Liberal Studies for Elementary Teacher Education A.A. Degree

FULL TIME

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

Catalog: 2026-27

GE Pattern: Cal-GETC

Total Units: 60

First Year

Semester 1

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	ECE 312 Child Development **or** PSYC 372 Child Development	3 3		4
RE	ENGL C1000 College Composition **or** ENGL C1000H[H] Honors College Composition	3 3		1A
Req	HIST 307 History of World Civilizations to 1500	3		3B
RE	COMM 361[1] The Communication Experience	3		1C
GE	MATH 300 Introduction to Mathematical Ideas	3		2

[1] or COMM C1000 (formerly known as COMM 301)

Semester 2

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	ENGED 324 Introduction to Elementary Teaching with Field Experience **or** ECE 350 Introduction to Elementary Teaching with Field Experience	3 3		
Req	MATH 310 Mathematical Discovery	3		
Req	POLS C1000 Introduction to Government: United States **or** POLS C1000H[H] Introduction to Government: United States - Honors	3 3		4

TRANSFER PATH

Potential Transfer Majors:

The courses in this roadmap prepare students to transfer into the precredential Liberal Studies B.A. program at Sacramento State University. With minor changes, they also prepare students for the Child Development Integrated Pre-Credential Subject Matter Program at CSUS.

Potential Career/Options After Completing a Bachelor's Degree:

The pre-credential programs at CSUS prepare students to become K-8 or special education teachers in California.

Advising Notes:

- This degree can be completed using either the local AA/AS general education (GE) pattern or the Cal-GETC transfer GE pattern. See a counselor to determine which pattern is best for you based on your academic goals.
- This map is designed for students who are able to take 12 units or more each semester, which is considered a full-time load. It shows one possible way to finish the program in two years. See a counselor to adjust the coursework to meet your specific needs.
- All of the required and restricted elective courses in this roadmap

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 3A (Arts) course	3		3A
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

Second Year

Semester 3

16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	ENGED 320 Tutoring Elementary Students in Reading	3		
Req	BIOL C1000 Survey of Biology	4		5B, 5C
RE	ENGL C1001 Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking **or** ENGL C1001H [H] Honors Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking	3 3	ENGL C1000 or C1000H	1B
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		
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Semester 4

14 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	HIST C1001 History of the United States (To 1877) **or** HIST C1001H [H] History of the United States - Honors	3 3		
Req	GEOL 305 Earth Science	3		5A
Req	GEOL 306 Earth Science Laboratory	1		
Req	ENGED 305 Structure of English	3	ENGL C1000 or C1000H	
GE	any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		6
Elec	any transferable elective course	1		

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES		
Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program

articulate with courses required for the Liberal Studies program at CSUS.

- This map does not include all of the lower-division GE or Liberal Studies major requirements for CSUS. See ASSIST.ORG for a complete list of all of the courses at ARC that articulate with courses in the CSUS Liberal Studies program.
- CSUS requires students to take both HIST 307 and 308 for the Liberal Studies B.A.
- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).
- **Transferable Elective Courses:** any elective courses numbered 300-499, or having a 4-digit number starting with C.
- ECE 401 and 404 are not required for this degree or for the CSUS Liberal Studies program, but they provide essential background in working with students with different needs. They are also required for the CSUS teacher credential program.
- Students interested in the Child Development program at CSUS should also take ECE 314.
- The CSU system requires every student receiving a bachelor's degree to be knowledgeable about the Constitution of the United States, American history, and state and local government. This requirement is generally known as the American Institutions requirement. Students can complete this requirement at ARC before transferring. See a counselor for a list of approved courses.
- To graduate from CSUS, students need to complete two semesters of college foreign language coursework. This

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES		
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement
Elec	Degree Elective	A degree-applicable course that is part of a degree roadmap to ensure that there is a total of at least 60 units, which is a requirement for an associate degree

requirement can also be met by completing three years of high-school foreign language coursework with a C- or better in the final semester, or by passing the CSUS foreign language proficiency test.

Scheduling Notes:

- ENGED 320 and 324 are offered during the day on weekdays in the fall and spring. They involve working with elementary students at a nearby partner school. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to the partner school site.
- ECE 350, ENGED 324, and ENGED 320 include 40-50 hours of fieldwork at an approved elementary school setting. In order to work at school sites, students must complete the clearance process required by each school, which typically includes fingerprinting for a background check. Proof of certain vaccinations or a clear TB test may be required as well.
- ECE 404 is offered every semester and must be taken before or concurrently with ECE 401 (the lab portion of the class). ECE 401 is only offered in the fall.

Honors Courses (H):

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better who complete 15 or more units of Honors coursework earn an Honors Transfer Certificate and can take advantage of honors-to-honors transfer agreements with highly selective colleges and universities, both public and private.

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