

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION, BS

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2026-2027. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation>).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.50

Total Hours: 124

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
*Minimum grade of "C" or "P" in each course		
*Minimum GPA 2.50 required in combination with Major Requirements		
*Certification requirements that meet GE requirements		
<i>English Composition courses*</i>		
See Academic Regulation 3.5 (https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)		
ENGL 1113	Composition I	3
or ENGL 1313	Critical Analysis and Writing I	
Select one of the following courses:*		3
ENGL 1213	Composition II	
ENGL 1413	Critical Analysis and Writing II	
ENGL 3323	Technical Writing	
<i>American History & Government</i>		
Select one of the following courses:*		3
HIST 1103	Survey of American History	
HIST 1483	American History to 1865 (H)	
HIST 1493	American History Since 1865 (DH)	
POLS 1113	American Government	3
<i>Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning (Q)</i>		
Select one of the following courses:*		3
MATH 1483	Mathematical Functions and Their Uses (Q)	
MATH 1493	Applications of Modern Mathematics (Q)	
MATH 1513	College Algebra (Q)	
MATH 1613	Trigonometry (Q)	
MATH 2103	Business Calculus (Q)	
MATH 2144	Calculus I (Q)	
STAT 2013	Elementary Statistics (Q)	
<i>Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage & Cultures (H)</i>		
Select one of the following courses:*		3
LLCE 2003	American Stories: Diverse Peoples in YA Literature (DH)	
ENGL 2413	Exploring Literature (DH)	
ENGL 2883	Survey of American Literature II (DH)	
Select one of the following courses:*		3
ART 1503	Art History Survey to 1400 (H)	
ART 1513	Art History Survey Since 1400 (H)	
ART 1603	Introduction to Global Art (H)	
MUSI 2573	Introduction to Music (H)	
<i>Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (N)</i>		

Select 10 hours of courses designated (N) with the help of your advisor.*		10
Must include one Laboratory-Based Inquiry (L) course*		
<i>Exploring Society & Human Behavior (S)*</i>		
PSYC 1113	Introductory Psychology (S) *	3
or SOC 1113	Introductory Sociology (S)	
<i>Diversity (D) *</i>		
Courses designated (D) are included in the Understanding Humanities-Human Heritages & Cultures (H) section		
<i>Global Cultural Competency (G)</i>		
Select one of the following courses:*		3
GEOG 1113	Introduction to Cultural Geography (GS) *	
GEOG 1713	Regions & Nations in Global Context (GS) *	
GLST 1713	Regions & Nations in Global Context (GS) *	
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
Additional general education credit hours may be required to meet the total 40-hour minimum of general education credit if courses carry more than one general education designation and can be used to meet multiple general education designation hour requirements above.		
Courses designated (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F)		
Select one of the following courses:*		3
ENGL 2243	Language, Text and Culture (GH) *	
ENGL 2513	Introduction to Creative Writing (H) *	
SPCH 2713	Introduction to Speech Communication (S) *	
Hours Subtotal		40
College/Departmental Requirements		
UNIV 1111	First Year Seminar (or other approved first year seminar course)	1
EDHS 3111	Preparing for Your Future Career	1
Select 3 hours of electives		3
Hours Subtotal		5
Major Requirements		
Minimum GPA 2.50 with a minimum grade of "C" or "P" in each course		
CIED 3133	Children's Literature Across the Curriculum	3
CIED 3253	Teaching Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School	3
CIED 3293	Teaching Reading in the Elementary and Middle School	3
<i>Mathematics</i>		
MATH 3403	Geometric Structures for Early Childhood and Elementary Teachers	3
MATH 3603	Mathematical Structures for Early Childhood and Elementary Teachers	3
SMED 3153	Teaching Mathematics at the Primary Level	3
Choose one of the following:		3
SMED 2100	Seminar in Mathematics Education	
SMED 2153	Teaching Algebra, Data and Probability Across the Elementary Curriculum	
SMED 3100	Workshop In Mathematics Education	
<i>Sciences</i>		
Select 2 hours of the following courses:		2

SMED 2200	Seminar in Science Education	
SMED 2352	Nature Journaling: Standards-Based Science in the Outdoors	
SMED 3200	Workshop in Science Education	
<i>Taken as a block semester prior to student teaching:</i>		
CIED 4103	Introduction to English Learners for Early Childhood and Elementary Teachers ¹	3
CIED 4323	Social Studies in the Elementary School Curriculum ¹	3
SMED 4153	Teaching Mathematics at the Intermediate Level ¹	3
SMED 4353	Science in the Elementary School Curriculum ¹	3
Hours Subtotal		35
Professional Core Requirements		
Minimum GPA 2.50 with a minimum grade of "C" or "P" in each course		
CIED 2453	Introduction to Teaching and Learning	3
CIED 3622	Middle Level Education	2
EPSY 3113	Psychological Foundations of Childhood	3
or SMED 3013	Knowing and Learning in K-12 Education	
<i>Student Teaching Block</i>		
CIED 4453	Senior Seminar in Elementary Education ¹	3
CIED 4450	Internship in Elementary Education ¹	9
Hours Subtotal		20
<i>Special Education Requirements</i>		
SPED 3743	Planning, Compliance, and Current Practices in SPED	3
SPED 4743	Teaching Foundational Reading Skills to Learners with Disabilities	3
SPED 3623	Characteristics of Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities	3
SPED 4753	Multi-tiered Classroom and Behavior Management	3
SPED 3683	Models of Instruction in the Inclusive Classroom	3
SPED 4763	Differentiating Reading Instruction for Learners with Disabilities	3
SPED 4733	Differentiating Mathematics Instruction for Students with Disabilities	3
SPED 4703	Techniques of Function Based Interventions	3
Hours Subtotal		24
Total Hours		124

¹ Full admission to Professional Education required.

- The student must earn minimum grades of "C" or "P" in each course in the Major Requirements and specified General Education and Professional Core Requirements and must earn grades of "P" in all sections of observation courses and student teaching for recommendation for Certification.
- Students must demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language at the novice-high level from among those languages identified by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability. For clarification see OSU academic advisor.
- Transfer Admission Requirements: 2.00 GPA for less than 31 hours; 2.25 GPA for 31-45 hours; 2.50 GPA for more than 45 hours.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2032.

Other Requirements

- 40 hours of upper-division coursework. Required for graduation and recommendation for Standard Certification:
 - a. 2.50 Overall GPA;
 - b. 2.50 GPA in Major Requirements and specified general education requirements; and
 - c. 2.50 GPA in Professional Core Requirements.