



Liberal Studies for Elementary Education A.A. Degree - Local GE

This major is designed for students who wish to be teachers in public and private elementary schools. Further education at the university level will be required to fulfill all requirements for a teaching credential authorizing service in California public schools.

Total Units: 60

First Year

Semester 1

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ECE 307¹ Introduction to Bilingual Education	3		F	
ECE 312 Child Development	3	Advisory: ENGL C1000	F, S, Su	CRC Area L4
ENGL C1000 Academic Reading and Writing	3		F(P), S(P), Su(O)	CRC Area L1A
MATH 310 Mathematical Discovery	3	Intermediate Algebra or the high school equivalent	F, S	CRC Area L2
COMM 361 The Communication Experience	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area L1B

¹ At least 10 tutoring sessions of an emergent ELL. Note: ECE 307 is a prerequisite course equivalent to EDUC 170 for the Sac State Teaching Credentialing Programs

Semester 2

14 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ENGL C1001 Critical Thinking and Writing	3	College-level composition (ENGL C1000/ENGL C1000H/ENGL C1000E/C-ID ENGL 100) or equivalent	F(O,P), S, Su(O)	CRC Area L1B
HIST 310 History of the United States (To 1877)	3	Advisory: Eligible for ENGL C1000	F(P), S(P)	CRC Area L4
GEOL 305 Earth Science	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area L5
GEOL 306 Earth Science Laboratory	1		F, S, Su	

Career Options/Outlook:

The Liberal Studies for Elementary Education Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree prepares students for careers in education, child development, and related fields. This degree is primarily designed for students planning to transfer to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree and earn a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, which is required for teaching in elementary schools (grades K-6). **Career opportunities require more than an associate's degree.**

A sample of reported job titles:

With an A.A. Degree (Before Transferring):

Instructional Aide/Paraprofessional

After-School Program Coordinator

Preschool Teacher or Assistant (with additional ECE coursework)

With a Bachelor's Degree & Teaching Credential:

Elementary School Teacher (K-6)

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Teacher

Special Education Teacher (with additional credentialing)

Reading/Literacy Specialist

Bilingual/Dual-Immersion Teacher

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
COMM 325 ¹ Intercultural Communication or	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area L4
ENGLT 336 ¹ Race and Ethnicity in Contemporary American Literature or	3	Eligibility for ENGL C1000	F, S, Su	CRC Area L3
SOC 321 ¹ Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area L4
Elective	1		F, S, Su	

Year 2

Semester 3

16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ECE 350 ¹ Introduction to Elementary Teaching with Field Experience	3	Advisory: ECE 312 or 307	S	CRC Area L7B
BIOL 308 Contemporary Biology	3	Advisory: ESLR 320 and ESLW 310, OR ESL 325; OR eligibility for ENGRD 310 AND ENGWR 101	F, S, Su	CRC Area L5
BIOL 309 Contemporary Biology Laboratory	1	Co-Req: BIOL 308; BIOL 308 may be taken during a previous semester. Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000 or completion of ESL 130.	F, S, Su	
HIST 307 History of World Civilizations to 1500	3	Co-req: BIOL 308; BIOL 308 may be taken during a previous semester. Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000 or completion of ESL 130.	F	CRC Area L3
ECON 302 Principles of Macroeconomics	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)	CRC Area L4
ENGED 305 Structure of English	3	ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	

¹ 45-54 in-person lab hours at qualifying site

Semester 4

15 Units

Projected job openings in California (2020-2030):

156,400

Projected growth in California (220-2030):

8% growth

Median Salary in California with advanced degree (2021):

\$95,160/yr

Source:

<https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/25-2021.00>

Transfer notes:

Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation or transferring to a specific 4-year institution.

General Education (GE):

Non-specified GE courses identified by CRC or Cal-GETC Area without pre- or co-requisites can be taken at any semester.

Honors option:

The CRC Honors Program is designed specifically for academically accomplished students and for students with the potential for high achievement. Students who complete 15 units or more in honors-designated courses will earn special recognition as an Honors Scholar, a distinction that may entitle the student to guaranteed transfer and scholarship opportunities at select transfer colleges and universities.

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
HIST 308 History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present	3	Advisory: ENGL C1000	S	CRC Area L4
ART 430 Art and Children	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area L3
ENGED 320 Service Learning: Tutoring Elementary Students in Reading	3	Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000	F, S, Su	CRC Area L7B
POLS C1000 Introduction to Government: United States	3	Advisory: ENGL C1000 or C1000H	F, S(O), Su	CRC Area L4
CRC Area 6-Ethnic Studies	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area L6

^You must have passed the prerequisite course(s) with a “C” or better; Corequisite must be taken during the same semester; Advisory means it is recommended but not required to enroll in the course.

*(O) = online available (P) = partially online

About this program map:

This program map represents one possible pathway to complete the program. Please see a counselor to create an education plan customized to meet your needs. This map is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

The Zero Textbook Costs designation and logo are added to any course that provides free access to all required instructional materials. These are typically shared with students through Canvas. Courses that are designated as ZTC may still require students to purchase supplemental materials such as lab coats, a calculator, art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the [Zero Textbook Costs](#) page of the college website.

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