

# Associate in Arts in Elementary Education

## Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this degree, students will have gained a well-rounded general education degree with a focus on the foundational learning principles important to becoming a successful classroom teacher.

## Employment Opportunities or Additional Educational Options

With this degree, students can prepare to transfer to many schools that offer education programs. SMC has a partnership with Ferris State University, and that track is listed below. Another track is provided which guides students for transfer to many other colleges or universities. Students should consult frequently with their advisor about their educational goals, as each school has different transfer practices. Therefore, the selection of your courses at SMC is important to provide not only the best educational experience here, but the most profitable upon transfer.

## To Learn More About This Program

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## Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below. Students, working closely with their advisor, are permitted to substitute the courses in the General Education and MTA Courses section below according to the guidelines on page 33 of this catalog. Each general education course, prerequisite course, internship/practicum, and capstone course must be completed with a final grade of "C" or better.

## General Education and MTA Courses

### COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W	Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits
ENGL 104	Freshman English 3	3 credits

### MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 127	College Algebra	4 credits

### NATURAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
BISC 111	Biological Science	4 credits
SCIE 190	Earth Science for Elementary Teachers	3 credits

### SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3 credits
HIST 201	United States History 1	3 credits

### HUMANITIES

Course ID	Course	Credits
ART 200	Creative Process Through Art	3 credits
ENGL 251	Children's Literature	3 credits

## Major-specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
EDUC 101	Introduction to Teaching	1 credit
MATH 153	Math for Elementary Teachers 1	4 credits
MATH 154	Math for Elementary Teachers 2	4 credits
MUSI 240	Music for the Classroom Teacher	3 credits
POSC 201	American Government	3 credits
SPEE 102	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits

**Complete either the Ferris State University Transfer Track or the General Transfer Education Track listed below.**

### FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY TRACK

Course ID	Course	Credits
ECON 201	Macroeconomics	3 credits
EDUC 260	Emergent Literacy	3 credits
HIST 230	Michigan History	3 credits
PSYC 296	Educational Psychology	3 credits
EDUC 215 or MATH 141 or MATH 265	Human Dev and Learning or Analytical Geometry and Calculus 1 or Probability and Statistics for Teachers	3 to 5 credits

### GENERAL TRANSFER EDUCATION TRACK

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 215	Human Dev and Learning	3 credits
HIST 202	United States History 2	3 credits
MATH 265	Prob and Stats for Teachers	4 credits
PHED 103	Life Wellness	2 credits
PSYC 205 or PSYC 296	Child Psychology or Educational Psychology	3 credits

**Total Program Credits: 63**

## Additional Notes About the A.A. in Elementary Education Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites are listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined does not meet MTA requirements. A student would need one additional natural science course because SCIE 190 satisfies the A.A. general education requirements but not MTA. See advisor for specific details if the MTA is important to you.
- This program outlines two different tracks, one for preparation to transfer to Ferris State University and one for preparation to transfer to other colleges and universities. Please consult with an advisor regularly about your specific educational goals.
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before he/she plans to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

## Example Course Sequence

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

### FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
HIST 201 United States History 1	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
MATH 127 College Algebra	4 credits	MATH 101 or test score
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
EDUC 101 Introduction to Teaching	1 credit	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)

### SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
ENGL 104 Freshman English 3	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
SCIE 190 Earth Science for Elementary Teachers	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
Track Elective	2 to 5 credits	See Course Descriptions for Details
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### THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits	None
MATH 153 Math for Elementary Teachers 1	4 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score
MUSI 240 Music for the Classroom Teacher	3 credits	None
BISC 111 Biological Science	4 credits	None
POSC 201 American Government	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)

### FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
ART 200 Creative Process Through Art	3 credits	None
MATH 154 Math for Elementary Teachers 2	4 credits	MATH 153
ENGL 251 Children's Literature	3 credits	None
Track Elective	2 to 5 credits	See Course Descriptions for Details
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