

LIBERAL STUDIES (FOR TEACHING), ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

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Financial Aid Eligible

The Liberal Studies/Teaching Degree offers future elementary school teachers an articulated transfer pathway and career ladder for a B.A. in Liberal Studies and the multiple-subject teaching credential. The focus of the degree is on content knowledge needed to teach in a K-8 setting and education courses that include early fieldwork opportunities for observation and practice. Coursework prepares students for the Multiple Subject CSET exam as required by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for elementary school teachers in both regular and special education. Selected courses are also aligned with the multiple subject credential CSET waiver, depending on transfer institution and course. As a standalone degree without transfer the A.A., aligned with the requirements for No Child Left Behind, helps students become effective elementary school paraprofessionals in regular or special education classrooms. The degree is also appropriate for students pursuing a career other than in elementary school teaching (such as tutors and parents providing homeschooling) who would like their course of studies and degree recognition to include an emphasis in liberal studies and teacher preparation curricula. Students may select courses to simultaneously earn the Certificate in Educational Studies as well.

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes

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

1. Apply knowledge, skills, experience, and feedback to make an informed choice to be employed or to continue study in the field of education.
2. Document preliminary subject matter competency and ability to work effectively with students, teachers, parents, colleagues, and administrators in a school and classroom setting.

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

Course	Title	Units
Required Core		
Area A - English Language, Communication and Critical Thinking		
Select one course from each of the following areas:		
A1-Oral Communication		
CMST C110	Public Speaking	3
A2-Written Communication		
ENGL C100	Freshman Composition	4
A3-Critical Thinking		
ENGL C102	Critical Reasoning, Reading, and Writing	3
or PHIL C115	Logic and Critical Thinking	
Area B - Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning		

Course	Title	Units
Select at least one course from each of the following areas: ¹		
B1-Physical Science		
Select at least one of the following: 3-4		
CHEM C140	Survey of Chemistry and Physics ³	
or PHYS C140	Survey of Chemistry and Physics	
GEOL C105	General Geology	
GEOL C106	Earth Sciences for Teachers ³	
B2-Biological Science		
BIOL C100	Introduction to Biology	3-4
or BIOL C100C	Introduction to Biology Lecture/Lab	
B3-Laboratory Activity		
BIOL C100L	Introduction to Biology Lab	1
or GEOL C105L	Geology Lab	
B4-Math/Quantitative Reasoning		
Select at least one of the following: 3		
MATH C103	Statistics for Elementary Teachers	
MATH C104	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers	
MATH C106	Geometry for Elementary Teachers	
Area C - Arts and Humanities		
Select at least one course from each area plus one additional course from either area. 9		
C1-Arts		
MUS C100	History and Appreciation of Music	
THEA C100	Introduction to Theater	
C2-Literature		
ENGL C102	Critical Reasoning, Reading, and Writing	
ENGL C140	Appreciation of Literature	
ENGL C150	American Literature through the Civil War	
ENGL C155	American Literature 1865 to Present	
ENGL C181	Shakespeare	
ENGL C270	British Literature to 1800	
ENGL C275	British Literature since 1800	
PHIL C120	Ethics	
Area D - Social Sciences		
Select a US History course and an American Government course and at least one additional course from Area D. 9		
HIST C170	United States History to 1876	
PSCI C180	American Government	
Select one of the following:		
GEOG C100	World Regional Geography	
HIST C150	History of California	
HIST C161	World History 1	
Area E - Lifelong Learning		
PSYC C116	Child Growth and Development	3
Additional Requirements		
EDUC C103	Introduction to Computers in Education: Technology Proficiencies for Teachers 1	2
EDUC C104	Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Diverse Contemporary Classrooms ^{Includes 10 hours of required fieldwork/observations}	1
EDUC C200	The Teaching Profession ^{Includes 45 hours of required fieldwork/tutoring}	3.5

Course	Title	Units
Suggested Electives		
Select additional courses to complete at least 60 units. ²		
EDUC C101	Tutor Training Includes a three-hour service learning component	
EDUC C180	Family, School, and Community Partnerships Includes 10 hours of required fieldwork/observations	
EDUC C210	Introduction to Special Education Includes 10 hours of required fieldwork/observations	
ENGL C143	Children's Literature	
HLTH C100	Personal Health	
Units Required for Major		47.5-49.5
Local General Education, CSU General Education, or IGETC pattern		Varies
Electives to satisfy units requirement		Varies
Total Units for Degree		60

¹ Note for Area B3: The following courses also meet Area B3 (Lab Component) Biology C100C (B2, B3) Geology C106 (B1, B3) Chemistry/Physics C140 (B1, B3).

² Select courses based on the program requirements at the University you would like to transfer to. See your counselor when selecting these courses.

³ Meets both Areas B1 and B3