Welcome to the Pre-Core years! Throughout this guide you will often see the term “pre-core” used. The years before you begin your official business studies, years 1 and 2, are referred to as the pre-core years. Think of these first two years as your time to explore courses from a variety of disciplines, develop your interests and passions, and build a foundation on which to apply business knowledge and tools later on.

1 Know your timeline

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2 Consciously shape your pre-core years

Make the most of them! Choose classes that fit not only your required courses but also your goals. You can do this in various ways and you should consider the following options:

- Elective Focus (complete more than one if you wish) - see page 2 for details
- Certificate in Language and Cultural Proficiency (offered in 7 languages) - see page 3 for details
- Certificate in Human Dimensions of Climate Change - see page 3 for details
- Customized selection of electives - see page 3 for details

3 Pick your Fall and Spring courses

- Look up course availability in the Fall and Spring course schedule
- Look up detailed course descriptions at uvic.ca/calendar
- Build an “ideal” timetable for your first year
- Be flexible by thinking of a few back up courses in case your first choices are full or not offered
- Write down all the relevant course codes and course registration numbers (CRNs)
- Think of what your second year might look like, but remain flexible as course selection may be different next year

4 Register!

- Prepare by watching the video tutorials at uvic.ca/course-registration a few days before you register
- Register as early as you can, ideally right on your registration date and time
- Look up important dates for 2018-2019, such as the various drop deadlines, at uvic.ca/calendar

5 Ask for help if you need it

- Registration Support: 250-721-8121 or studentsupport@uvic.ca
- BCom Advisors: 250-472-4728 or advisor@uvic.ca
Elective Focus

Take one or more of these course bundles to gain knowledge in topics and areas you find interesting and that are relevant for all business leaders. Each Elective Focus consists of 5 courses (7.5 units). You will not earn a formal credential by completing one but it can be a great way to shape your first two years in BCom and prepare you for core. Some courses appear in more than one Elective Focus. You can also use the list below for inspiration to select individual electives.

**Business For Good Focus**

Develop awareness around non-profit organizations, social justice issues and ethics in business.

- SJS 200
- PHIL 232
- PHIL 330

Plus two courses from the below list
- ADMN 200
- ADMN 316
- ADMN 409
- ADMN 422
- ANTH 200
- ANTH 308
- ENGL 302
- ER 314
- HSTR 120
- PHIL 337
- SJS 100
- TS 300

**Global Communication Focus**

Develop communication skills to help you not only be well prepared for core but also for the real world challenges and opportunities you will likely face overseas for your exchange and/or co-op work terms.

- Any course in foreign language acquisition (except English & French), including (LING 159: Indigenous Language I)
- LING 397
- THEA 150

Plus two courses from the below list
- ANTH 200
- ANTH 365
- ENGL 301
- ENGL 302
- GEOG 101B
- GNDR 100
- GNDR 332
- HIST 329B
- LING 377
- LING 395
- PHIL 232
- SOCI 100A

**Indigenous Focus**

Develop awareness about the contemporary and historical issues our Indigenous peoples have faced.

This focus is intended to provide both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students with a program incorporating Indigenous world views and ways of knowing, being and doing.

- One of IGOV 381, 382, 383 or 384
- IS 101
- IS 201

Plus two courses from the below list
- AHVS 382A
- ANTH 200
- ANTH 336
- ANTH 433
- GEOG 304
- GNDR 203
- HSTR 330C
- IGOV (any course)
- IS 400
- POLI 263
- POLI 363
- POLI 313C
- Any course approved in the Indigenous Studies minor

**Digital And Technical Tools Focus**

Develop knowledge of creativity, data analysis and technology tools to improve your business messages with impactful images, numbers and words.

- One of AE 322, AE 330 or ART 106
- One of CSC 100 or CSC 105
- One of DHUM 150, TS 200 or TS 300

Plus two courses from the below list
- AE 422
- ART 261
- ART 262
- ECON 205

**Planet Focus**

Develop awareness of sustainability and environmental issues that shape triple bottom line decisions in business.

- ES 200
- ES 240
- GEOG 101B
- GEOG 209
- GEOG 252
- GEOG 3304
- GEOG 314
- GNDR 207
- GNDR 306
- PHIL 333

**Worldview Focus**

Develop perspectives regarding international relations, politics and your own role in our complex world. This focus will help you not only be well prepared for core, but also for the real world challenges and opportunities you will likely face overseas for your exchange and/or co-op work terms.

- HIST 329B
- POLI 103
- POLI 240

Plus two courses from the below list
- ANTH 200
- ANTH 308
- ANTH 365
- GEOG 101B
- GEOG 211
- GEOG 347B
- GNDR 100
- GNDR 332
- HSTR 324C
- PHIL 201
- PHIL 232
- POLI 210
- POLI 344
- SOCI 202
- SOCI 321
Certificates - earn an additional credential!

Interested in languages?
If you really like a specific language, consider focusing your studies toward a Certificate in Language and Cultural Proficiency for 10.5 units, offered through the Faculty of Humanities.

uvic.ca/humanities

Currently available in 7 languages (with course prefix)
- French (FRAN)
- German (GMST)
- Italian (ITAL)
- Japanese (PAAS)
- Mandarin (PAAS)
- Russian (SLST)
- Spanish (SPAN)

Interested in climate change?
UVic offers an interdisciplinary Certificate in the Human Dimensions of Climate Change for 10.5 units. Please see this webpage for more details:

uvic.ca/interdisciplinary/hdcc

Structure of this certificate
- HDCC 200 Introduction to Human Dimensions of Climate Change
- HDCC 300 Climate Change: An Opportunity for Social Transformation
- HDCC 400 Seminar on Human Dimensions of Climate Change
- HDCC 490 Experiential Learning
- + 4.5 units approved electives

Customized selection of electives

Take courses that connect with a career you might be interested in!

Accounting
- ECON 104
- MATH 102
- STAT 359
- SOCI 100A
- SOCI 100B
- SOCI 321

Business Analysis
- ECON 111
- ENGL 301
- PHIL 201
- ECON 305
- ECON 306
- MATH 102
- STAT 359

Consulting
- ANTH 304
- ECON 111
- ECON 205
- ENGL 225
- PHIL 201
- POLI 211
- POLI 327
- ENGL 302
- SJS 100

Government/Policy
- Law
- PHIL 201
- SJS 100
- SOCI 204

Management
- ECON 205
- ECON 305
- ENT 100
- HDUM 150
- MATH 102
- STAT 359

Marketing
- AE 200
- AE 310
- AE 330
- ART 106
- ENGL 225

Human Resources
- ANTH 200
- SOCI 204
- SOCI 321
- ENGL 301
- ENGL 407
- ENT 100
- SOCI 100A
- SOCI 100B
- SOCI 204
- TS 300
- TS 400
- WRIT 102

Non-Profit
- ECON 329
- ENGL 302

Public Relations
- TS 300
- TS 400
- WRIT 102

Social Entrepreneurship
- ECON 329
- SJS 100

Sustainable Business
- CS 201
- ECON 111
- EOS 110
- EOS 120
- ES 200
- HDCC 200

Operations
- ECON 329
- SJS 100

Strongly recommended for all BCom students
- COM 100 - one of two commerce courses you can take pre-core!
- CSC 105
- ECON 104
- ECON 205
- ENT 100 - one of two commerce courses you can take pre-core!
- ES 200
- PHIL 201
- SOCI 100A
- THEA 150

Looking to ease your transition to university?
ED-D 101 Learning Strategies for University Success

Good to know
- You are not restricted to 100-level courses in your 1st year and 200-level courses in your 2nd year. Explore courses based on your interest and their prerequisites, even at the 300 or 400-level if you wish!
- Don’t see a course in an area you’re interested in, like Science? Again, the above courses are just suggestions: never hesitate to go beyond this list and look at courses in other subjects. Ask a BCom Advisor if you are not sure.
ADMN 200 International Community Development
ADMN 316 Written Communications in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors
ADMN 409 Leading and Managing in the Non-Profit Sector
ADMN 422 Ethical Public Management
AE 200 Design
AE 310 Introduction to Applied Design
AE 322 Digital Arts
AE 330 Visual Design for Marketing, Advocacy and Persuasion
AE 422 Advanced Digital Arts
AHVS 382A Indigenous Arts: Artic, Subarctic
ANTH 200 Cultural and Social Anthropology
ANTH 302 Globalization, Health and the Environment
ANTH 304 Technology and Culture
ANTH 308 Legality and Social Justice in Global Perspective
ANTH 336 Contemporary Aboriginal Peoples of Canada
ANTH 365 Colonialism and Daily Life
ANTH 433 Coast Salish Culture and Contemporary Life
ART 106 Foundation Core Media Technologies and Arts
ART 261 Digital Media Arts
ART 262 Digital Media Arts
COM 100 Introduction to Business Decision Making
CS 201 Issues and Ideas in Canadian Environmentalism
CSC 100 Elementary Computing
CSC 105 Computers and Information Processing
DHUM 150 Tools, Techniques, and Culture of the Digital Humanities
ECON 104 Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 111 The Economy of the Environment
ECON 205 Managerial Economics
ECON 305 Money and Banking
ECON 306 International Economics
ECON 329 Development and Economics
ED-D 101 Learning Strategies for University Success
ENGL 301 Report Writing for Business
ENGL 302 Writing for Government and the Public Sector
ENGL 305 Visual Rhetoric for Professional Writers
ENGL 407 Social Media and Electronic Communication
ENT 100 Introduction to Entrepreneurship
EOS 110 Oceans and Atmosphere
EOS 120 The Dynamic Earth
ER 314 Ethical, Legal and Policy Aspects of Environmental Restoration
ES 200 Introduction to Environmental Studies
ES 240 Ecological Processes
GEOG 101A Environment, Society and Sustainability
GEOG 101B Space, Place and Society
GEOG 103 Introduction to Physical Geography
GEOG 209 Introduction to Environmental Management
GEOG 211 Political and Economic Geography
GEOG 252 Introduction to Coastal Geography
GEOG 304 Coastal Conservation
GEOG 314 Global Environment Change and Human Response
GEOG 347B Geographies of Development
GNDR 100 Gender, Power and Difference
GNDR 203 Indigenous Women in Canada
GNDR 207 Gender, Globalization and the Love Industry
GNDR 306 Gender and International Development
GNDR 332 What's Race Got To Do With It?
HDCC 200 Human Dimensions of Climate Change
HINF 350 Human Aspects of Healthcare Information Systems
HSTR 120 History of Human Rights
HSTR 324C British Columbia in the 20th Century
HSTR 330C Indigenous-Settlers Treaties in Canada since 1600
HSTR 329B Race, Racism and Ethnicity in Canada since 1900
IGOV 381 Indigenous Leadership and Governance
IGOV 382 Indigenous Resurgence
IGOV 383 The Indigenous-State Relationship
IGOV 384 Special Issues in Indigenous Governance
IS 201 Introduction to Indigenous Studies
IS 400 Research Seminar in Indigenous Studies
LING 377 Global Contexts of Languages
LING 395 Sociolinguistics
LING 397 Issues in Cross-Cultural Communication
MATH 102 Calculus for Students in the Social and Biological Sciences
PHIL 201 Critical Thinking
PHIL 232 Moral Problems of Contemporary Society
PHIL 330 Professional and Business Ethics
PHIL 333 Philosophy and the Environment
PHIL 337 Ethics: Theory and Practice
POLI 103 The Worlds of Politics
POLI 210 Comparative Politics

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Pick your courses for Fall and Spring and register

Be flexible with your course planning: the courses in this guide may not be offered every academic session and some courses may have prerequisites. Check the UVic calendar for course availability: uvic.ca/calendar

The tables below outline a recommended study plan. The courses in red are the 5 required courses students must complete before progressing to Year 3 (core) of the BCom program. The blank course cells represent your 22.5 units of electives to be chosen. The order in which the courses are displayed below is not mandatory but we recommend it for a balanced schedule and academic success. For more details, please contact a BCom Advisor at advisor@uvic.ca.

Using a blank timetable, and a list of courses, map out a conflict-free schedule that fits your learning style. We recommend that you build multiple timetables to ensure that you’re ready with alternative courses and sections if some are full or unavailable. Remember that some courses have more than one required component, including lectures (A), labs (B) and tutorials (T). More tips for building your timetable can be found here: uvic.ca/current-students/home/course-registration.

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Ask for help if you need it

Get to know the BCom Advisors and don’t hesitate to book an appointment or send an email whenever you have a question. Come prepared to your advising appointments: write down your questions. Here are a few examples of frequently asked questions to the BCom Advisors.

I am interested in Accounting. What courses should I take?

I have a learning disability. Where on campus can I get the right support?

I am not sure I am studying in the most effective way...

I am not sure my course schedule is well balanced...

Where on campus can I get help with my MATH 151 course?

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