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PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE AND CHECKLIST SECONDARY EDUCATION: CONCURRENT B.A./B.ED. OR B.SC./B.ED. PROGRAM (2021-2022)

Program Overview

TWU's Concurrent 5-year B.A./B.Ed. and B.Sc./B.Ed. Secondary Education Program leads to a British Columbia Professional Teaching Certificate, valid in all grades in both public and independent schools in B.C.

The program includes the following components:

- *TWU and BC certification core requirements* (Page 3 of this guide). You complete most of these during your first and second year.
- *Specializations in teachable subject areas*: See page 2 of this guide. Choose your specializations during your first year in order to complete your program in five years. Take courses in your specializations each semester.
- *Foundational education courses*: You take 33-34 sem. hrs. of education courses during your first four years. These include at least three initial classroom experiences.
- *Professional year program*: You take nine months of integrated seminars, classroom practica, and curriculum and pedagogy courses.

After successfully completing the first four years of the program you will graduate with a B.A. or a B.Sc. degree. After the professional year at TWU, you will also receive TWU's B.Ed. degree.

Progressing through the Program

After you complete EDUC 211, 222 and 233, you apply to be confirmed into TWU's teacher education program. For this you need a *minimum* GPA of 2.7 (B-) in your last 60 sem. hrs. of course work, an average of at least 2.0 (C) in ENGL 103/104 or their equivalents, and a positive recommendation of your education professors. *Entry into Year 3 does not guarantee acceptance into a professional year.*

If you are not confirmed into Year 3, you may take upper level education courses if space permits but **ONLY** if your cumulative GPA is at least 2.5. You may (re)apply for confirmation into the third year of the Education program once you meet the above conditions, or you may complete a minor in education as part of a B.A. or B.Sc. degree (*a minor in education does not lead to teacher certification*).

You apply for acceptance into the fifth or professional year of the program by November 15 of your fourth year. At that time you are evaluated on the basis of your cumulative GPA, experience working with children, assessment by your education professors, the quality of your application, and references about your suitability for teaching.

Using the Checklist

Pages 3 and 4 form a checklist to keep track of your progress. Enter course names and numbers where applicable, together with the semester and year that you took each course.

Enter "TC" for courses transferred in, but check these with your advisor to ensure that these may be counted towards teacher certification. Community college courses not transferable to major universities cannot be applied to the 159 sem. hrs. required for the B.A./B.Ed. or B.Sc./B.Ed. degrees. For B.C. certification Bible College transfer credits count **ONLY** if the Bible College is fully accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education and if a course has a TWU equivalent that counts towards the concurrent degree program. We cannot guarantee that such Bible College courses will be accepted by other institutions.

The required minimum for graduation from the program is 159 sem. hrs. of approved credit. *That means you must complete 122 sem. hrs. of credit in your first four years.* In adding your totals, do not count twice courses entered both on the left and right pages in the centre of this guide!

QUESTIONS ABOUT TEACHER EDUCATION?

If you have questions, get them answered!

All education professors can give you advice about your program.

- All declared education students should see their own Education advisor.

Choosing Your Subject Specializations/Teachables

For the secondary education program (Grades 8-12), you must complete at least one major or two minors from the following teachable subject specializations. For employment purposes it is preferable to complete either two minors or one of the interdisciplinary majors.

Applied Ling/TESL **	Geography**
Art	History
Biology	Human Kinetics*
Business**	International Studies*
Canadian Studies*	Mathematics
Chemistry	Music
Computing Science	Physics**
English	Social Studies
Environmental Studies*	Special Education **
French	Theatre**
Spanish **	Political Science**

* Subjects with an asterisk* must contain 24 sem hrs in one teachable subject area (such as Biology for Environmental Studies, History for International Studies and History or Geography for Canadian Studies, or either Human Kinetics or Physical Education if Human Kinetics is a major).

Students cannot major in the subject areas with a double asterisk and can only choose one of them as a minor.

Students interested in teaching in independent schools may also complete a minor in Religious Studies as one of their teachable subjects, as long as they choose their other specialization from a discipline without a double asterisk.

Some majors may require additional coursework that goes beyond the minimum of a total of 122 sem hours in your undergraduate degree.

Completing Your Program on Schedule

The secondary teacher education program is a very full program. Indeed, you are not able to complete the full program within the minimum 159 sem. hrs. of credit if you choose to major in certain subject areas. To complete the program as efficiently as possible, follow the recommendations below.

First year: Take 33 sem. hrs. of courses (16 one semester; 17 the other). Take ENGL 103 and 104. Also try to take 10-15 sem. hrs. additional coursework that counts toward your core, including, if at all possible, a lab science, a religious studies and a CDN HST course. You may take EDUC 211 in the second semester. Finally, take at least 6 sem. hrs. of course work in each of your specializations. The important thing to keep in mind is that each course you take should “fit” somewhere in the checklist (but NOT in the elective section).

Second year: Take about 33 sem. hrs. of courses. Take EDUC 222 and 233 (and 211 if you did not take it during your first year). Complete most of the core requirements on page 3. Take at least two subject specialization courses each semester, including the prerequisites for upper level courses.

Third year: Take three of EDUC 310, 345 or 365, and 321 as well as two classroom experience courses (EDUC 302 and 303). Take as many subject specialization courses as you can fit in. Except for EDUC 495/EDUC496, complete your core requirements if you haven't already done so.

Fourth year: Take EDUC 401, 435 or 465, 495, 496 as well as a third and fourth classroom experience course (EDUC 402 and 403). Complete your specializations. Depending on the specializations you chose, this is the year that you may have room to fit in one or two electives. *Note that you should complete at least 122 sem. hrs. of course credit in your four years at TWU.*

If you intend to teach middle school, follow the elementary program guide and checklist.

If you have already completed a B.A. or B.Sc. and are applying to TWU's Professional Year, you should use the POST-DEGREE B.Ed. Planning Guide and Checklist rather than this one.

When first enrolling in TWU as a prospective teacher, please prepare TWO copies of this checklist. Give one to your advisor who will put it into your file to keep track of your progress and help give you sound advice.

Special Notes:

- Students can now take EDUC 345 or EDUC 365 to fulfill the Cultural and Linguistics Inquiry Core requirement and EDUC Program requirement.
- EDUC 345 – Gender and Education: This course explores the relationship of gender and education in the context of formalized schooling, both in Canada and around the world.
- EDUC 365 – Social Issues in Education may be offered in May as a Travel Study every other year.