

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Students must complete this program by April 2012 because of certification changes.

The liberal studies major is designed for students planning to enter the School of Education's teaching certificate program in either early childhood or elementary education.

A minimum total of 120 credits is required for the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in liberal studies. Of this total, the major consists of at least 36 credits (12 approved courses) according to the specifications at right. The remaining credits for the degree are outlined on the Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree information sheet.

BA in Liberal Studies/School of Education Certification

Program: The College of General Studies and the School of Education have collaborated on a curriculum under the liberal studies program that incorporates all of the prerequisite course work needed for admission into the Instructional 1 certification programs in early childhood education and elementary education. These options may be used by students interested in the professional year or the Master of Arts in teaching programs offered in the School of Education. Completion of the prerequisites for the School of Education does not guarantee acceptance to their programs. See an academic advisor for specific requirements. Students must complete this program by April 2012 because of certification changes.

For course schedule and descriptions:

For most undergraduate classes offered by the College of General Studies, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Business Administration, visit www.courses.as.pitt.edu.

Major Requirements: 36–42 credits

1. Children's Literature: choose one course

ENGLIT	0560	Children and Culture
ENGLIT	0562	Childhood's Books
GER	1502	Indo-European Folktales
RUSS	0090	Russian Fairy Tales

2. English Language: required course

IL	1257	Teaching English Language Learners
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3. Science: choose one course

ASTRON	0088	Stonehenge to Hubble with Lab 0080
ASTRON	0089	Stars, Galaxies, and the Cosmos with Lab 0080
BIOSC	0800	Biology for Non-majors 1
BIOSC	0810	Biology for Non-majors 2
BIOSC	0150	Foundations of Biology with Lab 0500
CHEM	0110	General Chemistry 1
GEOL	0800	Introduction to Geology with Lab 0055
GEOL	0860	Environmental Geology with Lab 0055
PHYS	0850	Natural Science 1 or BIOSC 0850 or CHEM 0850
PHYS	0851	Natural Science 2 or BIOSC 0851 or CHEM 0851

4. American History: choose one course

HIST	0600	U.S. to 1877
HIST	0601	U.S. 1865 to Present
HIST	0670	Afro American History 1
HIST	0671	Afro American History 2

5. Special Education: required course

IL	1580	Foundations of Special Education
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6. Instruction and Learning: required course

IL	1473	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers
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7. Health and Physical Activity: required course

HPA	1491	Teaching Health and Wellness in the Elementary Schools
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8a. Elementary Education Track: choose one course

IL	1000	Introduction to Elementary Education
IL	1700	Early Field Experience: Elementary Education

8b. Early Childhood Education Track: both courses required

IL	1041	Introduction to Early Childhood Education
IL	1901	Nature of the Young Child

9. Electives: choose four courses from the listing below

AFRCNA	0311	Introduction to the African American Family
AFRCNA	1402	Learning Paradigms for African American Child Development
ANTH	1770	Kinship and Family
CLASS	0030	Mythology in the Ancient World
CLASS	1130	Classical Mythology and Literature
ENGCOMP	1552	Uses of Literacy
ENGLIT	0644	Myth and Folktale
ENGLIT	1551	Introduction to the English Language
ENGLIT	1645	Critical Approaches to Children's Literature
ENGLIT	1649	Topics in Children's Literature
GER	1500	Germanic Myths, Legends, and Sagas
HIST	1154	European Families
HPS	0517	Thinking About the Environment
LING	0080	Aspects of Language
LING	1950	Introduction to Linguistics
PSY	0310	Developmental Psychology
PSY	0405	Learning and Motivation
PSY	1360	Psychology of Black Children
SOC	0426	Society and the Child
SOC	0438	Sociology of the Family
SOC	0478	Youth and Society
SOC	0479	Sociology of Education
SOC	1443	Juvenile Delinquency
SA	0110	Foundation of Design
SA	0120	Foundation of Painting
SA	0130	Foundation of Drawing
SA	0140	Foundation of Sculpture
THEA	0800	Introduction to Theatre Arts
THEA	0810	Introduction to Dramatic Arts
THEA	0830	Introduction to Performance
THEA	1120	Drama and Performance in the Classroom

10. Professional year program students only: take the following courses in place of two electives in 9

ADMPS	1001	Social Foundations of Education
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And choose one of the following:

PSYED	1001	Introduction to Educational Psychology
PSYED	1003	Adolescent Psychology
PSY	0405	Learning and Motivation
PSY	0421	Cognitive Psychology for Non-majors

Related Course Work:

- 3 credits in American or British literature
- 6 credits in mathematics

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Requirements subject to change. Check with an academic advisor before registering.

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