VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA - COMPLEMENTARY STUDIES ELECTIVE COURSES

The BEng/BSEng programs at the University of Victoria require completion of courses involving material that supplement the technical content of their curriculums.

To be counted as complementary studies, a course must satisfy each of the following:

1. In accordance with the criteria of the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB), in a complementary studies elective course the principal subject matter must deal with central issues, methodologies and thought processes of the humanities and social sciences. At Vancouver Island University, these courses will typically be housed in the Faculties of Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences. Language courses are permitted as complementary studies electives provided they address the central issues, methodologies and thought processes of the humanities and social sciences and as such do not primarily emphasize language skills. For example, a literature course counts as a complementary studies elective whereas an introductory language course may not.

2. The course is outside the other course categories in the CEAB criteria, i.e., the course is not primarily Mathematics, Basic Science, Engineering Science or Engineering Design as defined in the CEAB criteria. A course whose primary emphasis is computer science, science, mathematics or statistics, for example, is not acceptable as a complementary studies elective.

3. A substantial portion of a complementary studies elective course must include material that is not covered elsewhere in the student's program. For example, a course in economics, which does count as complementary studies in the CEAB guidelines, cannot be used as an elective if it has a substantial overlap with the material covered in the required engineering economics course.

Students enrolled within the Fundamentals of Engineering certificate may wish to take courses at VIU to partially fulfill the University of Victoria's complementary studies requirements. The following list provides a guide of VIU courses which transfer (with a minimum 'C' grade) into the currently approved elective list published by the BEng/BSEng Student Programs Committee (12-Nov-2015) as per the BC Transfer Guide.

| ANTH 211 | HIST 102 | HIST 222 | PHED 230 | PHIL 245 | POLI 245 |
| ENGL 200 | HIST 111 | HIST 240 | PHED 351 | PHIL 252 | POLI 260 |
| ENGL 201 | HIST 112 | HIST 245 | PHIL 100 | POLI 201 | SOCI 111 |
| ENGL 202 | HIST 131 | HIST 252 | PHIL 221 | POLI 221 | SOCI 112 |
| GEOG 290 | HIST 132 | HIST 261 | PHIL 230 | POLI 222 | THEA 203 |
| HIST 101 | HIST 221 | MGMT 292 | PHIL 241 | POLI 231 |

This is not an exhaustive list.

- Students must seek approval from the University of Victoria in advance and maintain a physical record of this approval if they wish to take complementary studies course that is not on the above list (please see the VIU Engineering advisor for the current discipline contact).
- The approved elective list provided by the University of Victoria is subject to change and students should confirm that the referenced version is the most up-to-date.
- The University of Victoria reserves the right to make decisions regarding whether or not courses are acceptable for complementary studies credit.
- Vancouver Island University is not responsible for ramifications, financial or otherwise, arising should a student enroll in a course that the University of Victoria subsequently deems unsuitable for complementary studies credit.

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