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 2023 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 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 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:
- You’ll need a grade of UVic C+ or higher in each course.
- We are not able to accept communications, technical or creative writing courses.
- 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)
- We are not able to accept two English composition/academic writing courses. At least one must be a literature topic.

Approved Canadian studies
Select two from:

- ANTH 2140 Indigenous Peoples
- GEOG 2220 or GEOG 2221 - Regional Geography of Canada
- HIST 1120 or HIST 1121 - Canadian History to 1867

Notes:
- Choose courses that focus on the Canadian experience and cover topics taught in the BC elementary social studies curriculum.
- **HIST 1220 or HIST 1221** – Post-Confederation Canadian History
- **HIST 2020** Indigenous Peoples’ History of Canada
- **POLI 1110 or POLI 1111** – Canadian Government and Politics

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Pan-Canadian topics are recommended.
No more than one approved regional studies course can be accepted (eg. focus on British Columbia)
We can’t accept Canadian *literature or fine arts* courses.

### Approved mathematics

Select two from:

- MATH 1100 or MATH 1101 – Finite Mathematics
- MATH 1140 or 1141 – Calculus
- MATH 1900 or 1901 – Mathematics for Teachers

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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.
- We suggest that you take MATH 1900 or 1901 as one of your approved Math courses.

### 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:

- BIOL 1040 Biology of the Environment
- BIOL 1110 or BIOL 1113 – Principles of Biology I
- 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
- GEOG 1221 Introduction to Physical Geography
- GEOL 1110 Introduction to Physical Geology
- GEOL 1111 Introduction to Earth Science
  or GEOL 2050 Historical Geology: Global Change Through Time

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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