

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

The liberal studies major is designed for students planning to enter the School of Education's teaching certificate program in either early childhood or elementary education.

A minimum total of 120 credits is required for the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in liberal studies. Of this total, the major consists of at least 36 credits (12 approved courses) according to the specifications at right. The remaining credits for the degree are outlined on the Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree information sheet.

BA in Liberal Studies/School of Education Certification

Program: The College of General Studies and the School of Education have collaborated on a curriculum under the liberal studies program that incorporates all of the prerequisite course work needed for admission into the Instructional 1 certification programs in early childhood education and elementary education. These options may be used by students interested in the professional year or the Master of Arts in teaching programs offered in the School of Education. Completion of the prerequisites for the School of Education does not guarantee acceptance to their programs. See an academic advisor for specific requirements.

For course schedule and descriptions:

For most undergraduate classes offered by the College of General Studies, the School of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Business Administration, visit http://136.142.19.171/course_descriptions/BrowseCourses.html.

Major Requirements: 36–42 credits

1. Children's Literature: choose one course

ENGLIT	0560	Children and Culture
ENGLIT	0562	Childhood's Books
GER	1502	Indo-European Folktales
RUSS	0090	Russian Fairy Tales

2. Art or Music: choose one course

HAA	0010	Introduction to Art
HAA	0020	Introduction to Asian Art
HAA	0030	Introduction to Modern Art
MUSIC	0211	Introduction to Western Art Music
MUSIC	0311	Introduction to World Music
MUSIC	0711	History of Jazz

3. Science: choose one course

ASTRON	0088	Stonehenge to Hubble with Lab 0080
ASTRON	0089	Stars, Galaxies, and the Cosmos with Lab 0080
BIOSC	0800	Biology for Non-majors 1
BIOSC	0810	Biology for Non-majors 2
BIOSC	0150	Foundations of Biology with Lab 0500
CHEM	0110	General Chemistry 1
GEOL	0800	Introduction to Geology with Lab 0055
GEOL	0860	Environmental Geology with Lab 0055
PHYS	0850	Natural Science 1 or BIOSC 0850 or CHEM 0850
PHYS	0851	Natural Science 2 or BIOSC 0851 or CHEM 0851

4. American History: choose one course

HIST	0600	U.S. to 1877
HIST	0601	U.S. 1865 to Present
HIST	0670	Afro American History 1
HIST	0671	Afro American History 2

5. Child Development: choose one course

PSY	0310	Developmental Psychology
PSYED	1002	Child Development

6. Instruction and Learning: required course

IL	1473	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers
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7. Health and Physical Activity: required course

HPA 1491 Teaching Health and Wellness in the Elementary Schools

8a. Elementary Education Track: choose one course

IL 1000 Introduction to Elementary Education
IL 1700 Early Field Experience: Elementary Education

8b. Early Childhood Education Track: both courses required

IL 1041 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
IL 1901 Nature of the Young Child

9. Electives: choose three or four from the listing below or additional course from 1 through 5 above

AFRCNA 0311 Introduction to the African American Family
AFRCNA 1402 Learning Paradigms for African American Child Development
ANTH 1770 Kinship and Family
CLASS 0030 Mythology in the Ancient World
CLASS 1130 Classical Mythology and Literature
ENGCMP 1552 Uses of Literacy
ENGLIT 0644 Myth and Folktale
ENGLIT 1551 Introduction to the English Language
ENGLIT 1645 Critical Approaches to Children's Literature
ENGLIT 1649 Topics in Children's Literature
GER 1500 Germanic Myths, Legends, and Sagas
HIST 1154 European Families
HPS 0517 Thinking About the Environment
LING 0080 Aspects of Language
LING 1950 Introduction to Linguistics
PSY 0405 Learning and Motivation
PSY 1360 Psychology of Black Children
SOC 0426 Society and the Child
SOC 0438 Sociology of the Family
SOC 0478 Youth and Society
SOC 0479 Sociology of Education
SOC 1443 Juvenile Delinquency
SA 0110 Foundation of Design
SA 0120 Foundation of Painting
SA 0130 Foundation of Drawing
SA 0140 Foundation of Sculpture
THEA 0800 Introduction to Theatre Arts
THEA 0810 Introduction to Dramatic Arts
THEA 0830 Introduction to Performance
THEA 1120 Drama and Performance in the Classroom

10. Professional year program students only: take the following courses in place of two electives in 9

ADMPS 1001 Social Foundations of Education

And choose one of the following:

PSYED 1001 Introduction to Educational Psychology
PSYED 1003 Adolescent Psychology
PSY 0405 Learning and Motivation
PSY 0421 Cognitive Psychology for Non-majors

Related Course Work:

- 3 credits in American or British literature
- 6 credits in mathematics

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Requirements subject to change. Check with an academic advisor before registering.

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