



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 (48 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)

- HIS 201 - American History I (3)**
- HIS 202 - American History II (3)**
- LIT 205 - Literature for Children/Young Adults (3)
- Choose One:** ART 110 - Art Appreciation (3) or MUS 107 – Music Appreciation (3) or THE 105 Theater Appreciation (3)

Area C: Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (10 hours)

- MTH 141 - College Algebra (4)
- MTH 121 - Mathematics for Teachers I (3)
- MTH 122 - Mathematics for Teachers II (3)

Area D: Biological and Physical Science (12 hours)

- Choose one:** BIO 104 – The Biology of Human Life (4) or BIO 111 - General Biology I (4)
- Choose one:** CHM 111 - Fundamentals of Chemistry (4) or CHM 131 - Chemistry I (4) or PHY 106/107 - Fundamentals of Physics & Lab (4) or PHY 110/111 – Mechanical Universe I & Lab (4) or PHY 150 Mechanics, Heat, and Sound (4)
- 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)

- Choose One:** GEO101 - Cultural Geography (3) or GEO102 - World Regional Geography (3) (Meets non-western cultures requirement)
- PSC 110 - American National Government (3)
- PSY 101 - Introduction to Psychology (3)

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.**

****History 201 and 202 count towards the Social Sciences category at MVCC, but will satisfy Humanities at GSU. Students may need to complete an additional HUM/FA course to obtain AA degree.**



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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 MVCC 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)
LIT 222 – English Literature II (3)
- ENGL 1222 - American Literature II (3)
LIT 214 – American Literature II (3)
- ENGL 2131 - Literature for Children and Adolescents (3) (GE)
LIT 205 – Literature for Children/Young Adults (3)

Multicultural Selective (3 hours)

Select one of the following:

- ENGL 4111 - African Novel (3)
- ENGL 4121 - Advanced Survey of Black Literature (3)
LIT 230 – African American Literature (3)
- ENGL 4131 - Comparative Latin American Literature (3)
LIT 228 – 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)
HUM 115 – World 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)
LIT 225 – 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)
BIO 115 – Anatomy and Physiology (5)
- BIOL 2102/2107 – Biological Science Foundations I and Lab (4) (GE)
BIO 111 – General Biology I (4)
- BIOL 2104/2109 – Biological Science Foundations II and Lab (4) (GE)
BIO 112 – General Biology II (4)
- BIOL 3316/3317 – Plant Diversity and Lab (4)
BIO 230 –Botany (4)
- BIOL 3320/3321 – Animal Diversity and Lab (4)
BIO 211 –Zoology I (4)

Chemistry (4 hours)

- CHEM 1111/1112 – Chemical Science Foundations I and Lab (4) (GE)
CHM 111 or CHM 131 – Fundamentals of Chemistry or Chemistry I (4)

Physics (4 hours)

Select from the following:

- PHYS 2141/2142 – Intermediate Physics I and Lab (4)
PHY 106/107 or PHY 110/111 or PHY 150 – Fundamentals of Physics & Lab (4) or Mechanical Universe I & Lab (4) or Mechanic, Heat and Sound (4)
- PHYS 2143/2144 – Intermediate Physics II and Lab (4)
PHY 112/113 or PHY 151 – Mechanical Universe II or Electricity, Light and Modern Physics (5)

Earth and Space Science (3 hours)

Select one of the following:

- PHYS 1200 - Earth and Space Science (3)
- PHYS 3435 - Meteorology Online (3) (GE)
EAS 125 – Introduction to Weather and Climate (3)

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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)
MATH 121 - Math for Elementary Teachers I (3)
- MATH 2141 - Mathematical Structures and Concepts II (3) (GE)
MATH 122 - Math for Elementary Teachers 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 139 – Probability and Statistics (4)
- MATH 2150 - Discrete Mathematics (3)
MTH 215 – Discrete Mathematics (3)
- MATH 2281 - Applied Calculus (3)
MTH 145 - Calculus for Business and Social Science (4) or
MTH 150 - Calculus I/Analytic Geometry (5)
- MATH 3331 - Geometry (3)

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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 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:

- HIST 1110 - History of the United States to 1865 (3) (GE)
HIS 201 –American History I (3)
- HIST 1210 - History of the United States since 1865 (3) (GE)
HIS 202 –American History II (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 110 – 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 – General 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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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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V. 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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