

# Pre-admission requirements handout: Okanagan College

Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum – year two entry  
Faculty of Education  
University of Victoria



This handout lists courses offered at **Okanagan 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 [Okanagan 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** 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 100 University Writing
- ENGL 150 Critical Writing and Reading: Poetry and Drama
- ENGL 151 Critical Writing and Reading: Short Fiction and the Novel
- ENGL 153 Critical Writing and Reading: Narrative

### Notes:

- You'll need a grade of C+ or higher in each course.
- We can't accept technical or creative writing courses.
- We can't accept two English composition/academic writing course. At least one must be a literature studies 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 224 The Canadian Landscape
- HIST 112 Canada to 1867
- HIST 122 Canada since 1867
- HIST 206 Indigenous Peoples and Colonization in Canada

### Notes:

- Pan-Canadian topics are recommended.
- No more than one approved regional studies course will be accepted.
- We can't accept Canadian literature or fine arts courses.



- POLI 111 The Government of Canada
- SOCI 203 Canadian Social Issues





## Approved mathematics

Select **two** from:

- MATH 111 Essential Mathematics for Arts\*
- MATH 112 Calculus I
- MATH 122 Calculus II
- MATH 160 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers\*

\*We suggest that you take MATH 111 and MATH 160

### 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 111 Astronomy I
- BIOL 111 Biology for Science Majors I **or** BIOL 112 Evolution and Ecology
- BIOL 131 Human Anatomy and Physiology I\*
- One of CHEM 111 Principles of Chemistry I **or** CHEM 112 Introductory Chemistry I
- CHEM 121 Principles of Chemistry II
- GEOG 111 Introduction to Physical Geography: Climate & Vegetation
- GEOG 121 Introduction to Physical Geography: Water & Landscapes
- PHYS 112 Introductory Physics I





### 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 following years one, two or three. Tip! You must complete both academic electives before entering year four.

### 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.
-  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