



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 South Suburban 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 (51-58 Hours)

Area A: Written Communication (9 hours)

- ENG 101 - Composition and Rhetoric (3)
- ENG 102 - Composition and Literature (3)
- SPE 108 - Oral Communications (3)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 hours)

- Fine Arts or Humanities Course (3)* (Req'd for AA degree; not req'd by GSU)
- Humanities Course (3)* (Req'd for AA degree; not req'd by GSU)
- Choose One:** ART 107 – Art Appreciation (3) or MUS 123 – Intro to Music (3)

Area C: Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (12 hours)

- MTH 145 - Math Concepts and Structures I (4)
- MTH 146 - Math Concepts and Structures II (4)
- MTH 165 – College Algebra (4)

Area D: Biological and Physical Science (12-13 hours)

- Choose one:** BIO 102 - Introductory Biology (4) or BIO 105 - General Biology I (4)
- Choose one:** CHM 111 - Introductory Chemistry I (4) or CHM 113 - General Chemistry I (5) or PHY101 - Mechanics and Sound (4)
- Choose one:** AST 101 - Introduction to Astronomy (4)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (15 hours)

- HIS 203 - Early American History (3)**
- HIS 204 - Later American History (3)**
- GEO 104 - Geography of the Emerging World (3) [Meets non-western cultures requirement]
- PSC 101 - American National Government (3)
- PSY 101 - Introduction to Psychology (3)

II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (15 Hours)

Other Transferable Courses (3 hours)

- ENG 113 - Introduction to Children's Literature (3)

Professional Education Core Courses (12 hours)

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

- CHD 104 - Child Growth and Development (3) (Meets EDUC 2330)
- CHD 203 - The Exceptional Child (3) (Meets SPED 2100)
- EDU 110 - Foundations of American Education (3) (Meets EDCP 2310)
- EDU 150 - Educational Technology (3) (Meets EDCP 2101)

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

**History 111 and 112 count towards the Social Sciences category at SSC, but will satisfy Humanities at GSU. Students are required to complete HUM/FA course(s) to obtain AA degree at SSC.

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III. Teaching Specializations

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 SSC courses are shown in bold.**

English (18-19 Hours)

Required Courses (12 hours)

- EMED 3405 - Literacy Across the Curriculum in the Elementary Grades (3) (PE)
- ENGL 1112 - British Literature II (3)
ENG 203 – Intro to British Literature II (3)
- ENGL 1222 - American Literature II (3)
ENG 104 – Intro to American Literature II (3)
- ENGL 2131 - Literature for Children and Adolescents (3) (GE)
ENG 113 – Introduction to 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)
ENG 123 – African American Literature (3)

Genre Selective (3 hours)

Select one of the following:

- ENGL 3115 - Studies in Mythology (3)
HUM 210 – Comparative Mythology (3)
- ENGL 4100 - Advanced Composition (3)
- ENGL 4141 - American Poets (3)
- ENGL 4210 - Writing Poetry (3)
ENG 108 – Creative 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)
ENG 208 – Introduction to Women’s Literature (3)
- ENGL 4550 - Shakespeare’s Plays (3)
ENG 204 – 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.

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General Science (18-19 Hours)

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)

BIO 105 – General Biology I (4)

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

BIO 106 – General Biology II (4)

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

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

Chemistry (4 hours)

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

CHM 113 - General Chemistry I (5)

Physics (4 hours)

Select from the following:

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

PHY 101 – Mechanics and Heat (4)

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

PHY 102 – Sound, Light, Electricity, Magnetism and Modern Physics (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)

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Mathematics (18-19 Hours)

Required Courses (12 hours)

- EMED 4405 - Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary Grades (3) (PE)
- MATH 2131 - Mathematical Structures and Concepts I (3) (GE)
MTH 145 - Math Concepts and Structures I (3)
- MATH 2141 - Mathematical Structures and Concepts II (3) (GE)
MTH 146 - Math Concepts and Structures II (3)
- 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)
MTH 126 – Fundamentals of Statistics (3) or
MTH 211 – Introductory Statistics (4)
- MATH 2150 - Discrete Mathematics (3)
- MATH 2281 - Applied Calculus (3)
MTH 180 - Calculus for Business and Social Science (4) or
MTH 190 - 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.



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Social Science (18-19 Hours)

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)
ANT 101 –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)
ECO 201 - Principles of Economics, Macro (3)

History (3 hours)

Select one from the following:

- HIST 1110 - History of the United States to 1865 (3) (GE)
HIS 203 – Early American History (3)
- HIST 1210 - History of the United States since 1865 (3) (GE)
HIS 204 – Later American History (3)
- 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:

- POLS 2100 - American National Government (3) (GE)
PSC 101 – American National Government (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)
SOC 101 – Intro 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)

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, 9 hours may come from a combination of GE and PE course work.



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IV. Professional Education Courses (55 Hours)

GSU Professional Education Courses (55 hours)

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

- EMED 3099 - Professional Development Seminar I: Mindful Educator (2)
- EMED 3321 - Effective Teaching for Diverse Students and Effective Teaching Lab (4)
- EMED 3333 - Education Linguistics (3)
- EMED 3402 - Field Experience I: Teaching Language Arts and Creative Arts (1)
- 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: 21st Century Learning (1)
- EMED 3440 - Educational Psychology II (3)
- EMED 3599 - Mindful Educator II (2)
- EMED 3880 - Teaching Health and Physical Education in the Elementary and Middle Grades (2)
- EMED 4402 - Field Experience II: Teaching Science, Math and Social Studies in the Elementary Grades (1)
- 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 Development 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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IV. Middle Grades (Grades 5-8) Licensure (15 Hours – Optional)

Professional Education Courses for Middle Grades Education (12 hours)

- EMED 4442 -- Educational Psychology Applied to the Middle Grads (3)
- EMED 4443 -- Curriculum and Instruction in the Middle Grades (3)
- Additional Specialization Courses (6)

Middle Grades Teaching Methods (3 hours)

Select one of the following:

- EMED 4453 - Teaching English Language Arts in the Middle Grades (3)
- EMED 4455 - Teaching Science in the Middle Grades (3)
- EMED 4457 - Teaching Mathematics in the Middle Grades (3)
- EMED 4459 - Teaching Social Studies in the Middle Grades (3)

NOTE: Elementary Education majors also seeking licensure at the middle grades level must take additional coursework in their area of teaching specialization to total 24 hours in the area of the teaching specialization. Only one Professional Education (PE) methods course (either one elementary content methods (EMED-3405 English language Arts OR EMED-4404 Science OR EMED-4405 Mathematics OR EMED-4406 Social Studies) OR one of the middle grades content methods (EMED-4453 English Language Arts OR EMED-4455 Science OR EMED-4457 Mathematics OR EMED-4459 Social Studies), but not both) may be included in the teaching specialization courses. Secondary Education majors are not required to add any courses to those totaling 24 credit hours in their area of teaching specialization. Students will also be required to take the content test for the content area they want in the middle schools.

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with Elementary and Middle Grades Dual Licensure: 146-148 Hours

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