



Bachelor of Education (Elementary Curriculum) Information for Vancouver Island University students

Based on the September 2015 University of Victoria calendar, Vancouver Island University website, and the online BC transfer guide. This information is subject to change if these sources change.

Provided by UVic Teacher Education Advising www.uvic.ca/education. Have a question? Email adve@uvic.ca.

This four year program provides engaging, relevant and high-quality preparation for the responsibilities and challenges of today's classrooms. The core education courses are offered over three winter sessions commencing with year two. You will find the program format in the UVic undergraduate calendar at www.uvic.ca/calendar.

Students are accepted into year one (directly from high school) and year two of this program. Each entry point has specific admission criteria. You may make yourself eligible for year two entry by completing the first year courses at UVic or another institution, such as VIU.

Admission requirements

Application deadline: February 28, with transcripts showing grades for courses attempted to December 31 and in-progress registrations to April 30. Information on how to apply is available on UVic's Faculty of Education web site starting in November at www.uvic.ca/education/home/home/apply/index.php.

Final transcript deadline: May 31. To meet this deadline, all required courses must be completed by April 30.

To be considered for admission to year two of this program, you will need:

- 3.0 UVic units* approved English and
- demonstrated competency in written English, and
- 3.0 units approved Canadian studies, and
- 3.0 units approved mathematics, and
- demonstrated competency in mathematics, and
- 3.0 units approved laboratory science and
- 3.0 units approved academic electives and
- a sessional grade-point average of at least 3.00 on a 9-point scale (equivalent to UVic's C+ 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 3.00 on a 9-point scale (equivalent to UVic's C+ grade) on your most recent consecutive 12.0 units.
- An interview may also be required. In lieu of an interview, applicants may be asked to submit a letter of intent, résumé and reference letters or similar written documentation. In your letter of intent and résumé you have the opportunity to tell us about your experiences and how they relate to your goal of becoming a teacher.

Note: 3.0 units is equivalent to two half-year courses at most BC post-secondary institutions, including VIU.

Consult an adviser in UVic's [Teacher Education Advising Office](#) if you have any questions. **You may consult an education adviser in person** (MacLaurin Building, Room A250), by telephone (250-721-7877), or by email (adve@uvic.ca). If you have 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).

If you want to take a course that is not listed here, or take a combination of courses from more than one institution, or if you have taken courses prior to 2015/16, consult UVic Teacher Education Advising.

Approved English

Select **two** from:

- ENGL 115, 125, 135

Notes:

- We can't accept technical or creative writing courses.
- We can't accept 3 units of English composition.

Written English Competency Requirement

This will be satisfied with a grade of C+ or higher in each of two approved English courses. Consult a teacher education adviser if you've completed any English course with less than a C+ grade or received advice prior to May 2015.

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:

- ANTH 121
- GEOG 290
- HIST 111, 112, 205, 206, 210, 211, 231
- POLI 221
- SOCI 112, 215

Notes:

- Canadian literature and art history courses are not acceptable.
- Normally, we won't accept courses that focus on one region or province of Canada. Check with a UVic teacher education adviser.

Mathematics

Select **two** from:

- MATH 111, 121, 122, 131*, 132*
- *recommended

Notes:

- Pre-calculus and introductory algebra topics are not accepted.
- We won't normally accept courses taken more than ten years ago. Check with a UVic teacher education adviser.
- A C+ average or higher on two approved mathematics courses is needed to demonstrate competency in mathematics.

Laboratory Science

Elementary teachers are encouraged to take a field-based, hands-on approach to teaching sciences. Choose science courses that offer a significant lab component. We recommend courses with a weekly 3-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 subject areas.

Select **two** from:

- BIOL 121, 123
- CHEM (140 or 150), (141 or 142 or 142A/L)
- GEOG 211, 212
- GEOL (111 or 111A/B), 112
- PHED 201
- PHYS 111, 112

Tips!

1. We normally won't accept courses taken more than ten years ago. Check with a UVic teacher education adviser.
2. Students taking GEOG as well as GEOL courses should be aware that transfer credit will not be granted for courses with duplicate content. Refer to the BC Transfer Guide and consult UVic Teacher Education Advising.

Electives in a teachable subject

Choose from subjects related to those taught in a BC public school. Choose topics like anthropology, visual art/art history, astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, French, environmental studies, geography, history, Indigenous studies, linguistics, music, physics, political science, psychology, and sociology.

Tips!

1. We can't accept courses from professional programs such as child and youth care, education or social work.
2. Refer to the online BC Transfer Guide: www.bctransferguide.ca to ensure the course you take is eligible to receive transfer credit at UVic.
3. When selecting courses from similar topic areas (not recommended) also refer to the UVic calendar course description for credit restrictions: <http://web.uvic.ca/calendar> (e.g., UVic GEOG 103 credit exclusion with EOS 110/120 credit from prior to May 2011).
4. If in doubt, consult UVic Teacher Education Advising.