Secondary Post-Degree Professional Program (September entry)  
(Bachelor of Education degree or Diploma)

Guidelines for determining admission eligibility with Social Studies

Questions? Contact Education Advising: adv@uvic.ca

This information is subject to change. Consult an adviser if you are planning to enter this program after 2018.

Program admission requirements

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 or all literature).
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. Approved academic studies in one or two teachable subjects relevant to the BC curriculum. The list of available subjects is provided on the program website at www.uvic.ca/education/secondarypdp.
8. A minimum GPA of at least 4.00/9-point scale (UVic B-) on the specified courses in each teachable subject 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).
- At UVic, ‘upper-level’ refers to 300 and/or 400-level courses normally taken in third and fourth year after introductory studies.

Teachable subject area: Social Studies

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 6-11, 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 Education Advising. Courses used to satisfy lines 1-10 may also be applied to lines A-C.

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☐ Minimum B- average on upper-level courses: 9 or 15u

A ☐ 1.5 units Canadian social studies (any level):1,2,3 - List line or specify course: 1.5
B ☐ 1.5 units geography (any level):3 - List line or specify course: 1.5
C ☐ 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; GEGG 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

Undergraduate Admissions and Records will confirm that you have a recognized undergraduate degree 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.

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Approved English (3 units)

- 3 units of approved literature, or
- 1.5 units of approved literature and 1.5 units of approved English composition.

Examples of acceptable UVic courses include: ENGL (115* or 135* or 215*), 146, 147, 200A, 200B, 200C, 201, 202, 203, 207, 208, 209, or 260.

*English composition. Note ENGL 115 is no longer offered.

Teacher Regulation Branch regulations do not allow us to accept communications, creative writing, journalism, or technical writing courses or more than 1.5 units of composition*.

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Written English Competency

- 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.
- See Faculty of Education section 12.1 in the calendar at web.uvic.ca/calendar2017-09/undergrad/education/teacher-admissions.html

☐ 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.

Minimum Grade Point Averages

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

- An average of at least 3.00/9-point scale on the most recent 30 units attempted to December 31. This GPA will be a factor in selection for program admission.
- An average of at least 3.00/9-point scale on the most recent sessional GPA of at least 12 units attempted to April 30.
- An average of at least 4.00/9-point scale on specified courses included in the teachable subject area(s).
- Information about UVic’s grading system and a sample GPA calculation can be found at www.uvic.ca/registrar/students/policies/calc/index.php.

Grade point average conversions from other institutions and calculations are done by Undergraduate Admissions and Records upon application.

1 3.00 on UVic’s 9-point scale is equivalent to C+ (UVic 65 – 69%).
2 4.00 on UVic’s 9-point scale is equivalent to B- (UVic 70 – 72%).

Application deadlines

Application deadline ...........................................Applications are accepted during the fall term and up to: January 2
Document deadline (including transcripts showing grades to December 31 and in-progress registrations to April 30) .........................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

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