

POST BACCALAUREATE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
ACCEPTABLE PREREQUISITES - SECONDARY (Gr. 8 to Gr. 12)

General Prerequisite for ALL Applicants:

● **Bachelor Degree – 120 credits**

At a minimum, students must have a major or minor (or equivalent course credits) in a teachable subject recognized by the BC College of Teachers (BCCT) (see list of subjects below). In ADDITION, the VIU Faculty of Education must also have access to sufficient field experience locations in that teachable subject area.

● **English Literature and Composition – 6 credits**

Ideally, the 6 credits of English Literature and Composition will be presented as 3 credits composition and 3 credits literature. Literature is deemed to include composition to the point that 6 credits of literature is acceptable. At VIU, for example, any 2 of ENGL 115, ENGL 125 and ENGL 135 are acceptable. However, 6 credits of composition is not acceptable. English courses taken at an institution in a country where English is not the first language may not be used to satisfy this agreement.

Additional Teachable Subject Area(s):

● **Academic Coursework – 24 credits**

Course work supporting additional teachable subject areas must consist of a minimum of 24 credits. These studies must be in fields of knowledge that are compatible with the curriculum expectations in British Columbia secondary schools, and in sufficient depth to ensure an appropriate knowledge and understanding of the subject.

BC College of Teachers Secondary Teachable Subjects Available at VIU

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| ● Art* | ● Dance* | ● General Science | ● Physical Education |
| ● Biology | ● Drama* | ● Geography | ● Physics |
| ● Business | ● Earth Science | ● History | ● Social Studies |
| ● Chef Instructor | ● English | ● Home Economics | ● Spanish |
| ● Chemistry | ● First Nations Studies | ● Mathematics | ● Technology (Industrial) |
| ● Computer Science | ● French | ● Music* | Education |

* at least 6 credits of the 24 credits must be studies in theory (i.e.: non-studio)

Following are the VIU requirements for General Science, Social Studies and French

General Science:

The following are recommended within a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) as academic preparation for teaching General Science as a main teachable subject:

- *12 credits from a combination of 3 of the following sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science or Earth Science*
- *18 credits in one or a combination of science (as outlined in point above) or in science related disciplines such as Geology, Physical Geography, Science, Astronomy; or other courses with a demonstrated science focus.*

Social Studies:

The BC College of Teachers requires the following courses as academic preparation for teaching Social Studies:

- *3 credits each of History, Geography and Canadian Studies (courses must focus on understanding the Canadian experience with the Canadian content being a central to the conceptual thesis of the course, rather than existing only in exemplar supporting contents of another academic discipline; typically “Canada” or “British Columbia”, etc. occurs in the course title)*
- *15 credits in one or a combination of Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, and Sociology. Course work relating to Classical, Environmental, First Nations, Urban or Women’s Studies may be included provided the course description reveals a relationship to the Social Studies curriculum.*

Within, or in addition to the above listed requirements, the VIU Faculty of Education strongly recommends the inclusion of:

- *3 credits of First Nations course content*
- *3 credits additional History*

French:

A major or minor in French is required to teach French as a second language.

- *French immersion field experience is considered on an individual basis following successful completion of a French fluency test.*

If you are taking courses at another institution, we encourage you to ensure that the courses are acceptable to VIU’s Faculty of Education.

For prerequisite course approval for courses from other institutions, please schedule an appointment to speak to an Education Advisor by calling 250-740-6223 or 1-888-920-2221 ext. 6223.