

# Pre-admission requirements handout: Douglas College

Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum – year two entry

Faculty of Education

University of Victoria



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 2023 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 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** online: <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 30<sup>th</sup>** 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 1102 Reading Literature and Culture (*literature*)
- ENGL 1106 Reading Fiction (*literature*)
- ENGL 1109 Studies in Fiction, Poetry and Drama (*literature*)
- ENGL 1114 Reading Poetry (*literature*)
- ENGL 1115 Reading Plays (*literature*)
- ENGL 1118 Studies in the Literature of Life Writing (*literature*)
- ENGL 1130 Academic Writing (*composition*)
- or** English 1200 Advanced Composition and Style (*composition*)

### 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:




- ANTH 1120 Indigenous Cultures of British Columbia\*
- ANTH 1160 Indigenous Cultures of Canada

- HIST 1113 Canada Before Confederation
- HIST 1114 Canada After Confederation
- POLI 1102 Introduction to Canadian Government
- POLI 2202 Introduction to Canadian Politics



- ECON 1101 The Canadian Economy
- GEOG 1180 The Geography of Canada
- 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

\*We suggest that you take MATH 1191.

#### 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 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.

Select **two** from:

- ASTR 1105 Introduction to Astronomy
- One of: BIOL 1105 **or** 1104 Introduction to 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:

-  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.

### 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](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

 by telephone at (250) 721-7877 / by email at [adve@uvic.ca](mailto:adve@uvic.ca) - we aim to respond to email within five business days



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