

Education/Teaching

Overview

Folsom Lake College's liberal studies for elementary education major is designed for students who wish to be teachers in public and private elementary schools. Further education at the university level will be required to fulfill all requirements for a teaching credential authorizing service in California public schools.

Career Options

- Instructional Assistant
- Teacher, Intermediate Grades
- Teacher, Primary Grades

Some career options may require more than two years of college study. Classes beyond the associate degree may be required to fulfill some career options or for preparation for transfer to a university program.

Highlights

This major is especially designed for students who plan to transfer into California State University, Sacramento's (Sac State) liberal studies program, which is a major for prospective elementary school teachers. This degree program provides all of the lower division courses necessary to gain admission to the university and the teacher credential program.

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Associate Degree

A.A. in Liberal Studies for Elementary Education

This major is designed for students who wish to be teachers in public and private elementary schools. Further education at the university level will be required to fulfill all requirements for a teaching credential authorizing service in California public schools. This A.A. degree is also intended for students who wish to work in elementary schools as classroom/instructional aides.

Catalog Date: August 1, 2024

Degree Requirements

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	UNITS
ART 430	Art and Children	3
BIOL 307	Biology of Organisms	4
COMM 361	The Communication Experience	3
ECON 302	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ENGED 305	Structure of English	3
ENGED 320	Service Learning: Tutoring Elementary Students in Reading	3
ENGWR 300	College Composition	3
ENGWR 301	College Composition and Literature (3)	3
or ENGWR 302	Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking (3)	
GEOL 305	Earth Science	3
GEOL 306	Earth Science Laboratory	1
HIST 307	History of World Civilizations to 1500	3
HIST 308	History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present	3
HIST 310	History of the United States (To 1877)	3
MATH 310	Mathematical Discovery	3
POLS 301	Introduction to Government: United States	3

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	UNITS
PSYC 372	Child Development (3)	3
or ECE 312	Child Development (3)	
SOC 321	Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States (3)	3
or COMM 325	Intercultural Communication (3)	
or PSYC 368	Cross Cultural Psychology (3)	
or ADMJ 302	Community Relations: Multicultural Issues (3)	
Total Units:		50

The Liberal Studies for Elementary Education Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See FLC graduation requirements.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- apply knowledge, skills, and abilities toward successful completion of coursework at transfer institutions.
- seek employment as an instructional or classroom aide in an elementary school.
- develop a reasoned solution to a problem and defend it using appropriate language, methods, and/or notation.
- evaluate new and accepted ideas about the natural universe using testable methodology.
- write and speak effectively, demonstrating the ability to evaluate audience and appeal to it persuasively.
- conduct library research and compose research papers with a clear thesis, sound critical thinking, correct usage, and proper documentation.
- apply knowledge of world history and cultures to identify the values of a culture and work with others of a diverse background.
- analyze the Constitution of the United States and other founding documents.
- describe the nature of government and compare and contrast political institutions.
- apply basic economic concepts.
- apply knowledge of child development theories to assess the characteristics of teaching practices and learning conditions.

Career Information

Teacher, primary grades; teacher, intermediate grades; instructional assistant, elementary school grades K-8.

Faculty

Public Service, Health, and Education

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This program is part of the Public Service, Health, and Education meta-major.

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