

Elementary and Middle School Education

General Education Requirement for Teacher Licensure, Initial Elementary Certificate

The following is an outline of General Education course work that is required for Elementary Education majors at Governors State University. The courses listed in each category are Prairie State College courses that may be transferred to meet GovState requirements. Courses with grades below "C" will not be accepted toward the degree.

I. TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM (49-52 Hours)

Area A: Written Communication (9 hours)

- ENG 101 -- Composition I (3)
- ENG 102 -- Composition II (3)
- COMM 101 – Principles of Communication (3)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 hours)

- Humanities Course (3) (Suggest ENG 232 or ENG 212)
- Humanities Course (3)**
- Fine Arts Course (3)**

** Refer to the PSC AA/AS guidelines for a list of course choices.

Area C: Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (11-12 hours)

- IAI MATH Course or MATH 151 -- College Algebra (3-4)
- MATH 200 – Math for Elementary Teaching I (4)
- MATH 206 – Math for Elementary Teaching II (4)

Area D: Biological and Physical Science (10-13 hours) at least one science must have a lab

Choose one: BIOL 100 - General Education Biology (4) or BIOL 103 – Plants and Society (3) or BIOL 105 – Environmental Biology (3) or BIOL 106 – Heredity and Society (4) or BIOL 107 – Microbes and Society (3) or BIOL 111 – Cellular and Molecular Biology (4) or BIOL 112 - Organismal Biology (4)

Choose one: CHEM 105 – Survey of General Chemistry (4) or CHEM 110 – General Chemistry I (5) or PHYSI 101- Concepts of Physics (4) or PHYSI 105 – Physics and Society (3) or PHYSI 120 College Physics I (4) or PHYSC 111 Physical Science (4)

Choose one: ASTRO 101 – Guide to the Universe (3) or ASTRO 104 – The Solar System and Beyond (4) or GEOL 101 – Physical Geology (4) or PHYSC 112 Earth Science (4)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 hours)

- GEOG 101 -- Cultural Geography (3) *Meets non-western cultures requirement*
- POLSC 140 – Introduction to US Government and Politics (3)
- PSYCH 101 -- Introduction to Psychology (3)

II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (21 Hours)

Additional Requirements (9 hours)

- HIST 201 – US History: 1492-1877 (3)
- HIST 202 – US History: 1877-present (3)
- ENG 220 - Children's Literature (3) (ELED Req.)

Professional Education Core Courses (12 hours)

Grade of "B" or better required for professional education courses below.

- ED 100 – Foundations of American Public Education (3) (Meets EDUC 2310)
- ED 101 – Child Growth and Development (3) (Meets EDUC 2330)
- ED 160 -- Technology for Teachers (3) (Meets EDCP 2101)
- ED 212 – Exceptional Child (3) (Meets SPED 2100)

III. Teaching Specializations

Students select one teaching specializations and complete all of the courses in that specialization.

English (18-19 Hours)

In consultation with a program advisor, students will select at least 18 - 19 hours of coursework within one of the following teaching specializations. . At least 9 hours must be completed at the upper-division level.
Transferable PSC courses are shown in bold.

Required Courses (12 hours)

- EMED 3405 - Literacy Across the Curriculum in the Elementary Grades (3) (PE)
- ENGL 1112 - British Literature II (3)
ENG 232 – British Literature II (3)
- ENGL 1222 - American Literature II (3)
ENG 212 – American Literature II (3)
- ENGL 2131 - Literature for Children and Adolescents (3) (GE)
ENG 220 – Children’s Literature (3)

Multicultural Selective (3 hours)

Select one of the following:

- ENGL 4111 - African Novel (3)
- ENGL 4121 - Advanced Survey of Black Literature (3)
- ENGL 4131 - Comparative Latin American Literature (3)
- ENGL 4151 - Literature of Immigrant Children (3)
- ENGL 4171 - Native American Literature (3)
- ENGL 4172 - Contemporary Native American Authors (3)
- ENGL 4181 - Asian American Literature (3)
- ENGL 4307 - African American Literature (3)

Genre Selective (3 hours)

Select one of the following:

- ENGL 3115 - Studies in Mythology (3)
- ENGL 4100 - Advanced Composition (3)
- ENGL 4141 - American Poets (3)
- ENGL 4210 - Writing Poetry (3)
- ENGL 4475 - The Short Story: Crossing Cultures (3)
- ENGL 4483 - Literature of the Environment (3)
- ENGL 4500 - Play Analysis (3)
- ENGL 4525 - Women Writers (3)
- ENGL 4550 - Shakespeare’s Plays (3) **or substitution of
ENG 271 – Introduction to Shakespeare (3)**

NOTE: No more than 9 hours may be from courses also used to satisfy general education (GE) requirements; and only one 3 hour professional education (PE) methods course may be included in this 18-19 hour total. Thus, of the 18-19 hours required for this specialization, 6 hours may come from a combination of GE and PE course work.

General Science (18-19 Hours)

In consultation with a program advisor, students will select at least 18 - 19 hours of coursework within one of the following teaching specializations. . . At least 9 hours must be completed at the upper-division level.

Transferable PSC courses are shown in bold.

Required Course (3 hours)

EMED 4404 - Teaching Science in the Elementary Grades (3) (PE)

Biology (4 hours)

Select from the following:

BIOL 1100/1101 – Human Biology and Lab (4) (GE)

BIOL 2102/2107 – Biological Science Foundations I and Lab (4) (GE)

BIOL 111 – Cellular and Molecular Biology (4)

BIOL 2104/2109 – Biological Science Foundations II and Lab (4) (GE)

BIOL 112 – Organismal Biology (4)

BIOL 3316/3317 – Plant Diversity and Lab (4)

BIOL 103 – Plants and Society (3)

BIOL 3320/3321 – Animal Diversity and Lab (4)

Chemistry (4 hours)

CHEM 1111/1112 – Chemical Science Foundations I and Lab (4) (GE)

CHEM 110 - General Chemistry I (5)

Physics (4 hours)

Select from the following:

PHYS 2141/2142 – Intermediate Physics I and Lab (4)

PHYSI 120 – College Physics I (4)

PHYS 2143/2144 – Intermediate Physics II and Lab (4)

PHYSI 130 – College Physics II (4)

Earth and Space Science (3 hours)

Select one of the following:

PHYS 1200 -- Earth and Space Science (3)

PHYS 3435 -- Meteorology Online (3) (GE)

METEO – Introduction to Meteorology (3)

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Mathematics (18-19 Hours)

In consultation with a program advisor, students will select at least 18 - 19 hours of coursework within one of the following teaching specializations. At least 9 hours must be completed at the upper-division level. **Transferable PSC courses are shown in bold.**

Required Courses (12 hours)

- EMED 4405 - Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary Grades (3) (PE)
- MATH 2131 - Mathematical Structures and Concepts I (3) (GE)
MATH 200 - Math for Elementary Teaching I (4)
- MATH 2141 - Mathematical Structures and Concepts II (3) (GE)
MATH 206 - Math for Elementary Teaching II (4)
- MATH 3155 - Number Theory for Teachers (3) (GE)

Selectives (6 hours)

Select two from the following:

- CPSC 2100 - Introduction to Computing (3)
- LAS 4127 - Investigations in Mathematical Thought (3)
- MATH 2100 - Elementary Statistics (3)
MATH 115 – General Education Statistics (3) or
MATH 153 – Probability and Statistics (4)
- MATH 2150 - Discrete Mathematics (3)
MATH 210 – Discrete Mathematics (3)
- MATH 2281 - Applied Calculus (3)
MATH 204 - Calculus for Business and Social Science (5) or
MATH 207 - Calculus and Analytic Geometry I (5)
- MATH 3331 - Geometry (3)

NOTE: No more than 9 hours may be from courses also used to satisfy general education (GE) requirements; and only one 3 hour professional education (PE) methods course may be included in this 18-19 hour total. Thus, of the 18-19 hours required for this specialization, 12 hours may come from a combination of GE and PE course work.

Bilingual/ESL Education (18 Hours)

Students who choose this teaching specialization will complete 18 hours of coursework listed below.

- BBED - 4501 - Teaching English as a Second Language (3)
- BBED - 4520 - Foundations of Bilingual and ESL Education (3)
- BBED - 4525 - Assessment of Language Minority Students (3)
- BBED - 4530 - Methods and Materials for Teaching in Bilingual Programs (3)
- BBED - 4538 - Cross-cultural Education (3)
- BBED - 4977 - Reading Strategies in the Bilingual and ESL Classroom (3)



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Social Science (18-19 Hours)

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Required Courses (3 hours)

EMED 4406 - Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary Grades (3) (PE)

Anthropology (3 hours)

Select on from the following:

- ANTH 1100 - Cultural Anthropology (3)
ANTHR 222 – Introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology (3)
- ANTH 2100 - Trends in Cross-Cultural Analysis (3)
- ANTH 2500 - Archaeology (3)
- ANTH 3400 - Language and Culture (3)

Economics (3 hours)

- ECON 2302 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
ECON 201 – Macroeconomics Principles (3)

History (3 hours)

Select one from the following:

- HIST 1110 - History of the United States to 1865 (3) (GE)
HIST 201 – US History: 1492-1877 (3)
- HIST 1210 - History of the United States since 1865 (3) (GE)
HIST 202 – US History: 1877-Present (3)
- HIST 2700 - World History to 1500 (3) (GE)
HIST 111 – World History: Origins to 1714 (3)
- HIST 2710 - World History from 1500 (3) (GE)
HIST 112 – World History: 1714-Present (3)

Political Science (3 hours)

Select one from the following:

- POLS 2100 - American National Government (3) (GE)
POLSC 140 – Intro to US Government & Politics (3)
- POLS 3150 - Comparative Political Analysis (3)
- POLS 3000 - Seminar in Civic Engagements (3)
- POLS 4100 - Hispanic Experience in the U.S. (3)
- POLS 4110 - Black Politics in America (3)
- POLS 4375 - Conflict Resolution (3)

Sociology (3 hours)

Select one from the following:

- SOC 3100 - Studies in American Society (3)
SOCIO 101 – Introduction to Sociology (3)
- SOC 3150 - Self and Society (3)
- SOC 3200 - Social Inequalities (3)
- SOC 3300 - Principles of Urban Studies (3)
- SOC 3400 - Work and Family Life (3)

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III. Professional Education Courses (56 Hours)

GSU Professional Education Courses (56 hours)

The following courses must be taken at the upper-division level:

EDUC 3550	- Applying Educational Psychology (3)
EMED 3199	- Professional Development Seminar I: Mindful Educator (3)
EMED 3321	- Effective Teaching for Diverse Students and Effective Teaching Lab (4)
EMED 3333	- Education Linguistics (3)
EMED 3404	- Developmental Reading in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED 3405	- Literacy Across the Curriculum in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED 3420	- Teaching Creative Arts in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED 3425	- Professional Development Seminar II: 21 st Century Learning (1)
EMED 3880	- Teaching Health and Physical Education in the Elementary and Middle Grades (2)
EMED 4400	- Field Exp II Teaching Science, Math and Social Studies in the Elementary School (2)
EMED 4404	- Teaching Science in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED 4405	- Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED 4406	- Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED 4425	- Professional Dev Seminar III: Effective Strategies to Promote Critical Thinking (1)
EMED 4450	- Language Arts Assessment and Differentiated Instruction in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED 4999	- Student Teaching and Culminating Professional Development Seminar (12)

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with Elementary (Grades 1-6) Licensure: 123-127 Hours

NOTE: Additional credits in Professional Education and in the area of Teaching Specialization will be required for students also seeking middle-grades licensure. (See Middle grades Licensure on next page and consult with your advisor.)

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