

Liberal Studies (for Teaching)

Associate of Arts Degree

Major

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Coastline's Liberal Studies/Teaching Specialization A.A. Degree

The Liberal Studies/Teaching Specialization A.A. 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. 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 home schooling) 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 LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Apply skills in order to pursue a career in teaching or a related field or make an informed decision that the teaching profession is not a good personal career choice.
2. Work effectively with students, teachers, parents, colleagues, and administrators in a school and classroom setting.
3. Apply the major theories of psychology in understanding social and psychological problems.

Requirements for the Major

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

Complete one course in each area.

Area	Units	Course(s)
A1	3	Oral Communication - CMST C110
A2	3	Written Communication - ENGL C100
A3	3	Critical Thinking - ENGL C102 or PHIL C115

Select at least one course from B1, one from B2, one from B3, and at least one from B4.

Area	Units	Course(s)
B1	2 - 3	Survey of Chemistry - CHEM C105, Survey of Physics - PHYS C185 Chemistry/Physics C140 (see counselor for course substitution form)
B2	3	Introduction to Biology - BIOL C100 Survey of Earth Science - GEOL C105 and C105L
B3	1	Introduction to Biology Lab—BIOL C100L Chemistry/Physics C140 (see counselor for course substitution form)
B4	3	Mathematics - MATH C103, MATH C104, MATH C106

Select at least one course from C1, one from C2, and one additional course from C1 or C2

Area	Units	Course(s)
C1	3	Arts - MUS C100 or THEA 100
C2	3	Literature - ENGL C102 ENGL C140, ENGL C150, ENGL C155, ENGL C181, ENGL C270, ENGL C275, PHIL C120

Take a US History course and an American Government course and at least one additional course from group D.

Area	Units	Course(s)
D1	3	American Government - PSCI C180, US History - HIST C170
D2	3	World History - HIST C161, World Geography - GEOG C100, California History - HIST C150

Take one course in group E.

Area	Units	Course(s)
E1	3	Child and Adolescent Development - PSYC C116

Additional Requirement—Complete the following courses:

Area	Units	Course(s)
REQ	2	Introduction to Computers in Education: Technology - EDUC C103
REQ	1	Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Diverse Contemporary Classrooms - EDUC C104
REQ	3.5	The Teaching Profession - EDUC C200

REQ: Required for Major

Subtotal units for Major: 45.5-46.5

Electives

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.

Suggested Electives:

Units	Course Name
3	Family, School, and Community Partnerships - EDUC C180
3	Children's Literature - ENGL C143

Total units for Degree: 60.0