Advising Guides for General Studies Students

Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

This is based on the 2023-2024 Academic Year and is based on successful completion of 15 hours a semester with one summer. Students must choose the Education Focus Area. Refer to the document "General Education Requirements for General Studies Students – First Year Students" for details on the required general education courses for each cohort. For all general education courses, you must earn a "C" or better. Students with Advanced Placement or other approved transfer and early college coursework need to contact their advisor right away so that you don't duplicate credits.

Level	Fall	Spring	Summer
Freshman	ENGL-1000 (3) FYS-1101 (3) HIST-1110 (3) EDUC-2310 (3)* MATH-2131 (3) COUN-1008 (1) Total – 16	ENGL-1010 (3) GEOG-2500 (3) Fine Arts (3) BIOL 1100/1101 or 2102/2107(4) MATH-2141 (3) Total – 16	
Sophomore	COMM-1000 (3) PSYC-1101 (3) POLS-2100 (3) CHEM 1111 or PHYS-1111 (3) EDCP-2101 (3)* Total – 15	ASTR-1111 or PHYS-3435 (3) ENGL-2131 (3)* SPED-2100 (3)* EDUC-2330 (3)* Specialization (3) Total – 15	EDEC-3570 (3) EDEC-3590 (3) Total – 6
Junior	EDEC-3099 (4) Junior Sem EDUC-3410 (1) Specialization (3) Specialization (3) Health Course (3) Total -14	EDUC-3440 (3) EDEC 4550 (3) EDEC-4551 (1) EDEC-4560 (3) EDEC-4561 (1) Specialization (3) Total -14	
Senior	EDEC-4570 (3) EDEC-4571 (1) EDEC-4580 (3) EDEC-4581 (1) Specialization (3) Specialization (3) Total -14	EDEC-4999 (12) (Senior Capstone) Total -12	

Minimum Total 121

Students must earn a "C" or better in all general education courses. Students must have a GPA of 2.75 for gen ed courses.

*Professional courses require a grade of a "B" or better.

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