

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

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## Degree Requirements

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the Connecting with Ideas requirement:</i>		
CWID 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the GEM 1 requirement:</i>		
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 2 requirement:</i>		
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 3 requirement:</i>		
MATH 257	Math for Elementary Teachers II	4
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the GEM 4 requirement:</i>		
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course <sup>1</sup>		4
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course <sup>2</sup>		3-4
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the GEM 5 requirement:</i>		
GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course		3
GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course <sup>2</sup>		3
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the GEM 6 requirement:</i>		
HIST 111 or HIST 112	United States History I United States History II	3
EDUC 120	Foundations of Education <sup>3</sup>	3
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the Global Perspectives requirement:</i>		
EDUC 200	Education Around the World	3
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
EDUC 150 or EDUC 250	Educational Technology I Education Technology II	3
EDUC 220	Diversity in the Schools	3
EDUC 230	Introduction to Special Education	3
EDUC 280	Integrated Teaching and Field Experience	2
EDUC 290	Education Capstone	1
MATH 157	Math for Elementary Teachers I	4
Select 5-6 credits from the Elementary Education Electives list below to bring the total credits earned to 60		5-6
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

<sup>1</sup> Must include a lab component.

<sup>2</sup> Course must come from a different discipline.

<sup>3</sup> This course fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.

## Elementary Education Electives

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
<b>Select 5-6 credits from the following courses to bring the total credits earned to 60:</b>		
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3

ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
EDUC 255	Educational and Assistive Technology	3
EDUC 260	Special Education Policies and Procedures	3
ENGL 175	Literature and Ideas	3
ENGL 202	Technical Communication	3
ENGL 211	Literary Analysis	3
ENGL 257	Survey of Western World Literature I	3
ENGL 258	Survey of Western World Literature II	3
ENGL 267	Survey of British Literature I	3
ENGL 268	Survey of British Literature II	3
ENGL 277	Survey of American Literature I	3
ENGL 278	Survey of American Literature II	3
ENGL 286	Literary Magazine	3
GEOG 102	Cultural Geography	3
HIST 103	Western Civilization I	3
HIST 104	Western Civilization II	3
HIST 111	United States History I	3
HIST 112	United States History II	3
POLS 101	American National Government	3
POLS 102	Introduction to Political Science	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 201	Child and Adolescent Development	3
SIGL 101	American Sign Language I	4
SIGL 102	American Sign Language II	4
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 102	Social Problems	3
SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish I	4
SPAN 102	Elementary Spanish II	4

## Plan of Study Guide

*Below is the recommended sequence of courses that you need to take in order to complete your program requirements. Please register for each semester as shown below using the Student Planning tool in myCWI. Consult your Student Success Advisor for any questions regarding this course sequence plan.*

### First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
MATH 157	Math for Elementary Teachers I <sup>1</sup>	4
CWID 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course <sup>2</sup>		4
EDUC 120	Foundations of Education (GEM 6) <sup>3</sup>	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		17
<b>Spring</b>		
EDUC 150 or EDUC 250	Educational Technology I <sup>4</sup> or Education Technology II	3
Elementary Education Elective	Select an elective from the list below	3
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
MATH 257	Math for Elementary Teachers II (GEM 3) <sup>1</sup>	4
HIST 111 or HIST 112	United States History I (GEM 6) or United States History II	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		19

**Second Year****Fall**

EDUC 220	Diversity in the Schools	3
EDUC 230	Introduction to Special Education	3
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course <sup>5</sup>		3-4
GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course <sup>6</sup>		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		12

**Spring**

EDUC 280	Integrated Teaching and Field Experience	2
EDUC 290	Education Capstone	1
Elementary Education Elective	Select an elective from the list below	2-3
GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course <sup>7</sup>		3-4
EDUC 200	Education Around the World (Global Perspectives)	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		12
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

- <sup>1</sup> Elementary Education majors should take the Math Diagnostic for math placement upon acceptance to CWI. The Math Diagnostic will inform the student if a review course such as MATH 095 College Prep Mathematics is needed prior to entering a college-level math course such as MATH 123 Math in Modern Society or MATH 143 College Algebra.
- <sup>2</sup> Recommend a Biological Sciences course with a lab component (BIOL, ENVI, or MMBS).
- <sup>3</sup> This course fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.
- <sup>4</sup> Students who do not have basic computer application skills are encouraged to take ITAM 101 Introduction to Computer Applications before taking EDUC 150 Educational Technology I or EDUC 250 Education Technology II.
- <sup>5</sup> Recommend a Physical Sciences course with or without a lab component (AGRI, CHEM, GEOL, or PHYS).
- <sup>6</sup> Recommend ARTS 101 Prehistoric to Medieval Art or MUSI 100 Introduction to Music.
- <sup>7</sup> Recommend any literature or humanities course (ENGL 200-level course, HUMA 101 Humanities: Prehistory to Renaissance, HUMA 102 Humanities: Baroque to Modern, or a foreign language course).

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**Additional Advising Notes:**

- Students pursuing the Elementary Education degree are strongly encouraged to meet with an Education faculty member for advising. Students do not need to be specifically assigned to a faculty member to seek advising support directly from the Education Department.
- Most of the courses in the Elementary Education program can be moved around to meet scheduling needs as long as students honor prerequisite requirements.
- Many of our four-year partners require specific prerequisite courses before application to their Teacher Education Program. Most of those prerequisite courses can be built into the Elementary Education degree at CWI without adding more overall credits. However, students need to know which school they intend to transfer in order to plan accordingly. If there are options, always select the more stringent school upon which to base the schedule.

**Program Outcomes**

The following are student learning outcomes for the Associate of Arts in Elementary Education at CWI:

- Develop foundational skills and knowledge of best practices in pedagogy and curriculum development.
- Experience and evaluate the academic environment as a workplace.
- Network and advocate within local K-12 classrooms.
- Obtain the content and academic knowledge necessary to be successful in a four-year teacher education program.
- Evaluate and reflect upon their ability to become an effective teacher.
- Understand the ethical responsibility and moral compass necessary to be an successful education professional.