



PROGRAM OF STUDY

Liberal Studies (for Teaching) Major

The Liberal Studies/Teaching Degree offers future elementary school teachers an articulated transfer pathway and career ladder for a B.A. in Liberal Studies and the multiple-subject teaching credential. The focus of the degree is on content knowledge needed to teach in a K-8 setting and education courses that include early fieldwork opportunities for observation and practice. Coursework prepares students for the Multiple Subject CSET exam as required by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for elementary school teachers in both regular and special education. Selected courses are also aligned with the multiple subject credential CSET waiver, depending on transfer institution and course. As a standalone degree without transfer the A.A., aligned with the requirements for No Child Left Behind, helps students become effective elementary school paraprofessionals in regular or special education classrooms. The degree is also appropriate for students pursuing a career other than in elementary school teaching (such as tutors and parents providing homeschooling) who would like their course of studies and degree recognition to include an emphasis in liberal studies and teacher preparation curricula. Students may select courses to simultaneously earn the Certificate in Educational Studies as well.

Program Outcomes:

OUTCOME 1:

Apply knowledge, skills, experience, and feedback to make an informed choice to be employed or to continue study in the field of education.

ASSESSMENT 1:

Through analysis and evaluation using multiple measures of assessment: survey analysis, fieldwork self-evaluation, reflections, evaluations from cooperating teachers hosting fieldwork students, to include assigned observation and/ or portfolio activities/ and/or field experience and responses to applicable assignments, GPA.

OUTCOME 2:

Document preliminary subject matter competency and ability to work effectively with students, teachers, parents, colleagues, and administrators in a school and classroom setting

ASSESSMENT 2:

Through analysis and evaluation using multiple measures of assessment: survey analysis, fieldwork, self-evaluation, reflections, evaluations from cooperating teachers hosting fieldwork students, to include assigned observation and/ or portfolio activities/ and/or field experience and responses to applicable assignments, GPA.

Career Opportunities in Education

A combination of liberal arts and education career courses prepares students for advanced degree programs or employment in child care and educational settings. People who earn an associate's degree in elementary education are qualified to become teacher assistants. The vast majority work in public and private elementary schools. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of teacher assistants was projected to increase by 6% from 2014-2024 (www.bls.gov). As of May 2015, teacher assistants earned a mean salary of \$26,550 per year.

Group A

All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

Select one course in each area.

A1 - Oral Communication:

Course	Units
CMST C110 Public Speaking	3.0

A2 Written Communication:

Course	Units
ENGL C100 Freshman Composition	3.0

A3 - Critical Thinking:

Course	Units
ENGL C102 Critical Reasoning, Reading, and Writing	3.0
PHIL C115 Logic and Critical Thinking	3.0
Subtotal:	9.0

Group B

Select at least one course from each area.

Note: for Area B: The following courses also meet Area B3 (Lab Component)

- Biology C100C (B2, B3)
- Geology C106 (B1, B3)
- Chemistry/Physics C140 (B1, B3)

B1 - Physical Science:

Course	Units
CHEM C140 Survey of Chemistry and Physics	4.0
PHYS C140 Survey of Chemistry and Physics	4.0
GEOL C105 General Geology	3.0
GEOL C106 Earth Sciences for Teachers	4.0

B2 - Biological Science:

Course	Units
BIOL C100 Introduction to Biology	3.0
BIOL C100C Introduction to Biology Lecture/Lab	4.0

B3 - Laboratory Activity:

Course	Units
BIOL C100L Introduction to Biology Lab	1.0
GEOL C105L Geology Lab	1.0

B4 - Math/Quantitative Reasoning:

Course	Units
MATH C103 Statistics for Elementary Teachers	3.0
MATH C104 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers	3.0
MATH C106 Geometry for Elementary Teachers	3.0
Subtotal	10.0 - 11.0

Group C

Select at least one course from each area PLUS one additional course from either area.

C1 - Arts:

Course	Units
MUS C100 History and Appreciation of Music	3.0
THEA C100 Introduction to Theater	3.0

C2 - Literature:

Course	Units
ENGL C102 Critical Reasoning, Reading, and Writing	3.0
ENGL C140 Appreciation of Literature	3.0
ENGL C150 American Literature through the Civil War	3.0
ENGL C155 American Literature 1865 to Present	3.0
ENGL C181 Shakespeare	3.0
ENGL C270 British Literature to 1800	3.0
ENGL C275 British Literature Since 1800	3.0
PHIL C120 Ethics	3.0
Subtotal	9.0

Group D

Take a US History course and an American Government course and at least one additional course

from group D.

D - Social Sciences:

Course	Units
HIST C170 United States History to 1876	3.0
PSCI C180 American Government	3.0

Select 3 units from:

Course	Units
GEOG C100 World Regional Geography	3.0
HIST C150 History of California	3.0
HIST C161 World History 1	3.0
Subtotal	9.0

Group E

Complete one course in group E.

E - Lifelong Understanding

Course	Units
PSYC C116 Child Growth and Development	3.0
Subtotal	3.0

Additional Requirements

Complete the following courses:

Course	Units
EDUC C103 Introduction to Computers In Education: Technology Proficiencies for Teachers 1	2.0
EDUC C104 Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Diverse Contemporary Classrooms	1.0
EDUC C200 The Teaching Profession	3.5
Subtotal	6.5

Total Units for Major Courses:

45.5-46.5

Suggested Electives

Courses may be selected from this list:

Take additional courses to complete at least 60 units. Select courses based on the program requirements at the University you would like to transfer to. See your counselor when selecting these courses.

Course	Units
EDUC C101 Tutor Training	1.0
EDUC C180 Family, School, and Community Partnerships	3.0
EDUC C210 Introduction to Special Education	3.0
ENGL C143 Children's Literature	3.0
HLTH C100 Personal Health	3.0
Subtotal	13.0
Total Units	59.5 - 60.5