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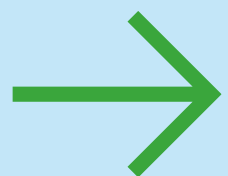
UVic Bound:

**Academic Success in
the Canadian
Classroom: Tips from
Current Students &
Academic Advisers**





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Send your first and last name
directly to Jeannine now for a
chance to win some UVic swag!

Prizes can be collected at the UVic Bound Breakfast Meet & Greet on August 26.



What are we talking about today?



- Elective courses
- Math Pretest
- Expectations inside a Canadian Classroom
- Look at some common misconceptions
- Tips from your fellow students
- Ask your questions

Academic Advisers

- Academic advice by faculty
- How to get the most out of your academic program
(Program planning, academic difficulties, majors, minors)
- You may be referred to another service to get the best advice for your situation



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 Agree

Disagree 

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Myth?

Every course that I take must be directly related to my degree (or major).



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- Electives are **for-credit courses** you choose to study in topics that interest you.
- Electives can be courses outside of your area of study and even outside of your faculty.
- In addition to your required courses for your program, electives are required to create the **total number of units to complete** your UVic degree.
- The **majority** of undergraduate degrees at UVic **require electives**. The number of electives vary. Engineering vs Social Sciences.



Electives are important





 Agree

Disagree 

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Question 2

Math is math and
is the same
worldwide.



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Math Pretest

- Assessment and what was taught in your classroom could vary
- Math pretests are needed to ensure that **YOU are prepared** to succeed in UVic MATH100/109 and MATH102
- Register to write the math pretest
- Pretest are written online, 1 hour long
- What if I fail the pre-test?





 Agree

Disagree 

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Question 3

As a newcomer, I expect that the people in my classes will probably know each other already.



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Expectations in a Canadian Classroom



- Classroom Participation
 - Asking Questions
 - Discussion with peers and instructor
- Group Work

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Question 4

At UVic, I can expect similar teaching and learning styles as in my high school.



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Expectations in a Canadian Classroom



- Assessment
 - Essays, quizzes, presentations, group projects, midterm tests, final exam
 - Manage your time to complete and hand in work and prepare for tests
- Critical thinking
 - Analyze, synthesize, apply preferred over simple memorization

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Question 5



Professors won't help you and you should not contact them outside of class time.

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Expectations in a Canadian Classroom

- Classroom Etiquette
 - Equality, reciprocal respect
 - “On time for class” means 5 minutes early!
 - Do not want to be repeatedly late
 - Professors will have office hours for you to go to ask your specific questions. Use them



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Question 6

One failing grade
and this is the
end of my studies
at UVic!



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Question 7

If I need to ask
for help, it means
I am failing.



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Session takeaways:



- Ask questions
- Seek help when you need it
- Follow through
- Build your village





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ANYTHING
July 9, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. PDT

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