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

This handout lists courses offered at **Camosun College** 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 2023 University of Victoria Calendar**, the **Camosun College** website, and the online **BC Transfer Guide** (BCTG). 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 BCTG (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 program website (see link above).

Academic requirements:
- approved coursework in each of English, Canadian studies, mathematics, science
- minimum UVic C+ average in two approved math courses
- minimum UVic C+ grades in each approved English course
- 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 151 Academic Writing Strategies
- ENGL 161 Literary Genres
- ENGL 163 Introduction to Literary Traditions
- ENGL 164 Indigenous Literature

Notes:
- You'll need a grade of C+ or higher in each course to demonstrate competency in written English.
- We are not able to accept communications, technical or creative writing courses.
- We can't accept two English composition/academic writing courses. At least one course must be a literature topic.

Approved Canadian studies

Choose courses that focus on the Canadian experience and cover topics taught in the BC elementary social studies curriculum.

Select **two** from:

- GEOG 104 Canada: Peoples and Land
- HIST 110 Inventing Canada: History of Canada Before Confed.
- HIST 112 Oh Canada: Canada after 1867
- HIST 204 Canadian Women: 1600-1920
- HIST 206 Canadian Women: 1916-Present
- HLTH 111 Indigenous Community Health

- SOC 106 Indigenous-Settler Relations in Canada
- SOC 110 Women in Canadian Society
- SOC 112 "Race" and Ethnicity in Canada

Notes:
- Pan-Canadian topics are recommended.
- No more than one approved *regional* studies course will be

- IST 116 Indigenous Studies in Canada 1
- IST 117 Indigenous Studies in Canada 2
- PSC 104 Canadian Government
- PSC 106 Canadian Politics

accepted (eg. with a focus on British Columbia).
- 🐦 We are not able to accept Canadian *literature* or *fine arts* courses.

Approved mathematics

Select **two** from:

- MATH 100 Calculus 1 *or* MATH 108 Applied Calculus
- MATH 101 Calculus 2
- MATH 109 Finite Mathematics
- MATH 142 Reasoning about Numbers and Algebra for Ed.
- MATH 143 Geometry and Probability for Elem. Ed.
- STAT 116 Elementary Statistics

Notes:

- 🐦 You'll need a UVic C+ average or higher on two approved mathematics courses to demonstrate competency.
- 🐦 We'll consider **one** statistics course if offered by a mathematics department.
- 🐦 At least one course must be completed within 10 years *prior* to program entry.
- 🐦 We are not able to accept pre-calculus or introductory college algebra.

Approved 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.

Select **two** from:

- ASTR 101 Astronomy: Night Sky and Planets
- ASTR 102 Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies
- BIOL 102 Non-Majors Biology (Diversity)**
- BIOL 103 Non-Majors General Biology**
- BIOL 105 Introductory Marine Biology
- BIOL 150 Human Anatomy*
- CHEM 110 General College Chemistry 1
- GEOG 111 Natural Hazards
- GEOS 100 Physical Geology
- GEOS 110 Earth-Ocean-Atmosphere System

- PHYS 104 General College Physics 1
- PHYS 105 General College Physics 2

Notes:

- 🐦 We recommend courses with a weekly lab, but will accept those without a lab component.
- 🐦 *We are not able to accept more than one human anatomy/physiology course.
- 🐦 At least one course must be completed within 10 years prior to program entry.
- 🐦 **You will not receive UVic transfer credit for BIOL 102 or BIOL 103 **if you have already completed** BIOL 124 or BIOL 126.

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 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, Indigenous studies, gender/women's studies, geography, geology, history, physics, political studies, psychology, sociology, theatre.
- 🐦 Examples of courses we cannot accept include career-oriented/professional courses such as child and youth care, teacher education and social work.
- 🐦 Use the BC Transfer Guide www.bctransferguide.ca to confirm that the courses you want to take transfer to UVic. See the tip at the top of this form (page 1) regarding planning course combinations that do not have overlapping course content.

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 adve@uvic.ca - we aim to respond to email within five business days

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