



Secondary Post-Degree Professional Program

(Diploma or Bachelor of Education Degree)

Student name: _____

Guidelines for determining eligibility for admission with Social Studies

Questions? Contact adve@uvic.ca

UVic student #: **V00**

This information is subject to change. Consult an adviser if you are planning to enter this program after 2016.

Admission requirements

1. An acceptable undergraduate degree recognized by the University of Victoria.
2. 3.0 units of approved English (literature and composition).
3. Demonstrated competency in written English.
4. A sessional grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.00/9-point scale (UVic C+) on the most recent session (if that session is less than 12 units, a GPA of at least 3.00 on the most recent 12 units) and on the most recent 30 units attempted to December 31.
5. Academic preparation in two approved subjects (referred to as teaching concentrations) or a single subject (referred to as a teaching major). A minimum GPA of at least 4.00/9-point scale (UVic B-) is required on the upper-level courses required for the teaching concentrations or major.
6. 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.

Notes

- A 1.5-unit course (same as 3 credits) meets for at least 3 hours per week for 13 weeks (1 term); a 3-unit UVic course (same as 6 credits) meets for at least 3 hours per week for 26 weeks (2 terms or one academic year).
- At UVic 'upper-level' refers to 300 and/or 400-level courses.
- You may be eligible to apply with a 'teaching major' even though you did not complete a major in that subject in your first degree.
- Although one teaching major is required for admission to this program, we encourage you to prepare a second teaching area since school districts prefer to hire teachers who have more than one subject specialty.

Detailed information about general program admission requirements can be found on the reverse side of this document.

The BC Ministry of Education defines social studies as "a multidisciplinary subject that draws from the social sciences and humanities to study human interaction and natural and social environments." In BC secondary schools, social studies is: Social Studies 8 – 11, Civic Studies 11, BC First Nations Studies 12, Comparative Civilizations 12, Geography 12, History 12, Law 12 and Social Justice 12. The related curriculum documents may be viewed on the BC Ministry of Education web site.

Courses will be accepted in **economics, political science, sociology, history and geography** if they are approved as being related to the BC social studies curriculum. For example, UVic's ECON 321 The Economic History of Canada is approved but not ECON 310B Competition Policy. We will also accept social studies related courses from **Canadian studies, Asian & Pacific studies, women's studies, native studies, urban studies and environmental studies** if they are related to economics, political science, sociology, history or geography. A limited number of courses from anthropology, criminology, classical studies (Greek & Roman), international relations, law or religious studies will be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

- ☐ **12 units**, including 9 units upper-level, are needed to qualify for the social studies teaching concentration in combination with another approved area or
- ☐ **15 units upper-level** are needed to qualify with a single social studies teaching major.

List upper-level social studies-related courses approved by UVic Teacher Ed Advising. Courses used to satisfy lines 1-10 may also be applied to lines A-C.

1		1.5	
2		1.5	
3		1.5	
4		1.5	
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8		1.5	
9		1.5	
10		1.5	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum B- average on upper-level courses:	9u or 15u
A	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5 units Canadian social studies (any level): ^{1,2,3}	- List line or specify course:	1.5
B	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5 units geography (any level): ³	- List line or specify course:	1.5
C	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5 units history (any level): ³	- List line or specify course:	1.5
For adviser use only: If 12 units for TRB not satisfied on lines 1-10 and A-C list additional courses and units:			

¹Examples of acceptable Canadian social studies courses are **CS 102; ECON 100; GEOG 306; HSTR *230A, HSTR *230B, HSTR 322A, 327B, 328, 329B, 330A; POLI 101, 201; SOCI 103**. Starred courses are recommended. CS 101 and SOCI 335 are not approved.

²The focus of Canadian social studies courses must be on Canada and the Canadian experience. Courses using Canadian examples as a means to explore a discipline will not be accepted. Cultural studies courses will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Fine arts and literature courses are not accepted.

³An approved Canadian history course will satisfy both the Canadian social studies and history requirements. An approved Canadian geography course will satisfy both the Canadian social studies and geography requirements.

Adviser: _____ Date: _____ Updates: _____

Admission requirements

Undergraduate degree from an accredited university

☐ I was awarded an undergraduate degree by (name of university) _____ on (month/year) _____

☐ My undergraduate degree is in-progress. I expect to graduate from (name of university) _____ by (month/year) _____

My major is: _____ My minor, if applicable, is: _____

Please list all post-secondary institutions attended in addition to the university listed above. **Include Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate if applicable.**

1. _____	3. _____
2. _____	4. _____

3.0 units of approved English Literature and Composition

No more than 1.5 units of English composition can be accepted. Teacher Regulation Branch regulations do not allow us to accept communications, creative writing, journalism or technical writing courses as English composition. **Examples of acceptable UVic courses include: ENGL 115* or 135, 125* or 146, 145* or 147, 200A, 200B, 200C, 201, 202, and 203** (1.5 units each). *No longer offered.

Approved English:

Notes

_____	1.5	_____
<i>Institution, Course, Grade</i>		
_____	1.5	_____
<i>Institution, Course, Grade</i>		

Written English Competency

Reference: Education Faculty section 8.1 in the calendar (<http://web.uvic.ca/calendar2014/FACS/FoEd/80TeEA.html>)

- ☐ Completion of an English composition course (for example, UVic's ENGL 115, 135, 215, 225 or 400) with a grade of B- or better.
- OR
- ☐ Completion of 3.0 units of English literature (for example, UVic's ENGL 125 and 145 OR ENGL 146 and 147) with an average grade of B- or better.
- Consult an adviser if you have ever completed a composition course with less than a B- grade even if you have since completed two literature courses with a B- average.*

If your English grades are not high enough to satisfy this requirement, contact the Teacher Education Advising Office and ask about UVic's English Equivalency Test (EET). It may be an option for you. A grade of B- or better on that test demonstrates competency in written English.

Required grade averages

To be considered for admission, you'll need:

- a C+¹ average on the last 30 units attempted to December 31², and
- a C+ average on the most recent session³ attempted, and
- a B-⁴ average on the upper-level courses required for your teaching area(s). When fewer than 9 units of upper-level courses are required for a teaching area, 200-level courses will be used in the calculation.
- Information about UVic's grading system and a sample GPA calculation can be found at <http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/students/policies/academics/index.php>

¹A C+ is equivalent to 3.00 on UVic's 9-point scale (65 – 69%).

²The 30-unit GPA to December is used rank eligible applicants.

³If the most recent session is less than 12 units, the average will be calculated on the most recent 12 units.

⁴A B- is equivalent to 4.00 on UVic's 9-point scale (70 – 72%).

One teaching major or two teaching concentrations

- ☐ Required teaching concentration/major course work is complete or in-progress. See previous page.
- ☐ Course work is required. See previous page.

Application deadlines

Information about the application process is available from the Faculty of Education website www.uvic.ca/education from November to January annually.

Application deadline	January 2
Document deadline (including transcripts showing grades for courses completed to December 31)	January 31
Completion of all admission requirements including a degree	April 30
Final document deadline (transcripts from elsewhere showing grades for courses completed to April 30)	May 31