

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON
DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL STUDIES

General Education Registration Advice for Liberal Studies Freshmen: Elementary Education Emphasis

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 85%-90% CSET¹ pass rate of our students.

The GE requirement is divided into a number of categories. The following list, *which is valid for students with a catalog year of Fall 2019 and later*, 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, if you can, 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)

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 331 History of Science: Copernicus to the Present (3)**

¹ The CSET or California Subject Examination for Teachers is a test that is required for admission to multiple-subject teaching credential programs.

Category C. Arts and Humanities (12 units)

- 1. Introduction to the Arts** (3 or 6 units)
 - 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)
- 2. Introduction to the Humanities** (3 or 6 units)
 - LBST 100 Introduction to the Humanities (3) and
 - PHIL 101 Meaning, Purpose, and the Good Life (3)
- 3. 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

This study plan assumes that you follow all the recommendations and take five courses per semester. If you have taken different courses already, or if you plan to take less than five course per semester, then you have to adjust the plan accordingly. To this end, be sure to consult a Liberal Studies advisor.

First Year—First Semester	Requirements Met
ENGL 100 Analytic College Writing (3) or ENGL 101 Beginning College Writing (3)	GE A.2
CHEM/PHYS 102 Physical Science for Future Elementary Teachers (4)	GE B.1 & B.3
MATH 110 Mathematics for Liberal Arts Students (3)	GE B.4
LBST 100 Introduction to the Humanities (3)	GE C.2
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)	GE C.1

First Year—Second Semester	Requirements Met
THTR 110 Oral Communication of Literature (3)	GE A.1
BIOL 102 Biology for Future Teachers (4)	GE B.2
LBST 101 Introduction to the Social Sciences (3)	GE D.1
HIST 180 Survey of American History (3) or HIST 190 Survey of American History Emphasis Ethnic Minorities (3)	GE D.2
POSC 100 American Government (3)	GE D.3

Second Year—First Semester	Requirements Met
HCOM 235 Essentials of Argumentation (3) or READ 290 Critical Reading, Thinking, and Literacy (3)	GE A.3
LBST 331 History of Science: Copernicus to the Present (3)	GE B.5 & Major
PHIL 101 Meaning, Purpose, and the Good Life (3)	GE C.2
ART 380 Art and Child Development (3)	GE C.3 & Major
ANTH 350 Culture and Education (3) or PSYC 311 Educational Psychology (3) or SOC 352 Sociology of Education (3)	GE D.4 & Major

Second Year—Second Semester	Requirements Met
EDEL 315 Introduction to Elementary Classroom Teaching (3)	Multiple-Subject Credential Program Prerequisite
CAS 312 Human Growth and Development (3) or CAS 315 Child Development (3) or PSYC 361 Developmental Psychology (3)	GE E & Multiple-Subject Credential Program Prerequisite
EDEL 325 Cultural Pluralism in Elementary Schools (3)	GE Z & Multiple-Subject Credential Program Prerequisite
LBST 302A Historical Dimension of Liberal Studies (3)	Major
LBST 300 Introduction to Elementary Studies (3)	Major