

Pre-admission requirements handout: Camosun College

Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum – year two entry

Faculty of Education

University of Victoria



This handout lists courses offered at **Camosun 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 2025 University of Victoria Calendar](#), and current information on the [Camosun 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** 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 will 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 fall for the following year's intake*).

Approved English

Two courses in English literature are needed (or at most, one may instead be English composition). Select **two** from:

- ENGL 151 Academic Writing Strategies
- ENGL 161 Literary Genres
- ENGL 163 Introduction to Literary Traditions
- ENGL 164 Indigenous Literature

Notes:

- English grade requirement:** you will need a grade of at least C+/UVic 4.00 in each English course.
- 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 104 Canada: Peoples and Land
- HIST 110 Inventing Canada: History of Canada Before Confed.
- HIST 112 Oh Canada: Canada after 1867
- HLTH 111 Indigenous Peoples Health
- IST 116 Indigenous Studies in Canada 1
- IST 117 Indigenous Studies in Canada 2
- IST 120 Indigenous Peoples/TELTIN TTE WILNEW
- PSC 104 Canadian Government
- PSC 106 Canadian Politics

- SOC 106 Indigenous-Settler Relations in Canada
- SOC 110 Women in Canadian Society
- SOC 112 "Race" and Ethnicity in Canada

Notes:

- Pan-Canadian topics are recommended.
- No more than one approved *regional* studies course will be accepted (e.g. with a focus on British Columbia).
- We are not able to accept Canadian *literature* or *fine arts* courses towards this *social studies content* requirement.

Approved mathematics

Select **two** from:

- MATH 100 Calculus 1 **or** MATH 108 Applied Calculus
- MATH 101 Calculus 2
- MATH 109 Finite Mathematics
- MATH 142 Reasoning about Numbers and Algebra for Ed.
- MATH 143 Geometry and Probability for Elem. Ed.
- STAT 116 Elementary Statistics

Notes:

-  **Math grade requirement:** you will need an average of at least C+/UVic 4.00 in these two courses.
-  We will consider **one** statistics course if offered by a mathematics department.
-  At least one of these math courses must have been completed *within 10 years* prior to program entry.
-  We are not able to accept pre-calculus or introductory college algebra.

Approved science

We suggest that you choose courses from two subjects to develop a more comprehensive science background. You will teach all science subjects in your elementary classroom.

Select **two** from:

- ASTR 101 Astronomy: Night Sky and Planets
- ASTR 102 Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies
- BIOL 102 Non-Majors Biology (Diversity) **
- BIOL 103 Non-Majors General Biology **
- BIOL 105 Introductory Marine Biology
- BIOL 150 Human Anatomy *
- CHEM 110 General College Chemistry 1
- CHEM 112 General College Chemistry 2
- GEOG 111 Natural Hazards
- GEOS 100 Physical Geology
- GEOS 110 Earth-Ocean-Atmosphere System
- PHYS 104 General College Physics 1
- PHYS 105 General College Physics 2

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 of these science courses must have been completed *within 10 years* prior to program entry.
-  ** You will not receive UVic transfer credit for BIOL 102 or BIOL 103 **if you have already completed** BIOL 124 or BIOL 126.

Approved academics

This program includes **two academic** courses related to topics taught in BC schools. You may take these academic courses in year 1 or in a summer session prior to program year 3. These two academic courses *must* be complete before you will be eligible to enter program year 4.

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 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: Deadline for application and specified experience requirement items. 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 - we aim to respond to email within five business days

