



LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR – TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements are subject to change without notice. To ensure that this information is current, you should consult with a Liberal Studies counselor or review articulation agreements via the Internet at www.assist.org.

The Liberal Studies major is primarily designed for prospective elementary and special education teachers who intend to earn a Multiple Subject (K – 8) and/or Education Specialist Instruction credential. All such students should complete the coursework specified below for their intended transfer university.

Important Notes:

1. All courses on this guide sheet must be completed with a grade of C or higher.
2. In general, credential programs require that students achieve a GPA ranging from 2.5 – 2.67 prior to admission into their programs.
3. It is strongly recommended that students take the CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test) and complete their character clearance prior to transfer.
4. Some CSU programs may require CSU GE certification and/or the completion of a 12-15 unit concentration which can be started at the community college level. Please see a counselor or visit www.assist.org for details.
5. Students may choose between an integrated or a traditional program. The former allows them to complete a bachelor's degree and credential simultaneously, and the latter requires them to complete their bachelor's degree prior to entering a teaching credential program.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES

California State University, Dominguez Hills

California State University, Dominguez Hills offers prospective elementary school and special education teachers two alternatives for obtaining a Liberal Studies degree: the traditional program and the integrated program. Students applying to the **Integrated Option** must have passed all three sections of the CBEST, achieved a GPA of 2.67, completed lower division General Education and Liberal Studies coursework, and be granted clearance by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. **The Early Teaching and Learning Option (ETLO)** is designed to prepare students to teach children from birth to age five in diverse inclusive early childhood education and preschool settings. Participants in this option complete the undergraduate Liberal Studies degree with an emphasis in early language development, culture, literacy, early mathematical reasoning, and exceptional children. For students interested in special education, this option also provides a clear pathway into the Early Childhood Special Education credential program. **For more information, please visit the CSUDH Liberal Studies Website at www.csudh.edu/soe/lbs or call their program office at: 310.243.3832.**

Subject Area	Required Coursework (CSU GE certification recommended)
English	English 1A and English 1C
Oral Communication	Communication Studies 1, 3, 4, or 12. (Note: Communication Studies 1 is recommended.)
Math	Math 110; Math 115 and 116 (OR Math 111 at ECC OR Math 207 at CSUDH). Note: ETLO Option students do NOT take Math 111, 115, or 116.
Science	Biology 10
Arts	Art 1 or Theatre 1 and Dance 1 or Music 1
History/Social Science	History 140 (formerly History 3); History 101 (formerly History 1A); Political Science 1
Liberal Studies majors only	Add: Any CSU GE Area B1 physical science course; English 27*; Child Development 103*; Geography 5*; and Education 201 (Note: Education 101 is a prerequisite to this course).
ETLO Option students only	Add English 27; Geography 5; one from Astronomy 20 or 25, Geology 1 or 2, or Physics 11; Child Development 103, 104, 112, 114, 150 or 152 and two courses from Child Development 116, 117, 118, or 119

***Note: Students will receive subject credit only – not upper division unit credit – for these courses.**

California State University, Fullerton

Students interested in earning a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential at California State University, Fullerton will work with the university's Center for Careers in Teaching to determine the most efficient route to their credential. Students may select any major for this credential, but the two most common are Liberal Studies and Child Development. **For more information, please visit their Website at www.fullerton.edu/cct or call: 714.278.7130.**

Subject Area	Required Coursework: CSU GE certification recommended
English	English 1A; English 27; and one from: English 15A, 15B, 35, or 36
Oral Communication	Communication Studies 1, 3, 4, or 12 (Note: Communication Studies 1 preferred)
Critical Thinking	English 1C or Philosophy 5 or 8 or Psychology 3 or Speech 4
Mathematics	Math 110 or any CSU GE math course
Science	Geology 1 and 3 and Biology 10
Arts	Art 1 or Music 1 or 11 or Theatre 1
History/Social Science	History 101 (formerly History 1A); History 140 (formerly History 3); Geography 5; Political Science 1; Anthropology 4

California State University, Long Beach

California State University, Long Beach offers both integrated and traditional credential programs but recommends the integrated program for transfer students. Students are eligible for transfer to CSULB once they complete 60 CSU transferable units with a GPA of 2.0 (inclusive of their English, speech, math, and critical thinking requirements), but it is highly recommended that all of the coursework listed on this guide sheet be completed prior to transfer. **For more information, please visit the Liberal Studies program Website at www.ced.csulb.edu/liberalstudies/ or call: 562.985.4228.**

Subject Area	Required Coursework
English	English 1A and one from English 1B, 15A, 15B, 36, 40A, or 40B
Oral Communication	Communication Studies 1
Critical Thinking	English 1C or Philosophy 8 or Psychology 3 or Speech 4
Mathematics	Math 110, 115, and 116
Science	Biology 10 and Geology 6 (or Geology 1 and 3) and Physical Science 25
Arts	Dance 1 or Theatre 1, 4, or 8 (Note: ECC no longer offers Music 7, but CSULB will accept it for students who took it in the past).
History/Social Science	History 101 (formerly History 1A); History 140 (formerly History 3); Geography 5; Political Science 1 (Note History 8 may also be taken for subject credit only).
Human Development	Child Development 103
Education/Technology	Education 201 (Note: Education 101 is a prerequisite to this course); CIS 13
Other	One from: Philosophy 2, 3, 10, 11, or 23

California State University, Los Angeles

CSULA currently offers both integrated and traditional credential programs with Elementary Subject Matter Options in the following major degree programs: Mexican American Studies, Child Development, Liberal Studies, and Urban Learning. Transfer students must attain a GPA of 2.75 in the last 90 quarter units of coursework for entry into the integrated options. **For more information, please visit their Website at www.calstatela.edu/academic/ccoe or call 323.343.4100 to set up an appointment with a CSULA Liberal Studies advisor.**

Subject Area	Required Coursework
English	English 1A and English 1B or 31 and English 1C
Oral Communication	Communication Studies 1
Critical Thinking	Philosophy 5 or 8 or Communication Studies 4
Mathematics	Math 110, 115, and 116
Science	Astronomy 20; Biology 10; Chemistry 4 or 20; Geology 1 or 6; Physical Science 25 or Physics 11
Arts	No courses articulated
History/Social Science	History 101 (formerly History 1A); History 140 and 141 (formerly History 3 and 4); Political Science 1
Human Development	Child Development 103 and PE 280

California State University, Northridge

CSUN presently offers two undergraduate teacher preparation programs for transfer students who plan on becoming elementary or special education teachers: the Pre-Credential Option and the Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP) Junior Option. The Pre-Credential Program allows students to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies *only* and is best suited for individuals who wish to enroll in a teaching credential program after they earn their BA degree.

The Integrated Teacher Education Program is designed for students who wish to earn their Bachelor of Arts degree and their credential simultaneously. All students begin in the Pre-Credential Program but may join ITEP in their junior year. Students may apply to ITEP as early as their first semester at CSUN. **For more information, please visit the Liberal Studies Website at : www.csun.edu/liberalstudies or call 818.677.3300.**

Subject Area	Required Coursework
English	English 1A and one from English 1B, 15A, 15B, 35, 36, 40A, 40B, 42, or 43
Oral Communication	Communication Studies 1
Critical Thinking	English 1C or Philosophy 5 or 8 or Psychology 3
Mathematics	Math 110
Science	Biology 10 and Geology 6 and Physical Science 25
Arts	One from: Art 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 or 5A or Dance 1 or Music 11 or Theatre 1 or 8
History/Social Science	History 101 or 110 or 112 (formerly History 1A, 16A or 17); History 140 (formerly History 3); Geography 5; Political Science 1
Human Development	Child Development 103
Other	One from Anthropology 11, English 30; Humanities 1, or Philosophy 2, 3, 7, 10, or 11

San Diego State University

San Diego State University currently offers two routes to obtaining the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential: (1) the traditional pathway where students earn a bachelor's degree in Applied Arts and Sciences and then enter the teaching credential program; and (2) the integrated pathway where students earn the bachelor's degree and the teaching credential concurrently. At the time of admission, all students will be placed in the "pre-traditional major." Thereafter, they may choose to pursue the integrated or traditional pathway. (Note: CSU GE certification is included within the major, so students should not follow the California State University General Education Certification or IGETC plan). **For more information, please visit their Website at www.edweb.sdsu.edu call: 619.594-6544.**

Subject Area	Required Coursework
English	English 1A and English 35, 36, or 1B
Oral Communication	Communication Studies 1, 3, 4, or 12
Critical Thinking	English 1C or Philosophy 5 or 8 or Psychology 3 or Speech 4 (if not already taken)
Mathematics	Math 110 and 116
Science	Biology 10 and Geology 6. Physical Science 25 may also be taken as an elective.
Arts	Art 1 or Theatre 4
History/Social Science	History 140 (formerly History 3) and Geography 5 and one from: History 101 (formerly History 1A), History 102 (formerly History 1B), History 108 (formerly History 9), History 110 (formerly History 16A), History 111 (formerly History 16B), or Political Science 1
Human Development	Child Development 3 or Psychology 5 and 16
Education	Education 201 (Note: Education 101 is a prerequisite to this course).
Other	If three years of a foreign language was taken in high school, take Philosophy 3. If not, take Chinese 2 or French 2 or German 2 or Italian 2 or Spanish 2.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM

Except for UC Riverside, most University of California teaching credential programs are at the graduate level. Thus, students must first complete a baccalaureate degree and then apply to a UC graduate school, at which point they can earn a Master of Arts degree and complete requirements for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. Graduate school admission requirements typically include passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST), demonstration of subject matter competence by passing the California Subject Exam for Teachers (CSET) Multiple Subject Exam, and a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Some programs also require that applicants take the GRE (Graduate Record Examination). With regard to coursework, students should choose their electives wisely to increase their knowledge of the areas included in the California Content Standards (e.g., math, language arts, social studies, humanities/fine arts, science, and social studies). Recommended majors: any.

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola Marymount University offers a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) approved subject matter preparation program in Liberal Studies. The Liberal Studies program is designed for undergraduate students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree and a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential simultaneously. Working collaboratively with the School of Education's Teacher Preparation Program, the Liberal Studies program seeks to provide a multi-disciplinary undergraduate education while preparing students for the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) and other credentialing requirements. Students interested in transferring to LMU as Liberal Studies majors should complete the coursework indicated below. Liberal Studies students generally apply to the School of Education after their second year of Liberal Studies program coursework after completing the prerequisite education courses. School of Education admission criteria include an overall GPA of 2.8 and passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). In addition, program applicants must submit documentation of at least 20 hours of experience working with culturally and linguistically diverse youth groups between the ages of 4 and 13 years. For more information about the Liberal Studies program, please contact the Center for Undergraduate Teacher Preparation at 310.338.1748 or visit <http://bellarmine.lmu.edu/cutp>

Subject Area	Required Coursework
English	English 1A
Oral Communication	Communication Studies 1 or 12
Critical Thinking	None
Mathematics	Math 110 and 111
Science	None
Arts	Music 1
History/Social Science	Psychology 5
Human Development	None
Other	None

University of Southern California

USC no longer offers an undergraduate program designed for future elementary school teachers. The university does, however, have a thirteen month combined master's degree/credential program for students who already possess a bachelor's degree. For more information, please visit the Rossier School of Education on the Web at: www.usc.edu/dept/education.

Mount St. Mary's College

Mount St. Mary's College offers a concurrent program of teacher preparation. Students take courses toward their bachelor's degree (in Liberal Studies) and courses in education simultaneously. The Mount St. Mary's College Elementary Teacher Preparation Program is a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing-approved program for the preparation of students who intend to earn the Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential as defined by SB 2042. Prospective transfer students should major in Liberal Studies and complete the courses listed below. However, it is not required that transfer students complete the whole list of courses. Courses not completed at El Camino may be taken at MSMC. Transfer students are also encouraged to obtain a passing score on the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) and to take the California Subject Exam for Teachers (CSET) since passing scores on all three sections of the CSET must be attained prior to student teaching. Because a Liberal Studies portfolio documenting the study of the subject areas designated below is required for the major, students considering transferring to Mount St. Mary's College are likewise encouraged to retain copies of course syllabi and course assignments. For more information, please contact the Coordinator of Liberal Studies at 213.477.2628 or visit the college's education Website at: www.msmc.la.edu/Education/default.htm.

Subject Area	Required Coursework
English	English 1A
Oral Communication	Communication Studies 1
Critical Thinking	English 1C
Mathematics	Math 110
Science	Biology 10; Geology 6; Physical Science 25
Arts	Art 1, 2, 3, or 4 AND Music 11 or Music 12 (recommended), or Music 15A, or 15B
History/Social Science	History 101 (formerly History 1A); History 140 (formerly History 3); History 128 (formerly History 8); Geography 5; Political Science 1
Human Development	Psychology 16
Other	History 102 (formerly History 1B); History 141 (formerly History 4); CIS 13; Education 201; Spanish 1 and 2; Philosophy 2, 3, or 23; Philosophy 5 or 8; and one additional course in philosophy that meets the MSMC general studies articulation agreement