

# LIBERAL STUDIES / ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Arts degree  
with a major in Liberal Studies –  
concentration in Elementary Education**

**Liberal Studies Elementary Education  
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**The Program**

The Liberal Studies Elementary Education program provides focused, hands-on university coursework aligned with clinical practice in elementary schools that allows undergraduate students who complete the Integrated Credential Pathway\*\*\* to earn a bachelor's degree, and to be recommended for a Multiple Subject Credential in four years. A Non-Integrated Pathway is available for students who wish to earn a bachelor's degree only.

Students completing this program will have:

- demonstrated an ability to work effectively with diverse students, parents, colleagues, staff, and others in the community;
- developed and maintain safe, positive, and productive educational environments;
- used research-based practice to inform their work;
- demonstrated a coherent theoretical framework of learning and human development that supports reflection on their practice;
- collaborated on efforts to improve education opportunities for all students.

Additionally, candidates in the LSEE Program acquire the knowledge, skills, experiences, and perspectives necessary to:

- demonstrate subject matter content knowledge aligned to the California K-8 Content Standards in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, History /Social Science, Health, Physical Education, and the Visual and Performing Arts as outlined in the Standards of Program Quality and Effectiveness for the Subject Matter Requirement for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential
- apply pedagogical content knowledge to teach specific subjects clearly and knowledgeably and to effectively integrate pedagogical

content knowledge and skill across disciplines in lesson design and implementation.

The carefully sequenced academic plan provides:

- excellent preparation to teach elementary school subjects including Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, History /Social Science, Health, Physical Education, Visual and Performing Arts
- courses that focus on 21st century teaching approaches
- a series of structured classroom experiences with students from kindergarten to 8th grade
- dedicated faculty and advisors
- support to complete university and credential requirements including subject matter competency

*Students need to complete the Livescan finger print clearance, tuberculosis, and rubella clearance to participate in the clinically based LSEE classes that begin in the freshman year.*

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE**

*For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see "The Bachelor's Degree" section of the catalog, pp. 66-81.*

*Students must earn a minimum grade of C- in all major requirements.*

*Students who complete the LSEE Lower Division Core will have met Lower Division GE and American Institutions requirements.*

*Students who change out of the LSEE major are encouraged to contact the Office of the Registrar or the Academic & Career Advising Center regarding completion of degree requirements.*

**Lower Division Core**

BIOL 104	(3) General Biology
COMM 100	(3) Fundamentals of Speech Communication
CD 209	(3) Middle Child Development
COMM 103	(3) Critical Listening & Thinking
CRGS 108	(3) Power/Privilege: Gender & Race
EDUC 285	(3) Technology Skills for Educators
ENGL 104*	(3) Accelerated Composition & Rhetoric
ENGL 105	(3) Literature, Media & Culture

GEOL 109	(4) General Geology (or other Lower Division GE Area B: Physical Universe course)
HIST 104	(3) Western Civilization to 1650
HIST 110	(3) United States History to 1877
LSEE 101	(4) Foundations of Teaching
LSEE 211	(4) Developmental Literacy
LSEE 212	(4) Language and Literacy
PSCI 110	(3) American Government

*Plus one of the following:*

ES 106	(3) Introduction to Black Studies
ES 107	(3) Chican@/Latin@ Lives
WS 107	(3) Woman, Culture, History

*Plus one of the following:*

TA 104	(4) Story Through Word & Image
DANC 103	(3) Modern I
DANC 104	(3) Modern II

*Plus one of the following:*

MATH 103	(3) Mathematics as a Liberal Art
MATH 103i	(3) Mathematics as a Liberal Art with Integrated Support [Coreq: MATH 3]
MATH 108	(3) Critical Thinking in Mathematics

**Upper Division Core**

ART 358	(3) Art Structure
LSEE 308	(4) Algebra, Geometry, and Data in the Elementary Classroom
LSEE 313	(4) Science for Elementary Education
LSEE 315	(4) Social Science for Elementary Education
LSEE 316	(4) Language Arts for Elementary Education
LSEE 317	(4) Number Sense & Operations in Elementary School Math
LSEE 333	(4) English Language & Bilingual Development
LSEE 377	(4) Education of Exceptional Individuals

\*or ENGL 102 & ENGL103 Composition & Rhetoric A & B or ENGL 104S

\*\*\* Subject to WSCUC & CSU Chancellor's Office approval

### **Integrated Credential Pathway\*\*\***

This pathway is for students who are pursuing a bachelor's degree and a Multiple Subject Credential.

*A GPA of 2.67 must be maintained to be formally admitted to the credential program and to earn the Multiple Subject Credential.*

The LSEE Integrated Credential Pathway program includes courses needed to apply to and complete the teacher credential program. Upper division GE area C and D requirements are fulfilled by completion of the following coursework.

*Complete core courses, plus the following:*

- LSEE 413 (4) Integrated Elementary Science & Mathematics Methods I
- LSEE 414 (4) Integrated Elementary Science & Mathematics Methods II
- LSEE 415 (4) Integrated Art, Language Arts and Social Studies I
- LSEE 416 (4) Integrated Art, Language Arts & Social Studies II
- LSEE 421 (4) Critical Multicultural Education
- LSEE 423 (4) School, Student & Social Development
- LSEE 475 (4) Health & Physical Education
- MUS 322 (3) Music in the K-8 Classroom

### **Capstone**

- LSEE 455 (4) Senior Credential/  
Capstone

### **Non-Integrated Pathway**

This pathway is designed for students who wish to earn a bachelor's degree only or have not met the credential admission requirements.

*Complete core courses, upper division GE areas C and D, plus the following:*

- LSEE 443 (4) Action Research I
- LSEE 444 (4) Action Research II
- LSEE 453 (3) Senior Seminar I
- LSEE 454 (3) Senior Seminar II

**and**

9 units in one of the following areas: child development, creative dramatics, English as a second language, music, physical education, history/ social science, mathematics, psychology, Spanish, studio art or science.



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\*\*See "Programs Leading to Licensure & Credentialing" on page 295.

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