

TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Effective Date: March 1, 2025

Between
University of the Fraser Valley (“UFV”)
and
British Columbia Institute of Technology (“BCIT”)

OVERVIEW

1. UFV is a recognized public university operating under the authority of the BC Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and governed by the University Act (British Columbia). UFV enrolls approximately 15,000 students per year with campuses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission, and Hope.
2. BCIT is a public, post-secondary education institution governed by the College and Institute Act (British Columbia) located primarily in Burnaby, BC. BCIT enrolls approximately 30,000 students per year and offers a range of career-focused training and technology programs at five campuses.
3. The purpose of the agreement is to create a pathway for graduates of BCIT’s Fish, Wildlife and Recreation (FWR) Diploma (completed as of June 2025 or later) to complete a designated Bachelor’s Degree with another two years or less of full-time study.
4. This agreement addresses the requirements for graduates of BCIT’s **Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation (FWR) Diploma** (June 2025 completion or later) transferring to UFV to undertake further studies. This agreement outlines how FWR courses are used towards completion of the following bachelor’s degree or diploma programs:
 - a. Bachelor of Environmental Studies
 - b. Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Natural Sciences)

ADMISSIONS

1. Students interested in completing Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES) or Bachelor of Environmental Studies-Natural Sciences (BES-NS) will apply directly to those programs.
2. Students applying for admission to a UFV program will be required to pay application fees and to provide official transcripts from BCIT and any other postsecondary institution attended.
3. All students applying to UFV must meet the degree-level **English language proficiency requirement**. Completion of the BCIT **COMM 1155** meets this requirement.
4. Students must meet the **minimum GPA for application** requirements of the specific program to which they are applying. Graduates of the **FWR Diploma** to the BES and BES-NS must have achieved a minimum CGPA of 60% on all attempted courses.
5. Students meeting the minimum admission requirements are not guaranteed admission to UFV.
6. UFV cannot guarantee available seats in specific courses, or in specific terms, used in UFV programs, as seats in courses may be limited.

APPENDIX A: ARTICULATION BY PROGRAM PATHWAY

TRANSFER PATHWAYS

1. BCIT Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation Diploma to UFV Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES)
2. BCIT Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation Diploma to UFV Bachelor of Environmental Studies-Natural Sciences (BES-NS)

1. BCIT FWR Diploma to UFV Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES)

- **Credit and Residency requirement** for UFV BES: Of 120 credits for the BES, at least 60 must be completed at UFV. At least 30 upper-level credits must be completed at UFV.
 - a. Graduates of the BCIT FWR diploma will have 60 transfer credits from their diploma applied to the BES.
 - b. Graduates of the BCIT FWR diploma will have 15 transfer credits from their diploma applied to the degree requirement for upper-level (300- and 400-level) coursework. An additional 30 upper-level credits must be completed at UFV to meet the BES degree residency requirement.

UFV BES REQUIREMENTS	
Environmental Core	
UFV Course	Met at BCIT by:
GEOG 111: Environmental Issues and Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by completion of the FWR Diploma
GEOG 257: Environment: Science and Communications	<i>To be met at UFV</i>
ENV 200: Living in our watershed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by RENR 2300: Ecosystem Principles and Identification
ENV 310: Leadership in Environmental Professions	<i>To be met at UFV</i>
ENV 410: Environmental Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by RENR 4310: Integrated Ecosystem Management
GEOG 331/ ENV 331: Environmental Assessment and Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by RENR 2340: Habitat Assessment
PHIL 318: Environmental Philosophy	<i>To be met at UFV</i>
One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COOP 110: Co-op Work Term • GEOG 412: Environmental Practicum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by completion of the FWR Diploma
Research, Methods, Engagement	
UFV Course	Met at BCIT by:
One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMNS 125: Communicating Professionally to Workplace and Academic Audiences • ENGL 105: Academic Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by COMM 1155: Professional Communications and Practices for Resource Management

GEOG 212: Environmental Field and Lab Techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement satisfied by RENR 3350: Environmental Monitoring
One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEOG 253: Intro to GIS GEOG 357/ BIO 357: Conservation GIS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement satisfied by RENR 2310: GIS for Natural Resource Applications
PHIL 100: Reasoning	<i>To be met at UFV</i>
Statistics requirement: One of STAT 104, STAT 106, or PSYC 110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement satisfied by MATH 2453: Statistics for Natural Resources
Breadth Requirements	
UFV Course	Met at BCIT by:
GEOG 103: The Physical Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement satisfied by completion of the FWR Diploma
One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEOG 201: Climate and People GEOG 202: Landforms and processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement satisfied by RENR 1310: Introduction to Earth Science and Hydrology
One course in Agriculture (from list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waived. Students who have completed the Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Diploma will not be required to complete this requirement.
One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIO 106: Ecology from an Urban Perspective BIO 210: Introduction to Ecology GEOG 219/ BIO 219: Biogeography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement satisfied by completion of the FWR Diploma
One course in Society and Culture (List 1A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RENR 2240: Environmental Law and Policy
One course in Political Economy (List 1B)	<i>To be met at UFV</i>
Two courses from Society, Culture, and Environment (List 2A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement partially satisfied by RENR 3340: Indigenous Perspectives in FWR <i>Second course requirement to be met at UFV</i>
One course in Professional and Research Skills II (List 2B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement satisfied by RENR 3360: Field Data Analysis for Natural Resource Applications

Note: Some courses are listed as options to meet multiple requirements. However, unless otherwise noted, any one course can only be used to meet only one requirement in a student's program.

2. BCIT FWR Diploma to UFV Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Natural Sciences)

- **Credit and Residency requirement** for UFV BES-NS: Of 120 credits for the BES-NS, at least 60 must be completed at UFV. At least 30 upper-level credits must be completed at UFV. At least 45 upper-level credits must be completed in the BES-NS.
 - a. Graduates of the BCIT FWR diploma will have 60 transfer credits from their diploma applied to the BES-NS.
 - b. Graduates of the BCIT FWR diploma will have 15 transfer credits from their diploma applied to the degree requirement for upper-level (300- and 400-level) coursework. An additional 30 upper-level credits must be completed at UFV to meet the BES-NS degree residency requirement.

UFV BES-NATURAL SCIENCES REQUIREMENTS	
Environmental Core	
UFV Course	Met at BCIT by:
GEOG 111: Environmental Issues and Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by completion of the FWR Diploma
GEOG 257: Environment: Science and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To be met at UFV</i>
ENV 200: Living in our watershed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by RENR 2300: Ecosystem Principles and Identification
ENV 310: Leadership in Environmental Professions	<i>To be met at UFV</i>
ENV 410: Environmental Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by RENR 4310: Integrated Ecosystem Management
GEOG 331: Environmental Assessment and Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by RENR 2340: Habitat Assessment
PHIL 318: Environmental Philosophy	<i>To be met at UFV</i>
One of: COOP 110 or GEOG 412	Requirement satisfied by completion of the FWR Diploma
Research, Methods, Engagement	
UFV Course	Met at BCIT by:
One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMNS 125: Communicating Professionally to Workplace and Academic Audiences • ENGL 105: Academic Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by COMM 1155: Professional Communications and Practices for Resource Management
GEOG 212: Environmental Field and Lab Techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by RENR 3350: Environmental Monitoring
GEOG 253: Introduction to GIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by RENR 1105: Natural Resource Measurements + RENR 2111: Digital Field Data Collection
One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEOG 353: Applications in GIS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by RENR 2310: GIS for Natural Resource Applications

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEOG 357/ BIOL 357: Conservation GIS 	
	PHIL 100: Reasoning	<i>To be met at UFV</i>
	Statistics requirement: One of STAT 104, STAT 106, PSYC 110, or STAT 270	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by MATH 2453: Statistics for Natural Resources
	One course from List 2b (Research and Prof Skills)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by RENR 3360: Field Data Analysis for Natural Resource Applications
Breadth Requirements		
UFV Course		Met at BCIT by:
	BIO 111: Introductory Biology I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To be met at UFV</i>
	BIOL 112: Introductory Biology II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To be met at UFV</i>
	One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIO 210: Introduction to Ecology • GEOG 219/ BIOL219: Biogeography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by completion of the FWR Diploma
	One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHEM 110: Introductory Chemistry • CHEM 113: Principles of Chemistry I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by completion of CHEM 1150
	GEOG 103: The Physical Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by completion of the FWR Diploma
	One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEOG 201: Climate and People • GEOG 202: Understanding Your Earth: Landforms and processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement satisfied by RENR 1310: Introduction to Earth Science and Hydrology
	One course in Agriculture (from list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waived. Students who have completed the Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Diploma will not be required to complete this requirement.
	One course in Society and Culture (List 1A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RENR 2240: Environmental Law and Policy
	One course in Political Economy (List 1B)	<i>To be met at UFV</i>
	One course from Society, Culture, and Environment (List 2A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement partially satisfied by RENR 3340: Indigenous Perspectives in FWR
	<u>Five</u> courses in upper-level Science (List 2B)	Requirement partially satisfied by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RENR 1310: Identifying and Describing Soils (articulated as GEOG 315) • RENR 3320: Wildlife Management & Stewardship • RENR 3330: Freshwater Fisheries Management & Stewardship <i>Remainder of requirement (two courses) be met at UFV</i>

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Note: BES-NS degree requirements met through completion of the BCIT FWR diploma may still require additional coursework at UFV in order to meet the requirements necessary for registration as an applied biologist or technologist. Students intending to pursue registration as an RPBio should review course requirements set out by the professional College of Applied Biologists (<https://cab-bc.org/>).