



Secondary Post-Degree Professional Program (September entry)

(Diploma or Bachelor of Education Degree)

University
of Victoria
Education

Guidelines for determining admission eligibility with Social Studies

Questions? Contact Education Advising: adve@uvic.ca

Student name: _____

UVic student #: **V00** _____

This information is subject to change. Consult an adviser if you are planning to enter this program after 2017.

Program admission requirements common to all teaching areas

1. Admissibility to the university. The Undergraduate Admissions and Records office determines eligibility for admission to UVic.
2. An acceptable undergraduate bachelor's degree recognized by the University of Victoria.
3. 3.0 units of approved English (literature and composition).
4. Demonstrated competency in written English (grade requirement; see page 2).
5. A sessional grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.00/9-point scale (UVic C+). See page 2.
6. A 30-unit GPA of at least 3.00/9-point scale (UVic C+). See page 2.
7. Academic preparation in one or two approved subjects (referred to as one teaching major or two teaching concentrations) relevant to the BC curriculum.
8. A minimum GPA of at least 4.00/9-point scale (UVic B-) on the specified courses in each teaching area (see below).
9. Applicants must describe their learning and teaching goals, relevant experience, skill, and interest in working with youth in educative ways via supporting documents (such as a letter of intent, résumé and reference forms). Eligible applicants may also be invited to attend an interview.

→ Between September and January 2, go to www.uvic.ca/education/home/home/apply/ugapply/index.php for application instructions and faculty selection criteria for the upcoming intake.

Notes

- A 1.5-unit course (equivalent to 3-4 credits at most institutions) meets for at least 3 hours per week for 13 weeks (one term).
- 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.
- **At UVic, 'upper-level' refers to 300 and/or 400-level courses normally taken in third and fourth year after introductory studies.**

Social studies teaching area requirements

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. 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	
5		1.5	
6		1.5	
7		1.5	
8		1.5	
9		1.5	
10		1.5	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum B- average on upper-level courses:	9 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:			

¹ Examples 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.

² The 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.

³ An 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.

Reviewed by adviser: _____

Date: _____

Admission requirements

Undergraduate degree from an accredited university (this will be evaluated by Undergraduate Admissions and Records upon application).

I was awarded a bachelor's degree by (name of university) _____ by (month/year) _____

My bachelor's 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 other post-secondary institutions attended. **Include Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate if applicable.**

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

Approved English Literature and Composition (3 units)

No more than 1.5 units of composition can be accepted*. Teacher Regulation Branch regulations do not allow us to accept communications, creative writing, journalism, or technical writing courses. **Examples of acceptable UVic courses include: ENGL (135* or 215*), 146, 147, 200A, 200B, 200C, 201, 202, 203, 207, 208, 209, or 260.** *English composition course.

Approved English:

Notes

_____ 1.5 units _____
Institution, Course, Grade

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Written English Competency

See Faculty of Education section 8.1 in the calendar at <http://web.uvic.ca/calendar2017-01/undergrad/education/teacher-admissions.html>.

This will be satisfied with a grade of C+ or higher in each of two approved English courses.

Consult an education adviser if you've completed any English course with less than a C+ grade.

- Satisfied with grades of C+ or higher in each of the above approved English courses.
- Above approved English courses are planned or in progress.
- Not yet satisfied with grades on the above approved English courses.

Required grade averages (these will be calculated by Undergraduate Admissions and Records upon application!).

To be considered for selection by faculty, you'll need:

- a C+² average on the last 30 units attempted to December 31,
- a C+ average on most recent session/term or most recent 12 units attempted,
- a B-³ average on the upper-level courses included in the teaching area(s). If there are fewer than 9 units upper-level, 200-level courses will be included.
- Information about UVic's grading system and a sample GPA calculation can be found at www.uvic.ca/registrar/students/policies/calc/index.php.

² A C+ is equivalent to 3.00 on UVic's 9-point scale (65 – 69%).

³ A 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 **September** 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