This handout lists courses offered at Douglas 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 2021 University of Victoria Calendar, the Douglas College 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.

For detailed admission requirements, please refer to the 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:**
- approved coursework in each of English, Canadian studies, mathematics, laboratory 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. Please refer to the program website for more 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 1102 Reading Literature and Culture
- ENGL 1106 Reading Fiction
- ENGL 1109 Studies in Fiction, Poetry and Drama
- ENGL 1114 Reading Poetry
- ENGL 1115 Reading Plays
- ENGL 1118 Studies in the Literature of Life Writing
- ENGL 1130 Academic Writing
  or English 1200 Advanced Composition and Style

**Notes:**
- You’ll need a grade of UVic 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 1180 The Geography of Canada
- ECON 1101 The Canadian Economy
- HIST 1113 Canada Before Confederation
- HIST 1114 Canada After Confederation
- POLI 1102 Introduction to Canadian Government
- POLI 2202 Introduction to Canadian Politics

**Notes:**
- Pan-Canadian topics are recommended.
- No more than one approved regional studies course can be accepted.
- We cannot accept Canadian literature or fine arts courses.
### Approved mathematics

Select two from:

- MATH 1120 Calculus I or MATH 1125 Calculus for the Social Sciences
- MATH 1160 Introduction to Statistics
- MATH 1191 Mathematics for Teachers
- MATH 1220 Calculus II or MATH 1225 Calculus II for the Social Sciences

**Notes:**
- We suggest that you take MATH 1191.
- You’ll need a UVic C+ average or higher on two mathematics courses to demonstrate competency in mathematics.
- We’ll consider one statistics course if that course was taken from a mathematics department.
- We are not able to accept courses completed more than 10 years prior to program entry.
- We can’t accept pre-calculus or introductory college algebra.

### 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:

- ASTR 1105 Introduction to Astronomy
- One of BIOL 1103 or 1109 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 1110 Principles of Biology: The Biosphere
- BIOL 1210 Principles of Biology: The Organism
- CHEM 1110 The Structure of Matter
- CHEM 1210 Chemical Energetics and Dynamics
- EAES 1120 Introduction to Earth Sciences
- EAES 1121 History of the Earth
- EAES 1130 Dinosaur Planet
- GEOL 1200 Natural Disasters
- PHYS 1107 Introductory General Physics I
- PHYS 1207 Introductory General Physics II

**Notes:**
- *2022 intake: the minimum 1.5 hour per week in-person lab requirement is temporarily waived. The lab science course content requirements remain the same.
- We are not 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.
- We’ll also accept physical geography and geology courses. Consult an academic adviser before starting one of these courses to ensure it transfers to UVic.

### 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; computing science; earth and environmental sciences; gender, sexualities and women’s studies; geography and the environment; history; physics; political science; psychology; sociology; theatre.
- Use the BC Transfer Guide [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://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

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