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B.A.Ed. Elementary Education Studies

Woodring College of Education

What Is the Elementary Education Studies Major?

The major in Elementary Education Studies is one of several approved academic majors that can accompany the professional preparation program in Elementary Education. Students may begin taking courses in this academic major before they are admitted to the professional preparation program. However, they cannot officially declare it as their major until acceptance into the professional program.

Program admissions, completion, and teacher certification requirements are provided within the Elementary Education section of the [Western Washington University catalog](#).

How to Declare:

Declare or apply for major to be taken in conjunction with Elementary Certificate Program.

Mid-Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts in Education degree in Elementary Education Studies within four years should complete the GUR by the middle of their sophomore year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

Coursework:

Cumulative GPA, or GPA within the last 45 credits, of 2.75 or higher.

English composition course with a B- or higher.

Other Activities:

Apply to Woodring College of Education before or by completion of GURs.

Meet with Woodring advisor upon admission.

Take and pass all sections on the WEST-B prior to applying.

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Sample Careers:

Elementary Education
Teacher



Elementary Education Studies Major Requirements: 55-57 Credits

HUMANITIES: 21-23 credits

One of the following:

- ENG 202 Writing About Literature (5)
- ENG 203 Writing in Context (5)
- ENG 446 Teaching Writing in Elementary School (5)

And one from the following:

- ENG 347 Studies in Young Adult Literature (5)
- ENG 441 Children Lit for Elem. & Mid. School Teacher (5)
- ELED 405 Books and Materials for Elementary Schools (4)

And one of the following:

- MUS 202 Jazz: Genesis & Evolution (3)
- MUS 205 Non-Western Musical Cultures (3)
- PHIL 350 Political Philosophy (3)
- PHIL 360 Society, Law & Morality (3)
- THTR 351 Creativity Across the Curriculum (3)
- A/HI - Any course in Art History (3-4)

And one of the following:

- HIST 280 Intro to East Asian Civilizations (5)
- HIST 285 Intro to African Civilizations (5)
- HIST 287 Intro to Islamic Civilization (5)

And:

- HIST 391 History of the Pacific Northwest (4)

MATHEMATICS: 12 credits

- MATH 381 Teaching K-8 Mathematics I (4)
- MATH 382 Teaching K-8 Mathematics II (4)
- MATH 383 Teaching K-8 Mathematics III (4)

SCIENCE: 12 credits

- SCED 294 Investigative Science (4)
- SCED 370 Science and Society (3)
- SCED 480 Science Methods & Curriculum for Elementary School (5)

SOCIAL SCIENCES: 8-10 credits

- PLSC 250 American Political System (5)

And one of the following:

- ELED 464 Multicultural Education for Teachers (4)
- ESTU 303 Human Ecology (4)
- ESTU 304 Environmental and Resource Policy (4)
- ESTU 305 Environmental History & Ethics (4)
- ECON 446 Economics for the Teacher (3)
- PLSC 345 Women and Politics (5)
- PLSC 346 Politics of Inequality (5)
- PLSC 347 Race, Politics and Public Policy (5)
- PLSC 353 State and Local Politics (5)

Note #1: Depending on the courses chosen, some of them will apply both to General University Requirements or the Elementary Professional Preparation Program, and to the Elementary Education Studies major as well. See the 2008-2009 *Western Washington University Catalog* for further information.

Note #2: This major is for students in Elementary Education only. Only students who are accepted into the professional preparation program will be able to declare this major.

Other Elementary Education Options:

B.A. Ed. in any academic major approved by Elementary Education (see *WWU Catalog* under Elementary Education—Choosing an Academic Major)

These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements:

ACOM: ENGL 101

BCOM: COMM 101; ENGL 202, 203

CCOM: EDUC 309

QSR: MATH 381, 382

HUM: PHIL 350, 360; A/HI any course 220–241

SSC: PLSC 250

ACGM: A/HI 270, 271; MUS 205; PLSC 346;
HIST 280, 285, 287

LSCI: SCED 294

WP: Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.