Advising Guides for General Studies Students

Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education - Traditional

This is based on the 2026-2027 Academic Year and is based on successful completion of 15 hours a semester with one summer. Students must choose the Education Focus Area. Refer to the document "General Education Requirements for General Studies Students – First Year Students" for details on the required general education courses for each cohort. For all general education courses, you must earn a "C" or better. Students with Advanced Placement or other approved transfer and early college coursework need to contact their advisor right away so that you don't duplicate credits.

Level	Fall	Spring	Summer
Freshman	ENGL-1000 (3) FYS-1101 (3) HIST-1110 (3) EDUC-2310 (3)* MATH-2131 (3) UNIV-1000 (1) Total – 16	ENGL-1010 (3) GEOG-2500 (3) Biology with Lab (4) MATH-2141 (3) Humanities (3) Total – 16	
Sophomore	COMM-1000 (3) PSYC-1101 (3) CHEM 1111 or PHYS-1111 (3) EDUC-2330 (3)* EDCP-2101 (3)* Total – 15	ASTR-1111 or PHYS-3435 (3) ENGL-2131 or EDUC-2990 (3)* SPED-2100 (3)* POLS-2100 (3) EDUC-3410 (2)* Total – 14	EDEC-3570 (3)* EDEC-3590 (3)* Total – 6
Junior	EDEC-3099 (3)* Junior Sem EDEC-3580 (3)* EDEC-4550 (3)* EDEC-4551 (2)* BBED-4520 (3) Total -14 Summer: EDEC 3590 (3) EDEC 3570 (3) Total - 6	EDEC-4570 (3)* EDEC-4571 (2)* EDEC-4580 (3)* EDEC-4581 (2)* EDUC-3550 (3) Total -13	
Senior	EDEC-4560 (3) EDEC-4561 (2) EDEC-3333 (3)* BBED-4501 (3) EDEC 3410 (3) Total -14	EDEC-4999 (12)* (Senior Capstone) Total -12	

Minimum Total 121

Students must earn a "C" or better in all general education courses.

*All Professional Education courses require a grade of a "B-" or better.

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