

COMPLEMENTARY STUDIES ELECTIVE COURSES

The following regulations have been approved by the BEng/BSEng Student Programs Committee.

1. A complementary studies elective is a course that involves material that complements the technical content of the curriculum. To be counted as complementary studies a course must satisfy each of the following:
 - a. In accordance with the criteria of the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB), in a complementary studies elective course the principal subject matter must deal with **central issues, methodologies and thought processes of the humanities and social sciences**. Accordingly, complementary studies courses are most often courses offered by the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences, but courses from other areas such as Fine Arts and Business will be considered.

Language courses are permitted as complementary studies electives provided they address the central issues, methodologies and thought processes of the humanities and social sciences and as such do not primarily emphasize language skills. For example, a literature course counts as a complementary studies elective whereas an introductory language course does not.
 - b. The course is outside the other course categories in the CEAB criteria, i.e., the course is not primarily Mathematics, Basic Science, Engineering Science or Engineering Design as defined in the CEAB criteria. A course whose primary emphasis is computer science, science, mathematics or statistics, for example, is not acceptable as a complementary studies elective.
 - c. A substantial portion of a complementary studies elective course must include material that is not covered elsewhere in the student's program. For example, a course in economics, which does count as complementary studies in the CEAB guidelines, cannot be used as an elective if it has a substantial overlap with the material covered in the required engineering economics course (ENGR 280).
2. A student must contact their program advisor in order for a course to be counted as a complementary studies elective. Note that you must submit such a request as a matter of record even if the course appears on the list on the opposite side of this page.
3. Complementary studies credit will be given for courses transferred from another institution at the discretion of the Faculty. Students already registered in a UVic program should obtain approval before registering for a course elsewhere which they seek to transfer to UVic for complementary studies credit.
4. **Students must seek approval of a complementary studies course in advance whether it is to be taken at UVic or elsewhere for transfer credit.**
5. The decision regarding whether or not a course is acceptable for complementary studies credit is made by the BEng/BSEng Student Programs Committee. A list of sample courses suitable for credit as complementary studies electives is provided overleaf.
6. Neither the Faculty nor the University is responsible for ramifications, financial or otherwise, arising should a student enroll in a course that the Faculty subsequently deems unsuitable for complementary studies credit.

Sample Complementary Studies Elective Courses

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The courses listed below are examples of courses suitable for complementary studies elective credit. This list is maintained by the BEng/BSEng Student Programs Committee and is updated from time to time. **This is not an exhaustive list.**

Students must seek approval of a complementary studies course in advance whether it is to be taken at UVic or elsewhere for transfer credit. **Whether the course you are interested in appears on the list or not, you must contact your program advisor (listed below) in order to receive permission and credit for a Complementary Studies elective.** For all courses listed, students must still comply with published guidelines.

Within the past 5 years, the following courses have been approved as Complementary Studies electives:

ANTH 200	GRS 326	HIST 316	PHIL 206	PSYC 334
COM 220	GRS 371	HIST 354C	PHIL 209	PSYC 335
COM 250	GRS 376	HIST 354D	PHIL 211	PSYC 336
CS 200	HA 120	HIST 360	PHIL 220	PSYC 339
EDCI 487	HA 222	HIST 361	PHIL 232	RS 200A
ENGL 200A	HA 223	IET 430	PHIL 252	RS 200B
ENGL 202	HA 270	LING 361	PHIL 260	RUSS 304A
ENGL 207	HA 343B	MEDI 210	PHIL 261	SOCI 100A
ENGR 498 (ECE only)	HA 362B	MUS 120B	PHIL 331	SOCI 100B
EPHE 142	HA 367	PAAS 150	PHIL 336	SPAN 307
EPHE 143	HIST 105	PAAS 151	POLI 101	THEA 150
ES 200	HIST 130	PAAS 180	POLI 202	THEA 394
FA 335	HIST 131	PAAS 181	POLI 240	WRIT 412
GEOG 306	HIST 132	PE 142	POLI 335	WS 329
GERS 261	HIST 140	PE 143	POLI 348	
GRS 200	HIST 245	PHIL 201	PSYC 100A	
GRS 313	HIST 254	PHIL 204	PSYC 100B	
	HIST 260	PHIL 205	PSYC 313	

Program Advisors:

For 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year **ECE** students, please contact Ana-Maria Sevcenco, 250-472-5216, eceugadv@ece.uvic.ca, EOW 403.

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For 2nd, 3rd, 4th year **BSENG** students and 2nd, 3rd **MECH** students, please contact Belinda de Jong, 250-472-5215, seugadv@uvic.ca, ELW B208.