Pre-admission requirements handout: Thompson Rivers University
Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum – year two entry
Faculty of Education
University of Victoria

This handout lists on-campus and online courses offered from Thompson Rivers University that you can take to make yourself eligible for admission to the University of Victoria’s four-year elementary teacher education program. The handout is based on the September 2022 University of Victoria Calendar, the Thompson Rivers University website, and the online BC Transfer Guide. This information is subject to future change.

Tip! When planning your course combinations, it is important to confirm that they do not have overlapping content and that you can receive credit at both the institution(s) offering the courses and UVic. Refer to course descriptions on institution websites for possible notes related to combining courses. Refer to the BC Transfer Guide (linked above) for information about how courses transfer to UVic as well as notes about course combinations that will not receive credit. It is your responsibility to check the BCTG for the term(s) you are taking coursework to ensure you can expect transfer credit. Note: official transfer credit is still only confirmed by Undergraduate Admission upon admission to UVic.

See admission requirements on our program website: https://www.uvic.ca/education/curriculum/undergraduate/home/programs/elmbed/index.php

What do I need to be eligible for admission?

To be considered for entry to year two, you must satisfy both academic and experience requirements. More details are provided on the faculty website (see link above).

Academic requirements:

メリ protection coursework in each of English, Canadian studies, mathematics, laboratory science
メリ minimum UVic C+ average in two approved math courses
メリ minimum UVic C+ grades in each approved English course
メリ sessional grade point average of a least UVic C+ based on a minimum of 12 UVic units or eight half-year courses.

These requirements must be completed by April 30th of the year of application so that a final transcript is received at UVic by May 31.

Experience requirement

You’ll need relevant experience working with groups of children in educative ways. Babysitting experience would not satisfy this requirement, but working as a camp counsellor would, for example. Refer to the program website for details about this requirement, including the number of hours required (updated each September for the following year’s intake).

Approved English

Select two from:

- ENGL 1100 or ENGL 1101 - Introduction to University Writing
- ENGL 1001 Literature and Composition I & ENGL 1011 Literature and Composition II or ENGL 1021 Composition and Indigenous Literature in Canada I & ENGL 1031 Composition and Indigenous Literature in Canada II
- ENGL 1110 Critical Reading and Writing (cannot be combined with ENGL 1001)
- ENGL 1120 Introduction to Poetry
- ENGL 1140 Introduction to Drama

Notes:

メリ You’ll need a grade of UVic C+ or higher in each course.
メリ We can’t accept communications, technical or creative writing courses.
メリ When choosing a pair of English courses, please confirm no content overlap/ that it is possible to receive credit for both (also see the tip! at the top of this handout)
メリ We can’t accept two English composition/academic writing courses. At least one must be a literature studies topic.

Approved Canadian studies

Select two from:

- ANTH 2140 Canadian Native Peoples
- GEOG 2220 or GEOG 2221 - Regional Geography of Canada
- HIST 1120 or HIST 1121 - Canadian History to 1867
- HIST 1220 or HIST 1221 - Post-Confederation Canadian History

Notes:

メリ Choose courses that focus on the Canadian experience and cover topics taught in the BC elementary social studies curriculum.
メリ Pan-Canadian topics are recommended.
メリ No more than one approved regional studies course
Approved mathematics

Select two from:
- MATH 1100 or MATH 1101 - Finite Mathematics
- MATH 1140 or 1141 - Calculus
- MATH 1900 or 1901 - Mathematics for Teachers

Approved laboratory science

We suggest that you choose courses from two subjects to develop a more comprehensive science background. You'll teach all science subjects in your elementary classroom. The courses you take must include a laboratory component because elementary teachers are encouraged to take a field-based, hands-on approach to teaching sciences.

Select two from:
- BIOL 1040 Biology of the Environment
- BIOL 1110 Principles of Biology I (or BIOL 1113 - Principles of Biology I with BIOL 1115, on-campus 5-day lab)
- BIOL 1050 Biology of Humans
- CHEM 1500 Chemical Bonding & Organic Chemistry
- CHEM 1510 Fundamentals of Chemistry
- GEOG 1000 Planet Earth – An introduction to Earth System Science
- GEOL 1110 Introduction to Physical Geology (or GEOL 1111 Introduction to Earth Science with approved home lab)
- GEOL 2050 Historical Geology: Global Change Through Time

Approved academic electives

This program includes two academic electives related to topics taught in BC schools. You can take these electives in year one or in a summer session prior to year three. Tip! Academic electives must be complete before entering year four of the program.

Notes:
- Additional Canadian studies, English and/or laboratory science courses may be taken as academic electives.
- We suggest that you take one or more French courses because you'll teach French in your classroom. The BEd program includes EDCI 469 Teaching Oral French. While a university French course is not a prerequisite, it would be beneficial.
- Examples of approved academic subjects include: anthropology, biology, chemistry, computer science, First Nations Studies, gender/women's studies, geography, geology, history, physics, political studies, psychology, sociology, theatre.
- We may be able to accept more than one human anatomy/physiology course.
- We are not able to accept courses completed more than 10 years prior to program entry.

How and when to apply

January 31: Application deadline. For information on how to apply, visit the Faculty of Education website starting in the fall. Tip! Submit your application in January after you've finalized your January – April course registration.

January 31: First transcript deadline. Transcripts are required for all courses attempted to December 31 and all courses in-progress to April 30.

May 31: Final transcript deadline. Transcripts are required for all courses attempted to April 30 (course completion deadline).

Questions? Contact UVic Education Advising
- by telephone at (250) 721-7877
- by email at adv@uvic.ca - we aim to respond to email within five business days

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