environmental studies); 100 level FRAN (French); GEOG 101A, 101B (geography); GRS 200 (Greek and Roman studies); HSTR 101A, 120 (history); IS 200A (Indigenous studies); LING 100A (linguistics); MUS 111 (music); POLI 103 (political science); PSYC 192 (psychology); SJS 100 (social justice); SOCI 100A (sociology); THEA 150 (theatre) or WS 104 (women's studies).

You may take additional science (astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth and ocean science, physics) and additional Canadian studies courses as electives.

#### Tips!

1. French is recommended.
2. Normally, we can't accept courses from professional programs such as child and youth care, education or social work. The exceptions are ED-D 101, EPHE 141, 142, 143 and 155.
3. If in doubt, consult UVic Teacher Education Advising.

### Commonly asked questions

#### Q. How do you decide who is admitted?

- A. The faculty is currently reviewing the admission criteria. In 2014, eligible applicants were ranked by GPA and admitted to the quota starting with the highest GPA.

#### Q. Where can I get an application and what is the application deadline?

- A. Check our web site in November for information about the application process <http://www.uvic.ca/education/home/home/apply/index.php> . Applications must be submitted to Undergraduate Admissions and Records Services no later than January 2.

#### Q. I have a couple of questions about the admission requirements. Who can help me?

- A. Please consult an academic adviser in **UVic Teacher Education Advising** if you have any questions about this program. You may consult an adviser in person (MAC A250), by telephone (250-721-7877), or by email ([adve@uvic.ca](mailto:adve@uvic.ca)). If you have a several questions, consider calling ahead to make an appointment. The advising office is open Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays) 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (closed for lunch 12 – 1 pm).