CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON
DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL STUDIES

Registration Advice
for Liberal Studies Freshmen Seeking to Become
Elementary Education Teachers

You’ve made an excellent choice by declaring Liberal Studies as your major. The quality of its preparation for multiple-subject teaching in elementary school is demonstrated by the high CSET pass rate of our students. (The CSET is a fairly demanding test administered by the State of California that is required for admission to multiple-subject teaching credential programs.) 85% of our students pass the entire CSET on their first attempt; an additional 5% passes it on their second attempt; so, our overall pass rate is 90%!

At Cal State Fullerton, you first have to fulfill the General Education (GE) requirement. Thereafter, you take courses for your Liberal Studies major under the Elementary Education Emphasis. In addition, if you plan to earn your multiple-subject teaching credential at Cal State Fullerton, you have to take three courses that are prerequisites for admission to that program. Finally, since you need to earn a minimum of 120 units to receive a B.A. at Cal State Fullerton, you have to take a number of courses that are usually called General Electives.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)

The GE requirement is divided into a number of categories. The following list shows you the GE courses that you’re advised to take in order to be well prepared for the Liberal Studies major courses that you will be taking later. Read this list to understand the structure of GE, but follow the semester-by-semester study plan below to actually register for GE courses, for by so doing you will proceed with a gradually increasing level of difficulty and study a complementary and, hopefully, interesting mix of subjects.

1. List of Recommended Courses by GE Category

Courses that are marked with an asterisk (*) also serve as prerequisites for admission to the Multiple-Subject Teaching Credential Program at Cal State Fullerton. Courses that are marked with two asterisks (**) also satisfy the requirements of the Liberal Studies major.

The numbers in parenthesis behind the course titles indicate how many units of credit you earn by completing the course.

Category A. Core Competencies (9 units)

1. Oral Communications (3 units)
   THTR 110  Oral Communication of Literature (3)

2. Written Communication (3 units)
   ENGL 100  Analytic College Writing (3) or
   ENGL 101  Beginning College Writing (3)

3. Critical Thinking (3 units)
   HCOM 235  Essentials of Argumentation (3) or
   READ 290  Critical Reading, Thinking, and Literacy (3) or
   PSYC 110  Critical Thinking in Psychology (3)

Category B. Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning (12 units)

1. Physical Science (3 units)
   CHEM/PHYS 102+  Physical Science for Future Elementary Teachers (4)
2. Life Science (3 units)
   BIOL 102+ Biology for Future Teachers (4)

3. Laboratory Experience (1 course, units may vary)
   Fulfilled by taking CHEM/PHYS 102+ or BIOL 102+

4. Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (3 units)
   MATH 110 Mathematics for Liberal Arts Students

5. Implications and Explorations of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (3 units)
   LBST 330 History of Early Science and Technology (3)** or
   LBST 331 History of Science: Copernicus to the Present (3)**

Category C. Arts and Humanities (12 units)

1. Introduction to the Arts (3 units)
   ART 101 Introduction to Art (3) or
   DAN C 101 Introduction to Dance (3) or
   MUS 100 Introduction to Music (3) or
   THTR 100 Introduction to the Theatre (3)

2. Introduction to the Humanities (3 units)
   LBST 100 Introduction to the Humanities (3)

3. Origins of World Civilization (3 units)
   HIST 110A World Civilizations to the 16th Century (3)

4. Explorations in the Arts or Humanities (3 units)
   ART 380 Art and Child Development (3)**

Category D. Social Sciences (12 units)

1. Introduction to the Social Sciences (3 units)
   LBST 101 Introduction to the Social Sciences (3)

2. American History, Institutions and Values (3 units)
   HIST 180 Survey of American History (3) or
   HIST 190 Survey of American History with Emphasis on Ethnic Minorities (3)

3. American Government (3 units)
   POSC 100 American Government (3)

4. Explorations in Social Sciences (3 units)
   ANTH 350 Culture and Education (3)** or
   PSYC 311 Educational Psychology (3)** or
   SOCI 352 Sociology of Education (3)**

Category E. Lifelong Learning and Self Development (3 units)

   CAS 312 Human Growth and Development (3)* or
   CAS 315 Child Development (3)* or
   PSYC 361 Developmental Psychology (3)*

Category Z. Cultural Diversity (3 units)

   EDEL 325 Cultural Pluralism in Elementary Schools (3)*

2. Semester-by-Semester Study Plan

The study plan on the next page assumes that you follow all the recommendations and that you take 5 courses per semester. If you have taken different courses already or if you don’t plan to take five course per semester, then you have to adjust this study plan accordingly. To this end, be sure to consult with a Liberal Studies advisor.
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<td>ART 380</td>
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### II. LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR

For aspiring elementary education teachers, the Liberal Studies major has two parts: the Liberal Studies Core Courses and the Elementary Education Emphasis Courses. (If you want to be credentialed as a Special Education teacher, then you should take the Interdisciplinary Thematic Emphasis instead and see a Liberal Studies advisor in this regard.) If you have not done so already, then you should “declare your emphasis” as soon as possible. Ask a Liberal Studies advisor how to do this.

All courses that count toward the Liberal Studies major must be completed with a grade of C or better.
# Liberal Studies Major Requirements: Elementary Education Emphasis (51 Units)

## Liberal Studies Core Courses (30 Units)

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<td>LBST 310, LBST 315, LBST 322, LBST 323, LBST 330, LBST 331, LBST 333, LBST 335, LBST 337, LBST 340, LBST 341</td>
<td>Interdisciplinary Studies Course</td>
<td>The California Experience or A European Tour or Cross-Cultural Social Thought or Cross-Cultural Humanities or History of Early Science and Technology or History of Science: Copernicus to the Present or Evolution and Creation or Science on the Silver Screen or Science, Technology, and Society or Food in the Social Sciences or Ancient Eats: Food and Foodways in the Ancient World</td>
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<td>LBST 485, LBST 486, LBST 488, LBST 489, LBST 490, LBST 491, LBST 492</td>
<td>Senior Seminar</td>
<td>Senior Seminar in Cultural Diversity or Senior Seminar in Humanities and Arts or Senior Seminar in Environmental Studies or Senior Seminar in Gender Issues or Senior Seminar in Great Books or Senior Seminar in Literature and Science or Senior Seminar in the History of the Information Machine</td>
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## Elementary Education Emphasis Courses (21 Units)

The Elementary Education Emphasis Courses may be taken in any order in any semester in addition to the Liberal Studies Core Courses. Underlined courses count for General Education as well. Courses in italics may have community college equivalents that count toward the major.

### I. Arts & Humanities

#### A. Visual and Performing Arts

- Recommended: ART 380 Art and Child Development or MUS 433 Music in Childhood

- Also Accepted: Any 3-unit upper-division course in the departments of Art, Music, Theatre, and Dance

#### B. Language and Literature

- Recommended: ENGL 206 Introduction to Language Structure and Language Use or ENGL 341 Children's Literature or THTR 311 Oral Interpretation of Children's Literature or

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For students with catalog year Fall 2012 or later
ENGL 211  British Literature to 1760 or  
ENGL 212  British Literature from 1760 or  
ENGL 221  American Literature to Whitman or  
ENGL 222  American Literature from Twain to the Moderns  

Also Accepted: Any 3-unit upper-division course from the departments of English, Comparative Literature, and Linguistics; European Studies; and Modern Languages and Literatures  

II. Mathematics & Natural Sciences  

A. Mathematics  

Required: MATH 303B  Fundamental Concepts of Elementary Mathematics  

B. Natural Sciences  

Required: GEOL 410  Planet Earth for Educators or  
BIOL 453  Life Science Concepts  

III. Social Sciences & Cultural Diversity  

A. Social Sciences  

Recommended: ANTH 333  Anthropology of Childhood or  
ANTH 350  Culture and Education or  
PSYC 311  Educational Psychology or  
SOCI 352  Sociology of Education  

Also Accepted: Any 3-unit upper-division course from the departments of Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, and Sociology  

B. Cultural Diversity  

Recommended: AFAM 304  Black Families in America or  
AFAM 370  Development of African American Children and Youth or  
AMST 395  California Cultures or  
ASAM 342  Asian Pacific American Families or  
CHIC 305  Chicana/o Families or  
CHIC 331  The Chicano Child or  
HCOM 320  Intercultural Communication or  
SOCI 357  Race and Ethnic Relations or  
WGST 302  Introduction to Women's Studies  

Also Accepted: Any 3-unit upper-division course in GE Category Z from the departments of American Studies, African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Chicana/Chicano Studies, Human Communication, Latin American Studies, and Women & Gender Studies  

IV. Elective  

Recommended: MATH 303A  Fundamental Concepts of Elementary Mathematics  

Also Accepted: Any 3-unit upper-division course from the departments of Biochemistry, Biological Science, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, and Physics, and from any department under I. Arts & Humanities and III. Social Sciences & Cultural Diversity  

PREREQUISITES FOR THE CSUF MULTIPLE SUBJECT CREDENTIAL PROGRAM  

1. EDEL 315  Introduction to Elementary Classroom Teaching  
2. EDEL 325  Cultural Pluralism in Elementary Schools  
3. CAS 312  Human Growth and Development or  
CAS 315  Child Development or  
CAS 325A  Conception Through Age 8 and CAS 325B  Age 9 Through Adolescence or  
PSYC 361  Developmental Psychology  

Admission to the credential program further requires passing the CBEST and the CSET.  

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You may walk-in on Liberal Studies advisors. See the posted schedule for times.
III. GENERAL ELECTIVES

General Electives are courses you take in addition to General Education and the Liberal Studies major in order to reach 120 units, which is the minimum required for a B.A. at Cal State Fullerton. If you have followed the registration advice laid out above, then you will have 24 units of General Electives.¹

Option 1: Add a Minor
The best way to use your General Electives is to add a minor. Many minors will add to your attractiveness as a job candidate, but some minors are particularly suited to an aspiring elementary education teacher:

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For information about a minor, you need to seek advice from the department or college that offers it.

Option 2: Enhance your Preparation for Multiple Subject Teaching and Passing the CSET
Take courses as your General Electives that were recommended for GE or the Liberal Studies Major but which you didn’t actually take because you had choice and selected different courses. Here’s the list of recommended and suitable choices, from which you already selected one for GE or the major and could take another one or more for your General Electives:

Introduction to the Arts
ART 101 Introduction to Art (3) or
DANC 101 Introduction to Dance (3) or
MUS 100 Introduction to Music (3) or
THTR 100 Introduction to the Theatre (3)

Visual and Performing Arts
ART 380 Art and Child Development (3) or
MUS 433 Music in Childhood (3)

¹The courses recommended for General Education and the courses required for the Liberal Studies major add up to 93 units: 51 for GE and 42 for the major (rather than 51 for the major because three of the courses you are advised to take for GE also satisfy the requirements of the major). In addition, you’ll have to take EDEL 315 (the prerequisite for the Multiple Subject Credential Program at Cal State Fullerton that you haven’t taken yet as part of GE), which adds another 3 units. Hence, you need to earn 24 more units to reach the minimum of 120, for 120 – 93 – 3 = 24.
### Language and Literature
- **ENGL 206**  Introduction to Language Structure and Language Use (3) or
- **ENGL 341**  Children’s Literature (3) or
- **THTR 311**  Oral Interpretation of Children’s Literature (3) or
- **ENGL 211**  British Literature to 1760 (3) or
- **ENGL 212**  British Literature from 1760 (3) or
- **ENGL 221**  American Literature to Whitman (3) or
- **ENGL 222**  American Literature from Twain to the Moderns (3)

### Natural Sciences
- **GEOL 410**  Planet Earth for Educators (3) or
- **BIOL 453**  Life Science Concepts (3)

### Social Sciences
- **ANTH 333**  Anthropology of Childhood (3) or
- **ANTH 350**  Culture and Education (3) or
- **PSYC 311**  Educational Psychology (3) or
- **SOCI 352**  Sociology of Education (3)

### Cultural Diversity
- **AFAM 304**  Black Families in America (3) or
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