

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 following¹:

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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 list¹ 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.

¹Text and course list drawn from www.uvic.ca/engineering/assets/docs/Comp_Studies_list.pdf (retrieved 17.Mar.2017)