B.Ed. Elementary Curriculum
Approved English, Canadian Studies, Mathematics, and Lab Science courses at Vancouver Island University

Based on the September 2017 University of Victoria calendar, Vancouver Island University 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 115 University Writing and Research
• ENGL 125 Literature and Culture
• ENGL 135 Literature and Criticism

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 121 Aboriginal Peoples and Cultures in Canada
• GEOG 290 Regions of Canada
• HIST 111 Canada to 1867: Contact, Colonies, and Empires
• HIST 112 Canada 1867 to 1945: National Expansion in Peace and War
• HIST 205 Immigration, immigrants and Minorities: The Canadian Experience
• HIST 206 Canadian Society: New and Changing Identities Since 1960
• HIST 210 Canadian Women’s History to 1920
• HIST 211 Canadian Women’s History since 1920
• HIST 231 First Nations People in Canadian History since 1867
• POLI 221 Canadian Politics and Government
• SOCI 112 Canadian Society in the Contemporary World
• SOCI 215 Issues in Canadian Society

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 111 Introductory Finite Mathematics I
• MATH 121 Calculus I
• MATH 122 Calculus II
• MATH 131 Mathematics for Elementary Education I (recommended)
• MATH 132 Mathematics for Elementary Education II (recommended)

Notes:
- 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 107 Introductory Astronomy
• One of BIOL (104 Human Biology or 112 Human Anatomy and Physiology I for Health Sciences)
• BIOL 105 Environmental Biology
• BIOL 110 General Biology I
• BIOL 111 General Biology II
• CHEM 110 Bonding and Structure
• CHEM 111 Chemical Dynamics and Energetics
• GEOG 112 Physical Landscapes I
• GEOG 114 Weather and Climate I
• PHYS 104 Principles of Physics
• One of PHYS (110 General Physics I or 114 Fundamental Physics I)
• One of PHYS (111 General Physics II or 115 Fundamental 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.

Academic Electives

• Courses transferable to UVic (BC Transfer Guide www.bctransferguide.ca) for a total of 3.0 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.