

From: **Vancouver Island University (VIU)**
Forest Resources Technology Diploma

To: **University of Northern BC (UNBC)**
Bachelor of Science, Forest Ecology & Management

The following list of course equivalents will appear on the transfer credit summary for students who have successfully completed **Vancouver Island University's Forest Resources Technology Diploma** and are successfully admitted to the **Bachelor of Science with a major Forest Ecology & Management degree at UNBC for the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar**.

Information in this handout is unofficial and should be used as a guide only. Official transfer credit results will be provided at the time of admission to your program. For questions regarding admission to UNBC or course selection please contact Student Recruitment & Advising at 250-960-6306 or advising@unbc.ca.

NOTE: As per UNBC Undergraduate Calendar Regulation number 14, "Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of upper division UNBC course work to receive a UNBC degree."

Course Number & Name		UNBC Equivalence ¹
Year 1		
FRST 111	Forest Surveying	NREM 100-3 & NREM 203-3 ²
FRST 112	Forest Inventory	NREM 100-3 & NREM 203-3 ²
FRST 114	Forest Biometrics	FSTY 2XX-3
FRST 121	Spatial Data	NREM 100-3 & NREM 203-3 ²
FRST 131	Forest Botany	FSTY 201-3
FRST 132	Forest Ecology I: Ecosystems & Silvics	FSTY 209-4 ³
FRST 143	Forest Hydrology & Riparian Management	ENVS 1XX-3
FRST 144	Forest Resources Administration	NREM 2XX-2
FRST 151	Forest Soils I	FSTY 1XX-2
FRST 152	Forest Soils II	FSTY 1XX-2
FRST 162	Fire Management	FSTY 2XX-3
FRST 181	Computer Applications for Forest Technologists	CPSC 1XX-3
ENGL 115	University Writing & Research	ENGL 170-3
ENGL 204	Business & Technical Writing	COMM 200-3
MATH 181	Introduction Statistics	STAT 240-3
Year 2		
FRST 201	Research & Communications	NRES 100-3
FRST 212	Silviculture Assessment	FSTY 1XX-1
FRST 231	Silviculture I	FSTY 305-3 ⁴
FRST 233	Silviculture II	FSTY 305-3 ⁴
FRST 235	Forest Ecology II: Ecosystems & Management	FSTY 209-4 ³
FRST 242	Integrated Resource Management	NREM 210-4
FRST 261	Forest Harvesting Systems	FSTY 3XX-3 & FSTY 403-3 ⁵
FRST 262	Forest Harvest Planning	FSTY 3XX-3 & FSTY 403-3 ⁵
FRST 271	Forest Road Design	FSTY 3XX-3 & FSTY 403-3 ⁵
FRST 272	Forest Road Planning & Design	FSTY 3XX-3 & FSTY 403-3 ⁵
FRST 282	Information Technology	GEOG 204-3
FRST 291	Interior Field Trip	NREM 2XX-2
FRST 328	GIS for Natural Sciences	GEOG 300-3
FRST 351	Forest Pathology	FSTY 307-3 & FSTY 317-1 & FSTY 3XX-2 ⁶
FRST 352	Forest Entomology	FSTY 307-3 & FSTY 317-1 & FSTY 3XX-2 ⁶

Diploma Completion Credits

The following transfer credit will be applied if students have completed the entire program: NREM 101-3

¹ Course equivalencies were determined through the articulation process and are listed on the BC Transfer Guide, www.bctransferguide.ca

Students will need to choose coursework appropriately so as not to receive duplicate Transfer Credit.

² All of VIU FRST 111, FRST 112 & FRST 121 in order to receive the noted credit.

³ Both VIU FRST 132 & FRST 235 must be taken to receive the noted credit.

⁴ Both VIU FRST 231 & FRST 233 must be taken to receive the noted credit.

⁵ All of VIU FRST 261, FRST 262, FRST 271 & FRST 272 must be taken to receive the noted credit.

⁶ Both VIU FRST 351 & FRST 352 must be taken to receive the noted credit.

Note: Above based on VIU's 2025 website.

Recommended UNBC Course Equivalencies to take:**

Biology 1st Year Courses – BIOL 103, BIOL 123, BIOL 104 & BIOL 124

Chemistry 1st Year Courses – CHEM 100, CHEM 120, CHEM 101 & CHEM 121

MATH 115 or MATH 152

**For ease of progression, we highly encourage you to complete these UNBC Equivalent courses prior to starting your first semester. Course equivalencies are listed on the BC Transfer Guide, www.bctransferguide.ca; please send your official transcript to UNBC for credit.

Top 10 things you should know and do for a successful, smooth transfer to UNBC:

1. Haven't applied to UNBC and have questions?

Contact futurestudents@unbc.ca or visit <https://unbc4u.unbc.ca>. Our UNBC Recruitment team is happy to answer questions and help you apply to your desired program.

2. Once you have been admitted and have received your Transfer Credit Summary, touch base with your Student Advisor.

Your Student Advisor can help discuss how your transfer credits will be applied towards your UNBC program, any and all resources available to you and ultimately guide you through things you might not know about transferring to UNBC! Don't know who your student Advisor is? Find out here:

<https://www2.unbc.ca/advising/contact>

3. Read carefully through all the details of your Pathway (this document).

We have included many details in this document about multiple aspects of the transfer process. Have a question? Email transfercredit@unbc.ca.

4. Use the BC Transfer Guide!

The BC Transfer Guide (www.bctransferguide.ca) allows you to search how your post-secondary coursework might transfer to UNBC. In conjunction with your pathway document, we highly recommend using the BC Transfer Guide to explore how your previous post-secondary courses might transfer to UNBC!

5. Know what 'Academic Calendar' means.

When admitted to UNBC, you are following the program requirements of the Academic Calendar of your admit year. For example, if you are admitted for September 2022, you will be following the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar throughout the entirety of your undergraduate degree. Please ensure you are not simply "Googling" your program requirements but using the appropriate Academic Calendar by visiting www.unbc.ca/calendar. **To learn more about your academic calendar, touch base with your Student Advisor.**

6. Hold onto your previous institution's course outlines!

It's very possible that you have taken a course that needs to be reviewed. If this is the case, we may ask for course outlines in order to give you the most accurate and up-to-date information. Additionally, if you receive 'UNSP' credit as the course has never been reviewed, you can submit your course outlines to transfercredit@unbc.ca.

7. **Understand the terminology!**

Not sure what 'UNSP' means? Confused by the course numbering assigned to your transfer credit (ie. 2XX)?

Be sure to visit our Transfer Credit Definitions page to learn more about your transfer credit:

<https://www2.unbc.ca/registrar/transfer-credit-definitions>

8. **Be Patient!**

Great things take time. Similarly, it can take up to 6 weeks for courses to be articulated once you have submitted course outlines.

9. **Understand your Degree Evaluation!**

Your Degree Evaluation is available once course registration opens/is open for your first semester at UNBC. Your degree evaluation organizes your course work for you, showing you how your transfer credit is being used and can help you track your progress to graduation.

<https://www2.unbc.ca/advising/understanding-your-degree-evaluation>

10. **Want to find out how many courses you have remaining to complete a Bachelor's degree?**

Completing a two-year program does not automatically mean that you will only have 2 years remaining of a Bachelor's degree. The remaining coursework is very subjective as each transfer student might have taken different courses. This means that it is very possible that you may have to take first year courses at UNBC. For a smooth transfer into the program, we highly recommend completing any courses listed under the 'Recommended Courses to take' section of the pathway if applicable. Contact your Student Advisor for more information!

Additional Questions? Here's who to contact:

Admissions – admissions@unbc.ca

Transfer Credit – transfercredit@unbc.ca

Degree Evaluation and Advising Questions:

- Find out who your Advisor is: <https://www2.unbc.ca/advising/contact>
- Then reach out and send them an email!

We are looking forward to seeing you at UNBC!