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## PROGRAM OF STUDY

### Elementary Teacher Education Associate in Arts for Transfer

The Associates of Arts degree for Transfer (AA-T) in Elementary Teacher Education is designed for prospective California State University (CSU) transfer students who are preparing for careers as Elementary School Teachers. Completion of the Elementary Teacher Education degree will provide a streamlined pathway for transfer to a CSU campus with a Liberal Studies or similar major. Completion of a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies prepares students to apply to approved teacher education programs leading to a credential to teach in elementary, self-contained classrooms. The Liberal Studies major and aligned AA-T Elementary Teacher Education curriculum provides depth and breadth of subject matter content typically taught in Kindergarten through sixth grade classroom settings in California. Students who plan to enter a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) approved program leading to a preliminary Multiple Subject Credential are required to demonstrate subject matter competency.

The requirements for completion of a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential include verification of subject matter competence. Pursuant to Education Code Section 44259 (b)(5), the Commission provides candidates two alternative paths for fulfilling this requirement: (1) completion of a Commission-approved program of subject matter preparation at a California college or university and (2) passage of a subject matter examination. Additional statutes relate to the subject matter that can be included in an approved program and on the examination. Relevant Education Code sections are included below.

Education Code Section 44314 (a) states that "an approved program shall consist of a minimum of 84 semester units, or equivalent quarter units, including, but not limited to, language studies, literature, mathematics, science social science, history, humanities, the arts, physical education and human development.

Education Code Section 44282 (b). A general subject matter examination authorizing teaching multiple subjects shall include an examination of the candidate's knowledge of the following areas: language studies, literature, mathematics, science, social studies, history the arts, physical education, and human development.

The OCC Elementary Teacher Education degree will provide a significant foundation in the topics assessed on the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET,) Multiple Subjects exam. Successful completion of the AA-T in Elementary Teacher Education satisfies lower- division preparation for a degree in Liberal Studies or other similar majors.

### Program Outcomes:

#### **OUTCOME 1:**

Completion of degree will provide a streamlined pathway for transfer to a CSU campus with a Liberal Studies or similar major eventually leading to a credential to teach in elementary classrooms.

## Career Opportunities in Education (Transfer)

Sufficient student demand exists for a program leading to CSU transfer in majors aligned with preparation for careers as elementary school teachers. The coursework in the proposed AA-T in Elementary Teacher Education covers a significant portion of the lower division major requirements at local CSU schools offering a major in Liberal Studies.

Core Courses	Units
BIOL A100 Introduction to Biology	4.0
CHEM A110 Introduction to Chemistry	5.0
PHYS A110 Conceptual Physics	3.0
PHYS A111 Introductory Physics Lab	1.0
CMST A110 Public Speaking	3.0
EDUC A200 The Teaching Profession	3.0
ENGL A100 Freshman Composition	3.0
ENGL A101 Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing Through Literature <u>or</u> ENGL A101H Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing Through Literature Honors	4.0
GEOG A100 World Regional Geography <u>or</u> GEOG A100H World Regional Geography Honors	3.0
GEOL A105 General Geology <u>or</u> GEOL A105H General Geology Honors	3.0
GEOL A105L General Geology Lab <u>or</u> GEOL A105M General Geology Lab Honors	1.0
HIST A161 World History 1 <u>or</u> HIST 161H World History 1 Honors	3.0
HIST A170 History of United States to 1876 <u>or</u> HIST A170H History of United States to 1876 Honors	3.0
HMDV A180 Child Growth and Development	3.0
MATH A104 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers	3.0
PSCI A180 American Government <u>or</u> PSCI A180H American Government Honors	3.0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>48.0</b>
<b>List A - Select one course from the following:</b>	
CMST A220 Essentials of Argumentation	3.0
ENGL A102 Critical Reasoning, Reading and Writing Through Nonfiction <u>or</u> ENGL A102 Critical Reasoning, Reading and Writing Through Nonfiction	3.0
PHIL A150 Critical Reasoning & Writing	3.0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>List B - Select one course from the following:</b>	
ART A100 History and Appreciation of Western Art: Prehistory Through Gothic <u>or</u> ART 100H Honors History and Appreciation of Western Art: Prehistory Through Gothic	3.0
DANC A200 Appreciation of Dance	3.0
HUM A100 Introduction to the Humanities	3.0
MUS A100 History and Appreciation of Music	3.0
THEA A100 Introduction to Theatre	3.0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<i>Courses in major program may be double counted in GE Breadth section.</i>	
<b>CSU or IGETC General Education Breadth: 37-39 units</b>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Transferable Electives as needed to satisfy unit requirement	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>54.0</b>

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