



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

May/June	Early June	Mid-June	June 30	July/August
\$200 deposit as per UVic offer	Find your registration date and time in MyPage	Course registration for Fall and Spring terms	Housing application deadline	Find out about orientation for Sept.

2 Consciously shape your pre-core years

Make the most of your first two years. In addition to your required courses, you should choose electives that fit with your goals and interests:

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

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 2020-2021, 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



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. Click on the course code for details.

Business For Good Focus

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

Strongly recommended

- SJS 200
- PHIL 232
- PHIL 330

Plus two courses from the below list

- ADMN 200
- ADMN 316
- ADMN 409
- ADMN 422
- ANTH 200
- ENGL 302
- ER 314
- HSTR 120
- PHIL 337
- SJS 100
- TS 300

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.

Strongly recommended

- One of AE 322, AE 330, ART 105 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

- ENGL 301
- ENGL 302
- ENGL 305
- ENGL 407
- HINF 350
- STAT 359

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.

Strongly recommended

- Any course in language acquisition (except English); if you have completed French immersion in high school, we encourage you to deepen your knowledge of advanced French or pursue an additional language.
- LING 159
- LING 397
- THEA 150

Plus two courses from the below list

- ANTH 200
- ENGL 301
- ENGL 302
- GEOG 101B
- GNDR 100
- GNDR 332
- HSTR 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.

Strongly recommended

- IS 101
- IS 201

Plus two courses from the below list

- ANTH 200
- ANTH 433
- GEOG 304
- GNDR 203
- HSTR 330
- IS 100
- IS 400
- POLI 263
- POLI 363
- SPAN 304
- Any course approved in the Indigenous Studies minor

Planet Focus

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

Strongly recommended

- CS 201
- GEOG 101A
- HDCC 200

Plus two courses from the below list

- ANTH 302

- ECON 111
- EOS 110
- EOS 120
- ES 200
- ES 240
- GEOG 103
- GEOG 209
- GEOG 252
- 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.

Strongly recommended

- HSTR 329B
- POLI 103
- POLI 240

Plus two courses from the below list

- ANTH 200
- EUS 100
- EUS 200
- FRAN 265
- GEOG 101B
- GEOG 211
- GEOG 347B
- GNDR 100
- GNDR 332
- HSTR 324C
- PHIL 201
- PHIL 232
- POLI 210
- POLI 344
- SOCI 202

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)

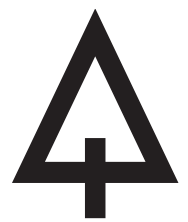
- French (FRAN)
- German (GMST)
- Italian (ITAL)
- Japanese (PAAS)
- Mandarin (PAAS)
- Russian (SLST)
- Spanish (SPAN)

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

Business Analysis

- ECON 111
- ENGL 301
- PHIL 201

Consulting

- ANTH 304
- ECON 111
- ECON 205
- ENGL 225
- PHIL 201
- POLI 211
- POLI 327

- SOCI 100A
- SOCI 100B

Finance

- ECON 305
- ECON 306
- MATH 102
- STAT 359

Government/Policy

- ENGL 302
- SJS 100

Human Resources

- ANTH 200
- SOCI 204
- PSYC 231

Law

- PHIL 201
- SJS 100
- SOCI 204

Management

- ECON 205
- ECON 305
- ENT 100

Marketing

- AE 200
- AE 310
- AE 330
- ART 105
- ART 106
- DHUM 150
- ENGL 225

- ENGL 301
- ENGL 305
- ENGL 407
- ENT 100
- SOCI 100A
- SOCI 100B
- SOCI 204
- TS 300
- WRIT 102

Non-Profit

- ADMN 312
- ADMN 316
- ECON 329
- ENGL 302

Operations

- DHUM 150
- MATH 102
- STAT 359

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



Take courses that develop general business competencies!

Strongly recommended for all BCom students

- CSC 105
- ECON 104
- ECON 205
- ES 200
- PHIL 201
- SOCI 100A
- THEA 122
- THEA 150
- **COM 100** and **ENT 100** (two business electives in pre-core)

IN FALL 2020, REGISTER IN A BCOM-EXCLUSIVE SECTION OF COM 100 WHERE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MEET AND CONNECT WITH YOUR FELLOW BCOM STUDENTS REGULARLY!

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.
- Do not take ED-D 302: you will take COM 204 instead in 2nd year of BCom.



What do BCom students think?



ECON 305 Money and Banking

"It was very informative about the history of economics and presented real examples about economic scenarios happening in modern times."

Kasey Ingham, Year 2 BCom

HUMA 120 A and B An Introduction to Humanities

"This course is a timeline of human thought and development. It looked into how humans think during our evolution, and touched on several important figures that contribute to a change in thought. I liked learning the human aspect to our history and it taught us to look at implications from the past and touches on critical thinking now and how to develop new ideas without serious effects."

Anika Leist, 2nd year BCom

POLI 345 Ethics in International Relations

"Excellent way to inform an international perspective on contemporary issues."

Alejandra Flo, 2nd Year BCom

SOCI 355 The Corporation, Capitalism, and Globalization

"The course discusses the social, economic, and political implications of capitalism in a multi-scalar level from the individual, to the workplace environment, up the globalized effect. In result, it encourages individuals to engage in and be educated about ethical alternatives that combats inequality and the climate crisis. It shifts the motivation of a business student away from "making a lot of money" to wanting to make a impactful contribution to the community and society."

Mai Nguyen, 2nd year BCom

REMEMBER: YOUR PRE-CORE YEARS ARE 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.

Emma Weiland, 2nd year BCom, reviewed these three courses:

- **GNDR 100 Gender, Power and Difference:** "Surprisingly very relevant for the workplace and professional relationships. Applicable to any course of study you do. Helps individuals to be better educated on all topics relating to GNDR and minority groups."
- **SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology:** "Interesting expansion of what we know as normal within our society. Important topic as it teaches you to look past normal boundaries and think outside the box. This is especially intriguing for entrepreneurs such as myself who are constantly pushing professional boundaries to be successful."
- **THEA 150 Public Speaking:** "Teaches students the vital tool of public speaking. In any type of business being able to articulate and communicate is of utmost importance. This class teaches you how to present properly and pushes you out of your comfort zone."

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 for the BCom pre-core years: the 5 required courses in blue and blank cells for your 22.5 units of electives. The order in which the courses are displayed below is not mandatory but we recommend it for a balanced schedule and academic success. Using a blank timetable, and a list of courses, map out a conflict-free schedule that fits your learning style, including alternate courses and/or 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

Year 1

FALL TERM COURSES (September-December)		
Course	Section	CRN
ECON 103		
ATWP 135, ENGL 146, 147 or 225		

SPRING TERM COURSES (January-April)		
Course	Section	CRN
MATH 151		

Year 2

FALL TERM COURSES (September-December)		
Course	Section	CRN
STAT 252		
ATWP 135, ENGL 146, 147 or 225		

SPRING TERM COURSES (January-April)		
Course	Section	CRN

Your BCom Advisors

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 not sure my course schedule is well balanced...
- Where on campus can I get help with my MATH 151 course?
- I am not sure I am studying in the most effective way...
- I am interested in Accounting: what courses should I take?
- I have a learning disability: where on campus can I get the right support?



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