Approved English, Canadian Studies, Mathematics, and Lab Science courses at Thompson Rivers University

Based on the September 2017 University of Victoria calendar, TRU 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): edve@uvic.ca or (250) 721-7877

View complete details about the program format, admission requirements, and application deadlines at the program website: http://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 http://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 1100 Introduction to University Writing
- ENGL 1110 Introduction to Fiction

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:
- ANTH 2140 Canadian Native Peoples
- GEOG 2220 Regional Geography of Canada
- HIST 1120 An Introduction to Canadian History
- HIST 1220 History of Canada, 1867 to the Present
- HIST 2020 Native History of Canada
- POLI 1110 The Government and Politics of Canada

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:
- MATH 1100 Finite Mathematics with Applications I
- One of MATH (1140 Calculus I or 1150 Calculus for Biological Sciences)
- MATH 1240 Calculus 2
- MATH 1900 Principles of Mathematics for Teachers

**Notes:**
- We suggest that you take MATH 1100 and 1900.
- 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:
- BIOL 1110 Principles of Biology 1
- BIOL 1210 Principles of Biology 2
- One of BIOL (1050 Biology of Humans or 1592/1594 Human Biology: Anatomy and Physiology 1 with Lab)
- CHEM 1510 Fundamentals of Chemistry
- GEOG 1000 Planet Earth – An Introduction to Earth System Science
- GEOL 1110 Introduction to Physical Geology
- GEOL 2050 Geological Time

**Notes:**
- Check course descriptions for prerequisites and exclusions.
- 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.

## Academic Electives

- Courses transferable to UVic (BC Transfer Guide [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca)) for a total of 3 UVic units are 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.