

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, B.EL.ED.

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** Harrisburg

## Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Elementary Education degree in Elementary Education, PK-4 Early Childhood Option a minimum of 139 credits are required; Grade 4-8 English/Language Arts and Reading Option a minimum of 137 credits are required; Grade 4-8 Mathematics Option a minimum of 139 credits are required; and Grade 4-8 Social Studies Option a minimum of 137 credits are required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	0-6
Requirements for the Major	131-141

45 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 9 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GH courses; 6 credits of GS courses; 9 credits of GWS; 3 credits of GHW; 6 credits of GA. Six of these 45 credits may also satisfy the Integrative Studies requirement.

## Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44>).

### Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
CAS 100	Effective Speech	3
CI 295	Introductory Field Experience for Teacher Preparation	3
EDPSY 14	Learning and Instruction	3
EDTHP 115	Education in American Society	3
EDUC 303	Inclusive Practices in General Education Classrooms	3
EDUC 304	Classroom Organization and Management	3
EDUC 305	Creative Arts	3
EDUC 315Y	Social and Cultural Factors in Education	3
EDUC 321	Methods in Teaching Intermediate and Advanced Readers	3
EDUC 352	Teaching Language Arts	3
EDUC 353	Teaching Elementary Social Studies	3
EDUC 385	Professional Development in Teaching	3
EDUC 454	Modern Elementary Science Education	3
EDUC 466N	Foundations of Teaching English as a Second Language	3
EDUC 490	Student Teaching	9

EDUC 495A	Junior Field Experience	1
EDUC 495B	Senior Field Experience	3
ENGL 202A	Effective Writing: Writing in the Social Sciences	3
GEOG 126	Economic Geography	3
MATH 200	Problem Solving in Mathematics	3
MATH 201	Problem Solving in Mathematics II	3

### Additional Courses

*Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better*

ENGL 15	Rhetoric and Composition	3
or ENGL 30H	Honors Rhetoric and Composition	
HDFS 229	Infant and Child Development <sup>1</sup>	3
or HDFS 239	Adolescent Development	
Select 3 credits from GN Biological Science		3
Select 3 credits from GN Earth Science		3
Select 3 credits from GN Physical Science		3
Select 6 credits from GA courses		6
Select 3 credits from GHW courses		3

### Supporting Courses and Related Areas

*Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better*

Select one of the following certificate requirements: 13-21

1. For the ESL certificate, complete 13 additional credits in:

EDUC 467 English Language Structure for English as a Second Language Teachers

EDUC 468 Language Acquisition for English as a Second Language Teachers

EDUC 469 Teaching Methods and Assessment of English as a Second Language

EDUC 475 ESL Leadership, Research and Advocacy

EDUC 495 Internship

2. For the Special Education certificate, complete 21 additional credits in:

EDUC 452 Teaching Writing

EDUC 477 Teaching Struggling Readers and Writers

EDUC 495 Internship

PSYCH 443 Treatment and Education in Developmental Disabilities

SPLED 404 Working with Families and Professionals in Special Education

SPLED 409C Mathematics Instruction for Students with Special Needs

SPLED 462 Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis

### Requirements for the Option

*Requirements for the Option: Require a grade of C or better*

Select an option 27-29

<sup>1</sup> Students in the PK-4 Early Childhood Option must choose HDFS 229. Students in any of the Grade 4-8 Options should choose HDFS 239.

### Requirements for the Option PK-4 Early Childhood Education Option (29 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
EDMTH 301	Mathematics in Elementary Education I	3

EDUC 306	Physical Education, Health, and Safety in Elementary Schools	2
EDUC 320	Methods in Teaching Beginning Readers	3
EDUC 403	Curriculum for Early Childhood	3
EDUC 404	Young Children's Behavior: Observation and Evaluation	3
EDUC 410	The Child and Social Institutions	3
EDUC 421	Children's Literature	3
<b>Additional Courses</b>		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 3 credits of History courses from the following:		3
HIST/AMST 3	The American Nation: Historical Perspectives	
HIST 12	History of Pennsylvania	
HIST 20	American Civilization to 1877	
HIST 21	American Civilization Since 1877	
Select 3 credits of Literature courses from the following:		3
AA 193N	The Craft of Comics	
AFAM 139	African American Literature	
AFAM/ENGL/INART 141N	African American Read-In Engaged Learning Experience	
AMST 150N	Western Pennsylvania Art, Literature, and Culture	
APLNG 220N	Multilingual Lives: Stories of Language and Culture Learning	
ARTH/ENGL 224N	Authors and Artists	
CMLIT 1	Introduction to Western Literatures Through the Renaissance	
CMLIT 2		
CMLIT 3	Introduction to African Literatures	
CMLIT/ASIA 4	Introduction to Asian Literatures	
CMLIT 5	Introduction to Literatures of the Americas	
CMLIT/PHIL 6	Literature and Philosophy	
CMLIT 10	World Literatures	
CMLIT 11	The Hero in World Literature	
CMLIT 100	Reading Across Cultures	
CMLIT 101	Race, Gender, and Identity in World Literature	
CMLIT 105	The Development of Literary Humor	
CMLIT 106	The Arthurian Legend	
CMLIT 107	Exploration, Travel, Migration, and Exile	
CMLIT 108	Myths and Mythologies	
CMLIT 109	Native American Myths, Legends, and Literatures	
CMLIT 110/JST 131	Jewish Literature: An International Perspective	
CMLIT 111	Introduction to Literatures of India	
CMLIT 130	Banned Books: International and Comparative Perspectives	
CMLIT 140	Literature and the Other Arts: International and Comparative Perspectives	
CMLIT 141	Religion and Literature	
CMLIT 153	International Cultures: Film and Literature	
CMLIT/SC 183Q	From Beast Books to Resurrecting Dinosaurs	
ENGL 101	Introduction to Literature	
ENGL 103	The Great Traditions in American Literature	

ENGL/JST 104	The Bible as Literature	
ENGL 112	Pennsylvania Literature	
ENGL 129	Shakespeare	
ENGL 133	Modern American Literature to World War II	
ENGL 134	American Comedy	
ENGL/AMST 135	Alternative Voices in American Literature	
ENGL 140	Contemporary Literature	
ENGL/SC 142N	Science in Literature	
ENGL 161N/HIST 162N	The Pursuit of Happiness in American Life: Historical Literature and Modern Practice	
ENGL 165N	Work and Literature	
ENGL 180	Literature and the Natural World	
ENGL 182A	Literature and Empire	
ENGL 182C	Literature and Empire	
ENGL/PLSC 183N	The Cold War in Literature, Politics, and History	
ENGL 184	The Short Story	
ENGL 185	World Novel	
ENGL 189		
ENGL 191	Science Fiction	
ENGL/WMNST 194	Women Writers	
ENGL 223N	Shakespeare: Page, Stage, and Screen	
ENGL 228	Introduction to Disability Studies in the Humanities	
ENGL/CHEM 233N	Chemistry and Literature	
ENGL 236N	Inequality: Economics, Philosophy, Literature	
ENGL 237N	Reading and Writing Documentary Poetry	
ENGL 262	Reading Fiction	
ENGL 263	Reading Poetry	
ENGL 265	Reading Nonfiction	
ENGL 268	Reading Drama	
HDFS 254N	Reading Our Lives: Understanding Diversity and Human Development through Memoirs	
LLED 215N	Children's Picture Books as Multimodal Texts	
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
EDMTH 302 or SPLED 409C for completion of the Special Education certificate		
An elective course for completion of the ESL certificate		

**English/Language Arts and Reading (4-8) Option (27 credits)**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
EDMTH 302	Mathematics in Elementary Education II	3
EDUC 320	Methods in Teaching Beginning Readers	3
EDUC 416	Teaching Secondary English and the Humanities	3
EDUC 470W	Higher-Order Thinking for Educators	3
LLED 420	Teaching Adolescent Literature and Literacy	3
<b>Additional Courses</b>		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 3 credits of British Literature from the following: <sup>1</sup>		3

ENGL 221	British Literature to 1798	
ENGL 222	British Literature from 1798	
ENGL 440	Studies in Shakespeare	
ENGL 441	Chaucer	
ENGL 442	Medieval English Literature	
ENGL 443	The English Renaissance	
ENGL 444	Shakespeare	
ENGL 445		
ENGL 446	Milton	
ENGL 447	The Restoration and the Eighteenth Century	
ENGL 448	The English Novel to Jane Austen	
ENGL 450	The Romantics	
ENGL 451		
ENGL 452	The Victorians	
ENGL 453	Victorian Novel	
ENGL 454	Modern British and Irish Drama	
ENGL 455	Topics in British Literature	
ENGL 456	British Fiction, 1900-1945	
ENGL 457	British Fiction Since 1945	
ENGL 458	Twentieth-Century Poetry	
Select 3 credits of American Literature from the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
ENGL 231	American Literature to 1865	
ENGL 232	American Literature from 1865	
ENGL 432	The American Novel to 1900	
ENGL 433	The American Novel: 1900-1945	
ENGL 434	Topics in American Literature	
ENGL 435	The American Short Story	
ENGL 436	American Fiction Since 1945	
ENGL 437	The Poet in America	
ENGL 438	American Drama	
ENGL 439	American Nonfiction Prose	
Select 3 credits of History from the following:		3
HIST/AMST 3	The American Nation: Historical Perspectives	
HIST 12	History of Pennsylvania	
HIST 20	American Civilization to 1877	
HIST 21	American Civilization Since 1877	
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
EDMTH 301 or SPLED 409C for completion of the Special Education certificate		
ESL elective for completion of the ESL certificate		

<sup>1</sup> Choice of American and British literature courses must include 3 credits of a GH course and 6 credits of Inter-Domain or Linked courses.

### Mathematics (4-8) Option (29 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
EDMTH 302	Mathematics in Elementary Education II	3
EDUC 417	Teaching Secondary Mathematics	3
MATH 22	College Algebra With Analytic Geometry and Applications II	3
MATH 37	Finite Mathematics	3

MATH 140	Calculus With Analytic Geometry I	4
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	4

### Additional Courses

*Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better*

Select 3 credits of Literature Courses from:		3
AFAM 139	African American Literature	
CMLIT 1	Introduction to Western Literatures Through the Renaissance	
CMLIT 2		
CMLIT 3	Introduction to African Literatures	
CMLIT/ASIA 4	Introduction to Asian Literatures	
CMLIT 5	Introduction to Literatures of the Americas	
CMLIT/PHIL 6	Literature and Philosophy	
CMLIT 10	World Literatures	
CMLIT 11	The Hero in World Literature	
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CMLIT 106	The Arthurian Legend	
CMLIT 107	Exploration, Travel, Migration, and Exile	
CMLIT 108	Myths and Mythologies	
CMLIT 110/ JST 131	Jewish Literature: An International Perspective	
CMLIT 111	Introduction to Literatures of India	
CMLIT 141	Religion and Literature	
CMLIT/ENGL 184	The Short Story	
CMLIT/ENGL 185	World Novel	
CMLIT/ENGL 189		
ENGL 2	The Great Traditions in English Literature	
ENGL/JST 104	The Bible as Literature	
ENGL 129	Shakespeare	
ENGL 129H	Shakespeare	
ENGL 133	Modern American Literature to World War II	
ENGL 134	American Comedy	
ENGL/AMST 135	Alternative Voices in American Literature	
ENGL 140	Contemporary Literature	
ENGL 180	Literature and the Natural World	
ENGL 182A	Literature and Empire	
ENGL 182C	Literature and Empire	
ENGL 191	Science Fiction	
ENGL/WMNST 194	Women Writers	
ENGL 194H	Women Writers - Honors	
ENGL 262	Reading Fiction	
ENGL 263	Reading Poetry	
ENGL 265	Reading Nonfiction	
ENGL 268	Reading Drama	
Select 3 credits from EDMTH 301, SPLED 409C, or an elective for completion of the ESL certificate		3

Select 3 credits of History courses from the following:

HIST/AMST 3	The American Nation: Historical Perspectives
HIST 12	History of Pennsylvania
HIST 20	American Civilization to 1877
HIST 21	American Civilization Since 1877

### Social Studies (4-8) Option (27 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
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#### Prescribed Courses

*Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better*

EDMTH 302	Mathematics in Elementary Education II	3
EDUC 415	Teaching Secondary Social Studies	3
HIST 12	History of Pennsylvania	3
HIST 20	American Civilization to 1877	3
HIST 21	American Civilization Since 1877	3
HIST 320	Contemporary World History and Issues	3
PLSC 1	American Politics: Principles, Processes and Powers	3

#### Additional Courses

*Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better*

Select 3 credits of Literature courses from the following: 3

AA 193N	The Craft of Comics	
AFAM 139	African American Literature	
AFAM/ENGL/ INART 141N	African American Read-In Engaged Learning Experience	
AMST 150N	Western Pennsylvania Art, Literature, and Culture	
APLNG 220N	Multilingual Lives: Stories of Language and Culture Learning	
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CMLIT 10	World Literatures	
CMLIT 11	The Hero in World Literature	
CMLIT 100	Reading Across Cultures	
CMLIT 101	Race, Gender, and Identity in World Literature	
CMLIT 105	The Development of Literary Humor	
CMLIT 106	The Arthurian Legend	
CMLIT 107	Exploration, Travel, Migration, and Exile	
CMLIT 108	Myths and Mythologies	
CMLIT 110/ JST 131	Jewish Literature: An International Perspective	
CMLIT 111	Introduction to Literatures of India	
CMLIT 130	Banned Books: International and Comparative Perspectives	
CMLIT 140	Literature and the Other Arts: International and Comparative Perspectives	
CMLIT 141	Religion and Literature	
CMLIT 153	International Cultures: Film and Literature	

CMLIT/SC 183Q From Beast Books to Resurrecting Dinosaurs

CMLIT/ENGL 184 The Short Story

CMLIT/ENGL 185 World Novel

CMLIT/ENGL 189

ENGL 101 Introduction to Literature

ENGL 112 Pennsylvania Literature

ENGL 129 Shakespeare

ENGL 129H Shakespeare

ENGL 133 Modern American Literature to World War II

ENGL 134 American Comedy

ENGL 135 Alternative Voices in American Literature

ENGL/SC 142N Science in Literature

ENGL 161N/  
HIST 162N The Pursuit of Happiness in American Life: Historical Literature and Modern Practice

ENGL 165N Work and Literature

ENGL 180 Literature and the Natural World

ENGL 182A Literature and Empire

ENGL 182C Literature and Empire

ENGL/PLSC 183N The Cold War in Literature, Politics, and History

ENGL 191 Science Fiction

ENGL/WMNST 194 Women Writers

ENGL 194H Women Writers - Honors

ENGL 223N Shakespeare: Page, Stage, and Screen

ENGL 236N Inequality: Economics, Philosophy, Literature

ENGL 237N Reading and Writing Documentary Poetry

ENGL 262 Reading Fiction

ENGL 263 Reading Poetry

ENGL 265 Reading Nonfiction

ENGL 268 Reading Drama

HDFS 254N Reading Our Lives: Understanding Diversity and Human Development through Memoirs

LLED 215N Children's Picture Books as Multimodal Texts

Select 3 credits from the following: 3

EDMTH 301 or SPLED 409C for completion of the Special Education certificate

ESL course for completion of the ESL certificate

## General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general->

education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

### **Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)**

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

### **Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)**

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

### **Integrative Studies**

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

### **Exploration**

- **GN,** may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

## **University Degree Requirements**

### **First Year Engagement**

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

### **Cultures Requirement**

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

### **Writing Across the Curriculum**

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

### **Total Minimum Credits**

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

### **Quality of Work**

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

### **Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition**

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.