

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

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Degree Plan

The course sequence listed below is strongly recommended in order to complete your program requirements. Please register for each semester as shown using the Student Planning tool in myCWI. Plans may be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters. Consult your advisor for any questions regarding this course sequence plan.

First Year

		Credit Hours
Fall		
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
EDUC 120	Foundations of Education (GEM 6)	3
MATH 157	Math for Elementary Teachers I ¹	4
Elementary Education Elective	Select an elective from the list below	2-3
Total Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
EDUC 150 or EDUC 250	Educational Technology I ² or Education Technology II	3
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
MATH 257	Math for Elementary Teachers II (GEM 3) ¹	4
Elementary Education Elective	Select an elective from the list below	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Second Year

Fall		
EDUC 220	Diversity in the Schools	3
EDUC 230	Introduction to Special Education	3
HIST 111 or HIST 112	United States History I (GEM 6) or United States History II	3
PHIL 101 or PHIL 103	Introduction to Philosophy (GEM 5) ³ or Introduction to Ethics	3
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course ⁴		4
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring

EDUC 200	Education Around the World (Global Perspectives)	3
EDUC 280	Integrated Teaching and Field Experience	2
EDUC 290	Education Capstone	1
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course ^{5,6}		3-4
GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course ^{6,7}		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		13
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

¹ Elementary Education majors are encouraged to take the Math Diagnostic for math placement upon acceptance to CWI if they did not submit ACT or SAT scores for math placement. The Math Diagnostic will inform the student if a review course such as MATH 097 Introductory Prep Math is needed prior to enrolling in MATH 157 Math for Elementary Teachers I.

- ² Students should have basic computer application skills prior to enrolling in EDUC 150 Educational Technology I or EDUC 250 Education Technology II.
- ³ This course fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.
- ⁴ Recommend a Biological Sciences course with a lab component (BIOL, ENVI, or MMBS).
- ⁵ Recommend a Physical Sciences course with or without a lab component (AGRI, CHEM, GEOL, GEOS, or PHYS).
- ⁶ Course must come from a different discipline.
- ⁷ Recommend one of the following courses to fulfill second GEM 5 requirement:
- ARTS 101 Prehistoric to Medieval Art
 - HUMA 101 Humanities: Prehistory to Renaissance
 - HUMA 102 Humanities: Baroque to Modern
 - MUSI 100 Introduction to Music

Elementary Education Electives

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
Select 5-6 credits from the following courses to bring the total credits earned to 60:		
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
EDUC 255	Educational and Assistive Technology	3
EDUC 260	Special Education Policies and Procedures	3
ENGL 175	Literature and Ideas	3
ENGL 202	Technical Communication	3
ENGL 211	Literary Analysis	3
ENGL 257	Survey of Western World Literature I	3
ENGL 258	Survey of Western World Literature II	3
ENGL 267	Survey of British Literature I	3
ENGL 268	Survey of British Literature II	3
ENGL 277	Survey of American Literature I	3
ENGL 278	Survey of American Literature II	3
ENGL 286	Literary Magazine	3
GEOG 102	Cultural Geography	3
HIST 103	Western Civilization I	3
HIST 104	Western Civilization II	3
HIST 111	United States History I	3
HIST 112	United States History II	3
JAPN 101	Elementary Japanese I	4
JAPN 102	Elementary Japanese II	4
POLS 101	American National Government	3
POLS 102	Introduction to Political Science	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 201	Child and Adolescent Development	3
SIGL 101	American Sign Language I	4
SIGL 102	American Sign Language II	4
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 102	Social Problems	3
SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish I	4
SPAN 102	Elementary Spanish II	4

Additional Advising Notes:

- Students pursuing an Elementary Education degree are strongly encouraged to meet with an Education faculty member for advising. Students do not need to be specifically assigned to a faculty member to seek advising support directly from the Education Department.
- Most of the courses in the Elementary Education program can be moved around to meet scheduling needs as long as students honor prerequisite requirements.
- Many of our four-year partners require specific prerequisite courses before applying to their teacher education program. Most of those prerequisite courses can be built into the Elementary Education degree at CWI without adding more overall credits. However, students need to know which

school they intend to transfer to in order to plan accordingly. If there are options, always select the more stringent school upon which to base the schedule.