

Technology Teacher Education – BCIT

Information regarding for the 30 credits of Liberal Studies

The 30 credits of liberal studies are one of the three components needed to earn a Bachelor's degree in Education from UBC so you are eligible to teach Technology Education in BC (the other two components being the 2 year diploma at BCIT and the 1 year of teacher training at UBC). Here are some answers to frequently asked questions regarding the liberal studies...

Are the liberal studies a requirement to enter the TTED program at BCIT?

No. However, our preference is to accept students who have completed all or most of the liberal studies over those who haven't. Keep in mind that there is *no* advantage to completing the liberal studies after the BCIT portion of the program.

Which courses can I take?

The liberal studies are intended to be exactly that – liberal in nature, rather than a prescriptive set of courses. Students in some programs, such as Business or Human Kinetics, have their first year courses selected for them and those courses are specific to those programs and not liberal in nature. The types of courses you take during your liberal studies might include courses such as English or some other language course, psychology, anthropology, art, history, math - just to name a few.

Are there specific English requirements?

Of the 30 credits, six must be in English. Three credits should be in Literature and three in Composition. You will select the remaining 24 credits.

Where do I take these courses?

The liberal studies can be completed at any recognized college or university. This means that they can usually be completed close to home. BCIT does not offer liberal studies courses.

How long does it take to complete the 30 credits?

Typically, 30 credits can be completed in one year if you are attending school full time. Taken part time, it will take two or more years depending on how many classes you are enrolled in at any given time.

What about courses I have taken in the past?

Post secondary courses you have completed in the past may count towards the liberal studies provided they are liberal in nature and were completed at a recognized college or university. Courses which you may have completed as part of a trade program, engineering program, business program etc. won't be transferable towards the liberal studies.

I completed business or kinesiology courses in the past. Can these credits be applied towards the liberal studies?

No. UBC will not accept business or kinesiology course credits.

Does BCIT and the TTED Faculty evaluate these credits?

No. These credits are UBC's requirements and they will be evaluating the liberal studies courses you have completed.

Can I verify the acceptability of courses before I enroll?

Yes. You can visit the [BC Transfer Guide](#) website. From there you can enter the course info and find out if UBC recognizes that course or courses.

Where can I get more info?

If you have further questions, you can contact Dilys Chiew in the UBC [Teacher Education Office](#) at 604-822-2249 or via email at dily.chiew@ubc.ca