

Elementary Teaching Prerequisites (Kindergarten to Grade 7)

This sheet outlines acceptable VIU courses that will satisfy BC Teacher Regulation Branch (TRB) requirements for academic preparation for teaching at the ELEMENTARY level. Detailed transcript, specific course approvals and/or credential review are available via an appointment with a Faculty of Education Advisor. Please contact the office via the details above.

Initial Teacher Education Program Specific Notes

Year 1 Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) Applicants:

Applicants applying upon completion of secondary/high school diploma are encouraged to complete the requirements listed below during the first two years of study in the program.

Year 3 Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) Applicants:

Applicants do not need to complete all requirements listed below prior to application. However, progression into 4th year of the program requires completion of all requirements.

Post Baccalaureate (PB) Elementary Applicants:

Applicants must have completed ALL the requirements below prior to beginning the program AND have a degree from a recognized post-secondary institution acceptable in content to the Faculty of Education and BC Teacher Regulation Branch. Applicants may also meet [Secondary teachable](#) requirements.

Post Baccalaureate (PB) Secondary Applicants:

Applicants only need to complete the English requirement AND have a degree from a recognized post-secondary institution acceptable in content to the Faculty of Education and BC Teacher Regulation Branch outlined in the [Secondary Prerequisite](#) notes. However, as teacher certification in BC is ‘unrestricted’ we strongly encourage applicants to complete all the Elementary requirements outlined below as well.

English Literature and Composition Requirement

6 credit/semester hours or equivalent of undergraduate English course work with a minimum of 3 credit/semester hours in literature. 6 credit/semester hours in literature is acceptable, 6 credit/semester hours in compositions is **not** acceptable. At VIU, some Interdisciplinary Studies (INTR) and Liberal Studies (LBST) courses are also accepted, or any two of the following courses:

ENGL 115 *University Writing and Research*

ENGL 125 *Literature and Culture*

ENGL 135 *Literature and Criticism*

Note: ENGL 204 *Business and Technical Writing* is **not** accepted

Mathematics Requirement

3 credit/semester hours or equivalent of undergraduate Mathematics course work. Generally courses characterized by the “MATH” prefix will be accepted. Statistics taught by the Math Department may be used, however, the goal is for the course content to support BC Elementary Mathematics curriculum and not research in other disciplines, etc. Sample suggested courses at VIU that meet this requirement are:

MATH 131 *Mathematics for Elementary Education I*

MATH 132 *Mathematics for Elementary Education II*

Note: MATH 135 *From Puzzles to the Poetry of Patterns* is subject to Education Advisor approval

MATH 161 *Introduction to Statics for Social Sciences* is **not** accepted

Science Requirement

3 credit/semester hours or equivalent of undergraduate Science. Disciplines recognized towards this fulfillment included Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Geography, Geology/Earth Science, Ocean Science, Environmental Science and Astronomy. Sample suggested courses at VIU that meet this requirement are:

ASTR 111 *Introductory Astronomy I: The Solar System*

ASTR 112 *Introductory Astronomy II: Stars and Galaxies*

ASTR 311 *Exploring the Universe*

GEOG 101 *Environmental Geography* (* meets the GEOG requirement for a Social Studies teachable)

GEOG 211 *Atmospheric Environments* (* meets the GEOG requirement for a Social Studies teachable)

GEOG 212 *Earth Environments* (* meets the GEOG requirement for a Social Studies teachable)

GEOL 111 or 111A *Discovering Planet Earth*

GEOL 112 or 112A *Understanding Earth's History*

INTR 221 *Indigenous & Western Sciences of Plants and the Environment*

PHED 201 *Human Anatomy*

PHED 220 *Introduction to Human Physiology II*

Note: ASTR 312 *History of Astronomy and Cosmology* is **not** accepted

Canadian Studies Requirement

3 credit/semester hours or equivalent of undergraduate Canadian Studies in support of BC Elementary Social Studies curriculum. The course focus must be on understanding the Canadian experience and central to the conceptual thesis of the course, rather than existing only in exemplar supporting contents of another academic discipline. Typically, "Canada" occurs in the course title. **Sample suggested** courses at VIU that meet this requirement are:

ANTH 121 *Aboriginal Peoples and Cultures in Canada*

ANTH 221 *Indigenous Cultures of B.C.*

ECON 214 *Canadian Economic Institutions and Problems*

FNAT 101 *Exploring Indigenous Identities*

FNAT 102 *Exploring Indigenous Communities*

FNAT 103 *Introduction to First Nations Studies I*

FNAT 104 *Introduction to First Nations Studies II*

FNAT 203 *Indigenous and Settler Relations*

FNAT 204 *Indigenous Perspectives on the Environment*

FNAT 380 *Special Topics in First Nations Studies* (* upon course outline approval)

GEOG 290 *Regions of Canada*

HIST – VIU offers an extensive range of HISTORY courses, including:

- HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 113, HIST 114, HIST 115, HIST 116
- HIST 205, HIST 206, HIST 210, HIST 211, HIST 230, HIST 231
- HIST 330, HIST 331, HIST 339, HIST 340, HIST 340, HIST 342, amongst others

POLI 151 *Law and Politics in Canada*

POLI 221 *Canadian Politics and Government*

POLI 321 *Canadian Foreign Policy*

POLI 328 *First Nations, Municipal, Regional Government and Politics*

POLI 370 *Canadian Provincial Politics*

SOCI 112 *Canadian Society in the Contemporary World* (* only courses offered from Mar 2014 accepted)

SOCI 215 *Issues in Canadian Society*

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR COURSE PLANNING AND TEACHER EDUCATION DEGREE COMPLETION

- For general support during Years 1 and 2 of the B.Ed. program, contact the Advising Centre (250-740-6410 or 1-888-920-2221, ext. 6410 or +1-250-740-6410 from overseas or visit <https://www2.viu.ca/advising/appointments/index.asp>)
- For specific teacher education support and general support during Years 3 to 5 of the B.Ed. or Post Bacc. programs, contact the Faculty of Education Advising office (250-740-6223, toll free 1-888-920-2221, ext. 6223, +1-250-740-6223 from overseas or visit <https://www2.viu.ca/education/advising.asp>)