

ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION, AA-T

Program Description

Students who complete the Associate in Arts in Elementary Teacher Education for Transfer degree will be ensured preferential transfer status to CSUs for Elementary Teacher Education/Liberal Studies majors. The degree requirements will fulfill the lower division major requirements at many CSUs. Students are advised, however, to meet with a counselor to assess the course requirements for specific local CSUs and to validate which CSUs are considered local.

Learn more about the program on the [Child Development and Education website](#).

Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will display an understanding of elementary education and teaching, and will be able to demonstrate their knowledge of children's growth and development from utero through adolescence.
- Students will leave with a broad, liberal study background, which will help prepare them to teach in an elementary classroom.

Units Required

- Major: 80-80.5

Associate Degree Requirements

Associate in Arts in Elementary Teacher Education for Transfer requires completion of a minimum of 90 units to include:

- CSU General Education Breadth Requirements **or** the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)¹ (49-58 units) (full certification is required)
- Core and support courses (80-80.5 units, of which 49-50 units may satisfy the GE requirement)
- Transferable electives necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement

¹ **Important Note:** Although it is possible to fulfill the requirements for the Associate Degree for Transfer by completing the IGETC for UC pattern, admission to CSU requires completion of an Oral Communication course (IGETC Area 1C; CSU GE Area A-1); therefore, students who plan to transfer to CSU should complete this course as part of their GE or elective units.

Note: All courses pertaining to the major must be completed with a grade of "C" (or "P") or better. In addition, the student must obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Core and Support Courses

Code	Title	Units
Core Courses		
BIOL 10 or BIOL 14	GENERAL BIOLOGY: BASIC PRINCIPLES HUMAN BIOLOGY	5
CHLD 1	CHILD GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT: PRENATAL THROUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD	4

CHLD 2	CHILD GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT II: MIDDLE CHILDHOOD THROUGH ADOLESCENCE	4
COMM 1A or COMM 1AH	PUBLIC SPEAKING HONORS PUBLIC SPEAKING	5
EDUC 2	INTRODUCTION TO ELEMENTARY EDUCATION	5
ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AH or ESLL 26	COMPOSITION & READING HONORS COMPOSITION & READING ADVANCED COMPOSITION & READING	5
ENGL 16	INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE	4
GEOG 10	WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY	4
GEOG 20	INTRODUCTION TO EARTH SCIENCE	4
HIST 3A	WORLD HISTORY FROM PREHISTORY TO 750 CE	4
HIST 3B	WORLD HISTORY FROM 750 CE TO 1750 CE	4
HIST 17A	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1815	4
HIST 17B	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES FROM 1812 TO 1914	4
MATH 42	MATH FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS	5
POLI 1	POLITICAL SCIENCE: INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	5
PSE 20	INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL SCIENCE	5

Support Courses

List A

Complete one course from List A:		5
ENGL 1B or ENGL 1BH	COMPOSITION, CRITICAL READING & THINKING THROUGH LITERATURE HONORS COMPOSITION, CRITICAL READING & THINKING THROUGH LITERATURE	
ENGL 1C or ENGL 1CH	ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING & CRITICAL THINKING HONORS ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING & CRITICAL THINKING	
PHIL 1	CRITICAL THINKING & WRITING	
PHIL 7	INTRODUCTION TO SYMBOLIC LOGIC	

List B

And complete one course from List B:		4-4.5
ART 1	INTRODUCTION TO ART	
MUS 1	INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC	
THTR 1	INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE	

List C

And complete optional courses from List C: ¹		
GEOG 2	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	
HIST 10	HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA: THE MULTICULTURAL STATE	
HLTH 21	CONTEMPORARY HEALTH CONCERNS	
SOC 1 or SOC 1H	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY HONORS INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	
PSYC 49	HUMAN SEXUALITY	

Total Units **80-80.5**

¹ As noted, List C courses are optional, and are not required to satisfy the degree requirements. Please contact a counselor if you have any questions.