Pre-admission requirements handout: Vancouver Island University

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

This handout lists courses offered at **Vancouver Island 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 **Vancouver Island University** 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 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 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 115 **or** ENGL 117 (indigenous focus) - University Writing and Research
- ENGL 125 Literature and Culture
- ENGL 135 Literature and Criticism

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 290 Regions of Canada
- HIST 111 Canada to 1867: Contact, Colonies, and Empires
- HIST 112 Canada 1867 to 1945: National Expansion in Peace & War
- POLI 151 Law and Politics in Canada
- POLI 221 Canadian Politics and Government
- SOCI 112 Canadian Society in the Contemporary World

Or select **one** from (these are each equivalent to 2 courses):
- INDG 101 Exploring Indigenous Identities
- INDG 102 Exploring Indigenous Communities

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

Approved mathematics

Select **two** from:

- MATH 111 Introductory Finite Mathematics I
- MATH 121 Calculus I
- MATH 122 Calculus II
- MATH 131 Mathematics for Elementary Education I*
- MATH 132 Mathematics for Elementary Education II*

  We recommend MATH 131 and 132

Notes:

- You'll need a UVic C+ <u>average</u> 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 Introductory Astronomy: The Solar System
- ASTR 112 Introductory Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies
- BIOL 121 Introductory Zoology
- BIOL 123 Introduction to Cellular and Molecular Biology
- BIOL 156 Nursing: Anatomy and Physiology I*
- CHEM 140 Chemistry Fundamentals I
- CHEM 141 Chemistry Fundamentals II
- GEOG 211 Atmospheric Environments
- GEOL 111 <u>or</u> 111A Discovering Planet Earth
- GEOL 112 Understanding Earth's History
- PHYS 111 Physics for the Life Sciences I <u>or</u> PHYS 121 Physics for the Physical Sciences 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 <u>taught in BC schools</u>. You can take these electives in year one or in a summer session *prior* to year three. <u>Tip!</u> 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, computer science, geography, geology, history, Indigenous/Xwulmuxw studies, physics, political studies, psychology, sociology, studies in women and gender, 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

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