

# Pre-admission requirements handout

Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum  
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 2018 University of Victoria Calendar](#), the [Camosun College](#) website, and the online [BC Transfer Guide](#). This information is updated annually.

Consult UVic Education Advising if you want to take a combination of courses from more than one institution or if you have taken courses prior to 2018/19 that aren't listed here.

For detailed information about the admission, experience, and program requirements, refer to:

- **2018 UVic Calendar** at <<https://web.uvic.ca/calendar2018-09/undergrad/education/BEd-elementary.html#>>, and the
- **Faculty of Education website** at <<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 faculty website and the UVic calendar (see above for links).

### Academic requirements:

- approved coursework in each of English, Canadian studies, mathematics, laboratory science
- minimum C+ average in two approved math courses
- minimum C+ grades in each approved English course
- sessional grade average of a least 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 75 hours of 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.

## Approved English

Select **two** from:

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

### 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:

- ECON 102 The Canadian Economy
- GEOG 104 Canada: Peoples and Land
- HIST 110 Inventing Canada: History of Canada Before Confederation
- HIST 112 Oh Canada: Canada after 1867
- HIST 204 Canadian Women: 1600-1920
- HIST 206 Canadian Women: 1916-Present



- SOC 104 Indigenous People and Canada 1
- SOC 106 Indigenous People and Canada 2
- SOC 110 Women in Canadian Society
- SOC 112 Minority Relations in Canada

### Notes:

- Pan-Canadian topics are recommended.



- IST 116 Indigenous Studies in Canada 1
- IST 117 Indigenous Studies in Canada 2
- PSC 104 Canadian Government
- PSC 106 Canadian Politics





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

## 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 Education
- MATH 143 Geometry and Probability for Education
- STAT 116 Elementary Statistics

### Notes:

-  You'll need a C+ average or higher on two mathematics courses to demonstrate competency in mathematics.
-  We'll accept **one** statistics course if that course was taken from a mathematics department.
-  We won't accept courses completed more than 10 years prior to program entry.
-  We won't 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. The courses you take must include a laboratory component because elementary teachers are encouraged to take a field-based, hands-on approach to teaching sciences.

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 3-hour lab, but will accept those that average at least 1.5 hours lab time a week.
-  You will not receive UVic transfer credit for BIOL 102 or BIOL 103 **if you have already completed** BIOL 124 or BIOL 126.
-  We won't accept more than one human anatomy/physiology course.
-  We won't accept courses completed more than 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.
-  If you have doubts about your choices, consult UVic Education Advising.




## How and when to apply

**February 28** – Application deadline. For information on how to apply, visit the Faculty of Education website starting in the fall. **Tip!** Submit your application in January or February after you've finalized your January – April course registration.

**February 28** – 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

-  in-person in MacLaurin room A225
-  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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