

Associate in Arts in Elementary Education

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this degree, students will have gained a well-rounded general education degree with a focus on the foundational learning principles important to becoming a successful classroom teacher.

Employment Opportunities or Additional Educational Options

With this degree, students can prepare to transfer to many schools that offer education programs. SMC has a partnership with Ferris State University and that track is listed below. Another track is provided which guides students for transfer to many other colleges or universities. Students should consult frequently with their advisor about their educational goals as each school has different transfer practices and therefore, the selection of your courses at SMC is important to provide not only the best educational experience here, but the most profitable upon transfer.

To Learn More About This Program

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Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0, fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below, and complete a minimum of 60 credit hours. Additionally, each General Education course must be completed with a minimum grade of "C." Courses marked with an asterisk may be substituted for different courses with approval. Talk to an advisor for specific details.

General Education and MTA Courses

COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or 103W	Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits
ENGL 104	Freshman English 3	3 credits

MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 127	College Algebra	4 credits

NATURAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
BISC 111	Biological Science	4 credits
SCIE 190	Earth Science for Elementary Teachers	3 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3 credits
HIST 201	U.S. History 1	3 credits

HUMANITIES

Course ID	Course	Credits
ART 200	Creative Process Through Art	3 credits
ENGL 251	Children's Literature	3 credits

Major Specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
EDUC 101	Introduction to Teaching	1 credit
MATH 153	Math for Elementary Teachers 1	4 credits
MATH 154	Math for Elementary Teachers 2	4 credits
MUSI 240	Music for the Classroom Teacher	3 credits
POSC 201	American Government	3 credits
SPEE 102	Public Speaking	3 credits

Complete either the Ferris State University Transfer Track or the General Transfer Education Track listed below.

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY TRACK

Course ID	Course	Credits
ECON 201	Macroeconomics	3 credits
EDUC 260	Emergent Literacy	3 credits
HIST 230	Michigan History	3 credits
PSYC 296	Educational Psychology	3 credits
EDUC 215 or MATH 141 or MATH 265	Human Development and Learning or Analytical Geometry and Calculus 1 or Prob and Stats for Teachers	3 to 4 credits

GENERAL TRANSFER EDUCATION TRACK

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 215	Human Development and Learning	3 credits
HIST 202	U.S. History 2	3 credits
MATH 265	Probability and Statistics for Teachers	4 credits
PHED 103	Life Wellness	2 credits
PSYC 205 or PSYC 296	Child Psychology or Educational Psychology	3 credits

Additional Notes About the AA Elementary Education Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites are listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined does not meet MTA requirements. A student would need one additional natural science course because SCIE 190 satisfies the A.S. general education requirements, but not MTA. See advisor for specific details if MTA is important to you.
- This program outlines two different tracks, one for preparation to transfer to Ferris State University and one for preparation to transfer to other colleges and universities. Please consult with an advisor regularly about your specific educational goals.
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before he/she plans to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

Example Course Sequence

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ENGL 103 or 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3-4 credits	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed); ENGL 101 or test score
HIST 201 U.S. History 1	3 credits	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)
MATH 127 College Algebra	4 credits	MATH 101 or test scores
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)
EDUC 101 Introduction to Teaching	1 credit	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)

SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
ENGL 104 Freshman English 3	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
Track Elective	2 to 4 credits	See Course Descriptions for Details
MATH 153 Math for Elementary Teachers 1	4 credits	MATH 101 or test scores
SCIE 190 Earth Science for Elementary Teachers	3 credits	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)
Track Elective	3 credits	See Course Descriptions for Details

THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits	None
MATH 154 Math for Elementary Teachers 2	4 credits	MATH 153
MUSI 240 Music for the Classroom Teacher	3 credits	None
BISC 111 Biological Science	4 credits	None
POSC 201 American Government	3 credits	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)

FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
ART 200 Creative Process Through Art	3 credits	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)
Track Elective	2 to 4 credits	See Course Descriptions for Details
ENGL 251 Children's Literature	3 credits	MATH 098 or test scores
Track Elective	2 to 4 credits	See Course Descriptions for Details
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