

Education/ Teaching

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DEGREE

A.A. — Liberal Studies for Elementary Education

Program Description

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.

Career Opportunities

Teacher, primary grades
Teacher, intermediate grades
Instructional /Teaching Assistant (Elementary/Secondary)

Classes beyond the associate degree may be required to fulfill some Career Opportunities or for preparation for transfer to a university program.

Highlights

This major is especially designed for students who plan to transfer into California State University, Sacramento's Teacher Preparation Program. This program provides all of the lower division courses necessary to gain admission to the university and the Elementary Teacher Credential Program.

Other CSUS Requirements:

- Foreign Language: For graduation from CSUS, students must fulfill the Foreign Language requirement. For other exemptions, see coordinator or a counselor.
- Grade point average must be 2.67 in transferable baccalaureate courses.
- The Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE) should be taken at CSUS shortly after completing Critical Thinking (ENGWR 302).
- The Intermediate Algebra Diagnostic exam should be taken shortly after completing Intermediate Algebra (MATH 125).
- It is recommended that the CBEST be taken anytime after taking ENGWR 300, ENGWR 302, and MATH 310.
- Students should accumulate a portfolio of their course work, obtain a letter of recommendation from their field experience cooperating teacher, and check with their counselor for other CSUS application and admission requirements.

Other Associate in Arts degree requirements:

- Physical Education - any activity course
- Complete 60 units
- Students must meet the Reading Competency requirement through either assessment, a class, or a college-level reading examination.

NOTE TO TRANSFER STUDENTS:

If you are interested in transferring to a four-year college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree in this major, it is critical that you meet with a CRC counselor to select and plan the courses for your major. Schools vary widely in terms of the required preparation. The courses that CRC requires for an associate's degree in this major may be different from the requirements needed for the bachelor's degree.

For information about the student learning outcomes for this program, see <http://www.crc.losrios.edu/pslo>

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REQUIRED PROGRAM.....	Units
ENGWR 300 College Composition.....	3 ¹
COMM 361 The Communication Experience.....	3
ENGED 305 Structure of English.....	3
ENGWR 302 Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking.....	3
MATH 310 Mathematical Discovery.....	3
BIOL 307 Biology of Organisms.....	4
GEOL 305 Earth Science.....	3
GEOL 306 Earth Science Laboratory.....	1
HIST 312 History of the United States (to 1865).....	3
ECON 302 Principles of Macroeconomics.....	3
POLS 301 Introduction to Government: United States.....	3
HIST 307 History of World Civilizations to 1500.....	3
HIST 308 History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present.....	3
ENGED 320 Service Learning: Tutoring Elementary Students in Reading.....	3
ECE 350 Introduction to Elementary Teaching with Field Experience.....	3
ART 430 Art and Children.....	3
ECE 312 Child Development.....	3
SOC 321 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States (3) or COMM 325 Intercultural Communication (3) or ENGLT 336 Race and Ethnicity in Contemporary American Literature (3).....	3
TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED	53

¹Students should contact a counselor about any new program requirements for CSU transfer.

Associate Degree

The Liberal Studies for Elementary Education Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See CRC graduation requirements.