Pre-admission requirements handout: Camosun College

Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum – Year 2 entry (Pathway 3)
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 UVic's four-year elementary teacher education program. The handout is based on the **September 2026 - University of Victoria Calendar**, current information on the **Camosun College** website, and the online **BC Transfer Guide** (BCTG). This information is subject to change.

Tip! When planning your course combinations for each subject, it is important to confirm that they do not have duplicate content and that you can receive credit at both the institution(s) offering the courses and UVic:

- Refer to official online course descriptions for possible notes related to how you may combine 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, including for the courses listed below. Official transfer credit is only confirmed by Undergraduate Admission upon admission to UVic.

What do I need to be eligible for admission?

To be considered for **entry to program Year 2** to start your core professional studies you must satisfy all pre-core requirements (academic and experience).

Academic requirements – to be complete by **April 30**

- approved coursework in each of English, Canadian studies, mathematics, science
- minimum UVic C+ grade in each approved English course
- minimum UVic C+ average in two approved math courses
- sessional grade point average of a least UVic C+ based on a minimum of 12 UVic units or eight half-year courses.

Experience requirement – hours to be complete by **January 31**

You will need relevant experience working with groups of school aged children in educative ways. Babysitting experience would not satisfy this requirement, but working as a camp counsellor would, for example. Refer to the experience requirement section of the program website for complete details, including the number of hours required (*updated each fall for the following year's intake*).

See complete **admission requirements** including **deadlines** on our program admission website:
https://www.uvic.ca/education/programs/teacher-education/bed-elem-curric/admission-requirements-and-program-pathways/index.php

Approved English

You need two courses. Required topics are: one literature course and one literature OR academic composition course.

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 3.00 in each approved English course.
- We can't 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

You need two 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
- SOC 106 Indigenous-Settler Relations in Canada
- SOC 110 Women in Canadian Society

- 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 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 3.00 in these two courses.
- At least one of these math courses must have been completed within the **10 years** prior to program entry.
- We will consider maximum **one** statistics course if offered by a mathematics department.
- We can't 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:

- At least one of these science courses must have been completed within the **10 years** prior to program entry.
- We recommend courses with a weekly lab but will accept those without a lab component.
- * We will consider maximum **one** human anatomy/physiology course.
- ** You will not receive UVic transfer credit for BIOL 102 or BIOL 103 **if you have already completed** BIOL 124 or BIOL 126.

Approved academic electives

This program includes **two academic electives**. You may take these courses in Year 1 (pre-admission) 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.
- You could consider taking at least one French course to prepare for teaching French.
- 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 can't accept include career-oriented/professional courses such as child and youth care, teacher education and social work.
- Per **Tip!** above, use the BCTG to confirm the courses you want to take are non-duplicate and transfer to UVic.

How to apply

The application deadline is **January 31**. See our "How to apply" website here in the fall for up to date instructions.

Questions?

Contact UVic Education Advising at 250-721-7877 or adve@uvic.ca