

# LIBERAL STUDIES FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

**Banner Code:** 2\_AA\_LSEE

**Control Number:** 18572

**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>        |                                                           |       |

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| <i>Select one of the following:</i>                      |                                                                                | 3-4          |
| 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: <sup>1</sup></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>Course</b>                                       | <b>Title</b> | <b>Units</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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