B.Ed. Elementary Curriculum
Approved English, Canadian Studies, Mathematics, and Lab Science courses at Douglas College

Based on the September 2017 University of Victoria calendar, Douglas College website, and the online BC transfer guide. This information is subject to change if these sources change.

Have a question? Contact the Education Advising Office (Faculty of Education): adve@uvic.ca or (250) 721-7877

View complete details about the program format, admission requirements, and application deadlines at the program website: www.uvic.ca/education/elementarycurriculum.

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.

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.

Year one includes 12 units of required courses and 3 units of academic electives. All courses must be approved. For more information about approved academic electives visit the program website linked above. 1.5 units is normally equivalent to 3-4 credits at other BC institutions.

Application deadline and first deadline for submission of official transcript(s): February 28
  • Information on how to apply is available on UVic’s Faculty of Education web site starting in October at www.uvic.ca/education/home/home/apply/ugapply/index.php.
  • Your transcript(s) must list grades for courses attempted to December 31 and courses in-progress to April 30.

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

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 2017/18, consult UVic Education Advising.

Approved English
Select two from:
  • ENGL 1102 Reading Literature and Culture
  • ENGL 1106 Reading Fiction
  • ENGL 1109 Studies in Fiction, Poetry and Drama
  • ENGL 1114 Reading Poetry
  • ENGL 1115 Reading Plays
  • ENGL 1118 Studies in the Literature of Life Writing
  • One of ENGL 1130 Academic Writing or English 1200 Advanced Composition and Style

Notes:
  ▪ Grades of C+ or higher in each of two approved English courses are needed to demonstrate written English competency.
  ▪ We can’t accept technical or creative writing courses.
  ▪ We can't accept two English composition/academic writing courses (at least one must be a literature studies topic).

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

Select two from:
  • GEOG 1180 The Geography of Canada
  • ECON 1101 The Canadian Economy
  • HIST 1113 Canada Before Confederation
  • HIST 1114 Canada After Confederation
  • POLI 1102 Introduction to Canadian Government
  • POLI 2202 Introduction to Canadian Politics

Notes:
  ▪ Canadian literature and art history courses are not acceptable.
  ▪ Pan-Canadian topics are recommended; a maximum of one approved regional studies course will be accepted.
Mathematics

Select two from:
- One of MATH 1120 Calculus I or MATH 1125 Calculus for the Social Sciences
- MATH 1160 Introduction to Statistics
- MATH 1191 Mathematics for Teachers
- MATH 1220 Calculus II or MATH 1225 Calculus II for the Social Sciences

Notes:
- We suggest that you take MATH 1191 and 1160. MATH 1191 is recommended.
- A C+ average or higher on two approved mathematics courses is needed to demonstrate competency in mathematics.
- Courses completed more than 10 years prior to entry to year two are not accepted.
- Pre-calculus and introductory college algebra topics are not accepted.

Laboratory Science

Elementary teachers are encouraged to take a field-based, hands-on approach to teaching sciences. Diversity in topics is recommended.

Select two from:
- ASTR 1105 Introductio to Astronomy
- One of BIOL 1103, 1105 or 1109 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 1110 Principles of Biology: the Biosphere
- BIOL 1210 Principles of Biology: The Organism
- CHEM 1110 The Structure of Matter
- CHEM 1210 Chemical Energetics and Dynamics
- EAES 1120* Introduction to Earth Sciences (replaced GEOL 1120)
- EAES 1121* History of the Earth (replaced GEOL 1121)
- GEOG 1110* Weather and Climate
- GEOG 1120* Introduction to Earth Sciences
- GEOL 1130* Dinosaur Planet
- GEOL 1200* Natural Disasters
- PHYS 1107 Introductory General Physics I
- PHYS 1207 Introductory General Physics II

Notes:
- Courses completed more than 10 years prior to entry to year two are not accepted.
- We recommend courses with a weekly 3-hour lab, but will accept those that average at least 1.5 hours lab time a week.
- *Students taking two of EAES, GEOG, or GEOL courses should be aware that transfer credit will not be granted by UVic for courses with duplicate content. Refer to the BC Transfer Guide and consult UVic Education Advising.

Academic Electives

- Courses transferable to UVic (BC Transfer Guide www.bctransferguide.ca) for a total of 3 UVic units is required either during year one or in a summer session before entering year four.
- Consult the program website for information about the approved electives. Call Education Advising if you are unsure that your choices are acceptable.