



Track your admission requirements on this Pre-Admission Worksheet

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Name: _____

Secondary B.Ed. Post-Degree Professional Program (September 2025 entry) Biology teachable subject area

UVic student #: _____

University
of Victoria
Education

Program admission requirements

1. Admissibility to the university. Undergraduate Admissions Services determines eligibility for admission to UVic.
2. An acceptable undergraduate bachelor's degree recognized by Undergraduate Admissions Services.
3. 3 units of approved English literature (or English literature and academic composition).
4. Demonstrated competency in written English (an English grade requirement; see page two).
5. Approved academic studies in one or two teachable subjects relevant to the BC curriculum. A list of available subjects is provided on the website below.
6. Applicants must satisfy the experience requirement described on the program website below. Eligible applicants may also be invited to attend an interview.
7. See the grade point average (GPA) requirements described on page two.

→ In the fall, go to the program website for application instructions and information for the following year's September intake:

www.uvic.ca/education (→ Programs → Teacher Education → B.Ed. Secondary Post-Degree Professional Program)

Notes

- Admission requirements are subject to change for future intakes. Please watch for updates on the program website linked above.
- A 1.5-unit course (equivalent to 3-4 credits at most institutions) meets for at least 3 hours per week for 13 weeks (one term).
- At UVic, 'upper-level' refers to 300 and/or 400-level courses normally taken in third and fourth year after introductory studies.

Teachable subject area: Biology

Courses completed 10 or more years ago must be reviewed for currency. Currency review required? Yes No

		Course & Institution (if not UVic)	UVic units	INP or Grade
A	Mathematics: Accepted: UVic's MATH (100 or 102 or 109), 101, 151, Stats (from a Math Dept), or equivalent course taken elsewhere. Not accepted: UVic's MATH 120, 161, 162, 242, 360 or similar topics.		1.5	
	Organic chemistry (for example UVic CHEM 231)		1.5	
B	At least one approved course¹ in at least 4 of the following 5 areas must be included. To understand why we ask for these topics, please see the BC secondary science curriculum documents on the BC Ministry of Education's web site.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> INP <input type="checkbox"/> COM: Cell biology (including microbiology, bacteriology) _____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> INP <input type="checkbox"/> COM: Genetics (including cell regulation, molecular genetics, DNA, RNA, mutation) _____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> INP <input type="checkbox"/> COM: Botany (including plant diversity, algae, fungi, vascular plants, plant physiology, tree biology) _____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> INP <input type="checkbox"/> COM: Zoology (including animal physiology, invertebrate zoology, human anatomy, human physiology, neurology, wildlife studies, entomology, ichthyology, herpetology, animal behavioural studies) _____			
C	<input type="checkbox"/> COM: Environmental sciences (such as ecology, conservation, limnology, soils, earth and ocean sciences, marine sciences, studies of non-human populations dynamics, pollution studies) _____			
	12 units of approved BIOLOGY¹. Of these, at least 9.0 units must be upper level. Courses used in section B may also be applied to section C. Courses must focus on biology science to be acceptable (e.g. statistics, research topics are not acceptable). List courses / titles / institution.			
	1. Any level:		1.5	
	2. Any level:		1.5	
	3. Upper level:		1.5	
	4. Upper level:		1.5	
	5. Upper level:		1.5	
	6. Upper level:		1.5	
	7. Upper level:		1.5	
8. Upper level:		1.5		
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum B- (UVic 4.00) average required on 9 units of upper-level biology				

¹Biology courses that cannot be used in a biology degree program will not normally be accepted. Examples include: BIOL 334 Plants and People, BIOL 351 Biology Behind the News, BIOL 359 Food, Diseases and People, BIOL 400 History of Biology, BIOL 489 Conceptual Foundations.

For Adviser use only: At least 12 units of TRB-approved biology YES NO

Reviewed by Adviser: _____

Date: _____

Admission requirements

Undergraduate Bachelor's Degree

Undergraduate Admissions Services will confirm whether you have a recognized undergraduate bachelor's degree upon UVic application.

I was awarded a Bachelor's degree by (name of university) _____ in (month/year) _____

My Bachelor's degree is in-progress. I expect to graduate from (name of university) _____ by (month/year) _____

My major is: _____ My minor, if applicable, is: _____

Please list all other post-secondary institutions attended. Include Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate if applicable.

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

Approved English (2 courses, each worth 1.5 UVic units)

English (two literature courses OR one literature course with one academic composition course) (3 units):

Two from **ENSH 101**=literature (formerly ENGL 146), **ENSH 102**=literature (formerly ENGL 147), **ATWP 135**=composition (formerly ENGL 135).

IMPORTANT: If you have not yet satisfied UVic's "Academic Writing Requirement" then at least one of these two courses must be an AWR-designated course so that you satisfy this university-wide requirement. See "Academic Writing Requirement" in the online UVic Undergraduate Academic Calendar.

- If you otherwise satisfy the UVic "Academic Writing Requirement" above, then: other, similar courses in English literature or composition topics will be considered. The following are also acceptable as English literature:
ENSH 210, ENSH 211, ENSH 212, ENSH 213, ENSH 223A, ENSH 223B, ENSH 224, ENSH 250, ENSH 251, ENSH 253, ENSH 254, ENSH 255.
Note: While courses with similar titles at other colleges/universities might not be acceptable, the following UVic courses are also approved English literature: ENSH 200, 220, 221.
- Foundational/preparatory courses below the level of ENSH 101, ENSH 102, and ATWP 135 are not acceptable. For example, ATWP 101 (formerly ENGL 101) and ATWP 110 are **not** approved.
- Technical writing, communications and creative writing courses are not accepted (e.g. do **not** take ENSH 202 or a WRIT/writing course for this requirement).

Two approved English courses:

Notes

Literature: _____ INP COM & grade is: _____

Literature or composition: _____ INP COM & grade is: _____

Written English Competency Requirement

This will be satisfied with a grade of UVic 3.00/C+ or higher in each of two approved English courses above.

Satisfied Not yet satisfied Notes: _____

Grade Point Averages

To be considered for selection by the faculty, you will need to satisfy the following minimum GPA requirements:

- An average of at least UVic 3.00/C+ on the most recent sessional GPA of 30 units of graded studies attempted to December.
- An average of at least UVic 3.00/C+ on the most recent sessional GPA of 12 units of graded studies attempted.
- An average of at least UVic 4.00/B- on the specified courses included in the teachable subject area(s).

The GPA that will be included as part of applicant selection criteria for this intake will be the most recent sessional GPA of 12 units of graded studies attempted to December 31, 2024.

Applicants' GPAs are calculated by Undergraduate Admissions Services upon application.

Information about UVic's 9-point grade scale and a sample GPA calculation is available at www.uvic.ca/registrar/students/policies/calc.

Application Deadlines

Application deadline	Applications are accepted during the fall term and up to: January 2
Experience requirement and supporting documents	January 2
Document deadline (including all official transcripts showing grades to December 31 and in-progress registrations to April 30)	January 31*
Completion of all academic admission requirements including a bachelor's degree	April 30
Final document deadline (official transcripts showing grades for courses completed to April 30)	May 31*

Application instructions are provided on the Faculty of Education's program website (see page one) from **September** to January annually.

* The above application instructions include important information about all required official transcripts.