



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 Moraine Valley Community College courses that may be transferred to meet GSU requirements. Courses with grades below “C” will not be accepted toward the degree.

I. TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM (49-50 Hours)

Area A: Written Communication (9 hours)

- COM 101 - Composition I (3)
- COM 102 - Composition II (3)
- COM 103 - Speech Fundamentals (3)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (12 hours)

LIT 205 - Literature for Children/Young Adults (3)

IAI Humanities Courses (6)

IAI Fine Arts Course (3)

Area C: Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (9-10 hours)

An IAI Math Course or MTH 141 – College Algebra (3-4)

MTH 121 - Mathematics for Teachers I (3)

MTH 122 - Mathematics for Teachers II (3)

Area D: Biological and Physical Science (10 hours)

Choose one: IAI Biology Course (3)

Choose one: IAI Physical Science Course (3)

Choose one: EAS 120 - Introduction to Earth Science (4) or

EAS 125 - Introduction to Weather and Climate (4) or

PHS 103 - Descriptive Astronomy (4)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 hours)

GEO101 - Cultural Geography (3) **or** GEO102 - World Regional Geography (3)
(recommended and meets non-western cultures requirement)

PSC 110 - American National Government (3) (recommended)

HIS 201 or HIS 202 – US History I or II (3) (recommended)

II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (12 Hours)

Professional Education Core Courses (12 hours)

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

EDU 100 - Introduction to Education (3) (Meets EDUC 2310)

EDU 110 - Technology for Educators (3) (Meets EDCP 2101)

EDU 111 - Intro to the Exceptional Child (3) (Meets SPED 2100)

PSY 105 - Child Psychology (3) (Meets EDUC 2330)

***Students should complete courses from the following teaching specialization pages in order to reach the 62 hours for an AA degree at MVCC.**



III. Teaching Specializations

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 MVCC courses are shown in bold.

Required Courses (12 hours)

GSU only EMED 3405 - Literacy Across the Curriculum in the Elementary Grades (3) (PE)
MVCC LIT 222 - **English Literature II (3)** or GSU ENGL 1112 British Literature II (3)
MVCC LIT 214 - **American Literature II (3)** or ENGL 1222 - American Literature II (3)
MVCC LIT 205 - **Lit for Children/Young Adults (3)** or **GSU ENGL 2131- Lit for Children/Adol(3)**

Multicultural Selective (3 hours)

Select one of the following from GSU only:

MVCC LIT 230 - **African American Literature (3)**
MVCC LIT 228 - **Latin American Literature (3)**
GSU ENGL 4111 - African Novel (3)
GSU ENGL 4151 - Literature of Immigrant Children (3)
GSU ENGL 4171 - Native American Literature (3)
GSU ENGL 4172 - Contemporary Native American Authors (3)
GSU ENGL 4181 - Asian American Literature (3)
GSU ENGL 4307 - African American Literature (3)

Genre Selective (3 hours)

Select one of the following:

MVCC HUM 115 - **World Mythology (3)** or **GSU ENGL 3115** Studies in Mythology (3)
GSU ENGL 4100 - Advanced Composition (3)
GSU ENGL 4141 - American Poets (3)
GSU ENGL 4210 - Writing Poetry (3)
GSU ENGL 4475 - The Short Story: Crossing Cultures (3)
GSU ENGL 4483 - Literature of the Environment (3)
GSU ENGL 4500 - Play Analysis (3)
GSU ENGL 4525 - Women Writers (3)
GSU ENGL 4550 - Shakespeare's Plays (3)

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

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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 MVCC courses are shown in bold.

Required Course (3 hours)

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

Biology (4 hours)

Select from the following:

MVCC BIO 115 – Anatomy and Physiology (5) or

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

MVCC BIO 111 – General Biology I (4) or

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

MVCC BIO 112 – General Biology II (4) or

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

MVCC BIO 230 –Botany (4) or

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

MVCC BIO 211 –Zoology I (4) or

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

Chemistry (4 hours)

MVCC CHM 111 or CHM 131 – Fundamentals of Chemistry or Chemistry I (4) or

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

Physics (4 hours)

Select from the following:

MVCC PHY 106/107 or PHY 110/111 or PHY 150 (4) or

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

MVCC PHY 112/113 or PHY 151 (5) or

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

Earth and Space Science (3 hours)

Select one of the following:

MVCC EAS 125 – Introduction to Weather and Climate (3) or

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

GSU PHYS 1200 - Earth and Space Science (3)

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Mathematics (18-19 Hours)

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Required Courses (12 hours)

- GSU EMED 4405** - Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary Grades (3) (PE)
- MVCC MATH 121 - **Math for Elementary Teachers I (3)** or
GSU MATH 2131 - Mathematical Structures and Concepts I (3) (GE)
- MVCC **MATH 122 - Math for Elementary Teachers II (3)** or
GSU MATH 2141 - Mathematical Structures and Concepts II (3) (GE)
- GSU MATH 3155** - Number Theory for Teachers (3) (GE)

Selectives (6 hours)

Select two from the following:

- GSU CPSC 2100** - Introduction to Computing (3)
- GSU LAS 4127** - Investigations in Mathematical Thought (3)
- MVCC **MTH 139 – Probability and Statistics (4)** or
GSU MATH 2100 - Elementary Statistics (3)
- MVCC **MTH 215 – Discrete Mathematics (3)**
- MVCC **MTH 145 or MTH 150 - Calculus (4-5)** or
GSU MATH 2281 - Applied Calculus (3)
- GSU 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 hours professional education (PE) methods course may be included in the 18-19 hours total. Thus, of the 18-19 hours required for this specialization, 12 hours may come from a combination of GE and PE course work.



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Social 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 MVCC courses are shown in bold.

Required Courses (3 hours)

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

Anthropology (3 hours)

Select one from the following:

- ANTH 1100** - Cultural Anthropology (3)
ANT 202 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)
- ANTH 2100** - Trends in Cross-Cultural Analysis (3)
- ANTH 2500** - Archaeology (3)
ANT 210 – Introduction to Archaeology (3)
- ANTH 3400** - Language and Culture (3)

Economics (3 hours)

- ECON 2302** - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
ECO 101 - Principles of Macro-Economics (3)

History (3 hours)

Select one from the following:

- MVCC HIS 201 –American History I (3) or**
GSU HIST 1110 - History of the United States to 1865 (3) (GE)
- MVCC HIS 202 –American History II (3) or**
GSU HIST 1210 - History of the United States since 1865 (3) (GE)
- HIST 2700** - World History to 1500 (3) (GE)
- HIST 2710** - World History from 1500 (3) (GE)

Political Science (3 hours)

Select one from the following:

- MVCC PSC 110 – American National Government (3) or**
GSU POLS 2100 - American National Government (3) (GE)
- GSU POLS 3150** - Comparative Political Analysis (3)
- GSU POLS 3000** - Seminar in Civic Engagements (3)
- GSU POLS 4100** - Hispanic Experience in the U.S. (3)
- GSU POLS 4110** - Black Politics in America (3)
- GSU POLS 4375** - Conflict Resolution (3)

Sociology (3 hours)

Select one from the following:

- MVCC SOC 101 – General Sociology (3) or**
GSU SOC-1100 – Intro to Sociology or SOC 3100- Studies in American Society (3)
- GSU SOC 3150** - Self and Society (3)
- GSU SOC 3200** - Social Inequalities (3)
- GSU SOC 3300** - Principles of Urban Studies (3)
- GSU SOC 3400** - Work and Family Life (3)

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Bilingual/ESL Education (18 Hours)

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

IV. Professional Education Courses (56 Hours)

GSU Professional Education Courses (56 hours)

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

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| 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: 123-135 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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