

# LIBERAL STUDIES FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

**Banner Code:** 2\_AA\_LSEE  
**Financial Aid Eligible**

The Liberal Studies for Elementary Education degree is designed to prepare students for transfer to a four-year university to obtain a bachelor's degree, while satisfying subject matter coursework for the multiple subject teaching credential. Completion of the courses in this degree will partially satisfy requirements for California State University integrated and traditional teacher preparation programs.

The curriculum is designed for students who seek the pre-professional subject matter preparation for elementary school teaching consistent with the standards established by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). Additionally, the degree curriculum may also serve as preparation for paraprofessional positions in the K-12 classroom settings.

Students preparing to become K12 teachers should work closely with their Counselor to determine the best pathway for meeting their educational goals. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete courses specific to the transfer institution of choice. Therefore, it is important to verify transfer major preparation through consultation with a GWC Teaching Counselor.

## Program Level Learning Outcomes

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

1. Identify the qualities of an effective teacher as outlined in the California Standards for the teaching profession.
2. Identify the purpose of and components of an effective professional portfolio aligned with the California Standards for the Teaching Profession.
3. Develop effective observational skills in a school classroom.

Review Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/golden-west/graduation-requirements/associate-degree/>) and General Education (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/golden-west/general-education/>).

Course	Title	Units
<b>English and Communication Skills</b>		
ENGL G100	Freshman Composition	4
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		3-4
CMST G100	Interpersonal Communication	3
CMST G110	Public Speaking	3
CMST G112	Small Group Dynamics	3
CMST G220	Essentials of Argumentation	3
ENGL G110	Critical Thinking, Reading And Writing Through Literature	4
PHIL G115	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
PHIL G125	Critical Reasoning and Writing	3
PSYC G130	Critical Thinking in Psychology	3
<b>Math and Natural Sciences</b>		
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		3-4

Course	Title	Units
MATH G103	Statistics For Elementary Teachers	3
MATH G104	Mathematics For Elementary Teachers	3
BIOL G100	Introduction to Biology	4
GEOL G110	Physical Geology	4
GEOL G106	Earth Science For Teachers	4
PHSC G100	Introductory Physical Science	4
<b>Social Sciences</b>		
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		3
GEOG G100	World Regional Geography	3
HIST G170	History Of The United States To 1876	3
HIST G161	World History 1	3
PSCI G180	American Government	3
PSYC G116	Child Growth and Development	3
PSYC G118	Life Span Developmental Psychology	3
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities</b>		
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		3
ART G100	Introduction to Art	3
ENGL G112	Appreciation Of Literature	3
ENGL G143	Children's Literature	3
ENGL G150	American Literature through the Civil War (1865)	3
ENGL G155	American Literature 1865 To The Present	3
ENGL G160	Masterpieces of World Literature I (From Antiquity to the Mid-17th Century)	3
ENGL G161	Masterpieces of World Literature II (From the Mid-17th Century to the Present)	3
ENGL G270	British Literature to 1800	3
ENGL G275	British Literature Since 1800	3
MUS G101	History & Appreciation Of Music	3
MUS G115	Basic Music	3
THEA G100	Introduction to the Theater	3
THEA G106	Acting 1	3
THEA G111	Theater History and Literature - Classical to 1800	3
THEA G112	Theater History and Literature - 1800 to Modern	3
<i>Select 3-4 units from the following:</i>		3-4
EDUC G102	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
EDUC G103	Technology Proficiencies For Teachers I	2
EDUC G200	The Teaching Profession	3
HIST G140	California History	3
HIST G175	History of the United States Since 1876	3
MATH G100	Liberal Arts Mathematics	3
MATH G115	College Algebra	4
MUS G103	World Music	3
PHIL G100	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL G102	History of Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL G120	Ethics	3
<b>Major Total</b>		<b>19-22</b>
<b>GE Pattern (Local, CSU GE-Breadth, or IGETC)</b>		<b>18-39</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>

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