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Students must take 2 of the following courses, 1 must be from group A. The second course may be in group A or group B.

I. Communication

(Group A)

ENC 1101	College Writing I **(WAC)**

Students must complete ENC 1101 and ENC 1102 (or one of the approved substitutes for ENC 1102) with a grade of "C" or higher in each course.

(Group B)

ENC 1102	College Writing II **(WAC)** +
ENC 2135	Research and the Writing Process **(WAC)** + Ω
HIS 2050	Writing History **(WAC)** +
SPC 2608	Public Speaking (non-WAC) **non-substitute**

II. Humanities

(Group A)

ARH 2000	Art Appreciation
HUM 2020	Introduction to Humanities
LIT 2000	Introduction to Literature **(WAC)**
MUL 2010	Music Appreciation
PHI 2010 & D	Introduction to Philosophy **(WAC)** ++
THE 2000	Theatre Appreciation

(Group B)

ARC 2208	Culture & Architecture
ARH 2050	History of Art 1
ARH 2051	History of Art 2
DAN 2100	Appreciation of Dance
FIL 2000 & D	Film Appreciation
LIN 2607	Perspectives on Language
LIT 2010	Interpretation of Fiction **(WAC)** ++
LIT 2030	Interpretation of Poetry **(WAC)** ++
LIT 2040	Interpretation of Drama **(WAC)** ++
LIT 2070	Interp. of Creative Nonfiction **(WAC)** ++
LIT 2100	Introduction to World Literature
MUH 2121	World Music
SPT 2530	Hispanic Culture and Civilization
WOH 2012 & D	History of Civilization 1 **(WAC)** ++
WOH 2022	History of Civilization 2

III. Mathematics

(Group A)

MAC 1105	College Algebra
MAC 2311	Calculus with Analytic Geometry 1 (4 cr.)
MGF 1130	Mathematical Thinking in Context 1
STA 2023	Introductory Statistics

Or any mathematics course for which one of the above general education core course options in Mathematics is the direct prerequisite.

(Group B)

COP 1031C	Comp. Prog. & Data Literacy for Everyone
(For Non-College Engineering & Computer Science majors)	
MAC 1114	Trigonometry #
MAC 1140	Precalculus Algebra #
MAC 1147	Precalculus Algebra & Trigonometry (4 cr.)
MAC 2210	Intro Calculus w/App. (4 cr.) ***(Permit Only)***
MAC 2233	Methods of Calculus
MAC 2312	Calculus with Analytic Geometry 2 (4 cr.)
MGF 1131	Mathematical Thinking in Context 2
PHI 2102	Logic

IV. Natural Science

(Group A)

AST 2002	Introduction to Astronomy
BSC 1005 & L	Life Science (3 cr. w/Lab)
CHM 1020C	Contemporary Chemical Issues
ESC 2000	The Blue Planet (online)
EVR 1001	Environmental Science and Sustainability
GLY 2010C & D	Phys. Geol/Evolution of the Earth (4 cr. w/Lab)
OCE 2001	Introduction to Oceanography #

Or any course in the Natural Science for which one of the above general education core course options in Natural Science is the direct prerequisite. NOTE: at least one course must have a lab from Group A or B.

(Group B)

ANT 2511 & L	Intro to Biological Anthropology (4 cr. w/Lab)
ETG 2831	Nature: Inter. of Sci., Eng., & the Humanities
GLY 2100	History of Earth and Life
IDS 2382	Human Mission to Mars
MET 2010	Introduction to Weather and Climate
PSC 2121	Physical Science

V. Social Sciences

(Group A)

AMH 2010 & D	United States History to 1877 ◊
AMH 2020 & D	United States History Since 1877 ◊.
ANT 2000 & D	Introduction to Anthropology **(WAC)**
ECO 2013	Macroeconomic Principles
POS 2041	Government of the United States ◊
PSY 1012	Introduction to Psychology

(Group B)

ANT 2100	Introduction to Archaeology Ω
CCJ 2002	Law, Crime & the Criminal Justice System
ECO 2023	Microeconomic Principles
EME 2620	Digital Literacy
EVR 1110	Human Dimensions of Environmental Change
EVR 2017	Environment and Society
GEA 2000	World Geography
INR 2002	Introduction to World Politics
LIN 2001	Introduction to Language (online)
PAD 2081	Risk & Resilience to Natural Hazards
POT 2000	Global Political Theory
SOW 1005	Perspectives of Social Services
SYO 2101	Families in the United States Ω
URP 2051	Designing the City

VI. Additional Enrichment

Choose 6 credits from Humanities, Social Science, Communication, or Natural Science subject areas.

(1) _____ (2) _____

LEGEND

+ ENC 1101 is a prerequisite
++ Two Communication courses are required before taking this course.
§ Reserved for Wilkes Honors College & University Honors Program students only.
Ω Offered starting Fall 2026.
◊ Please visit FAU's website regarding the Civic Literacy Requirements.
(https://www.fau.edu/ugstudies/civic-literacy-requirement/)
(R) – Recommended
(SR) – Strongly Recommended
The following courses are not offered at FAU but will fulfill this requirement if transferred from another school.
WAC - Writing Across the Curriculum course – minimum grade of "C" required. Students must take four WAC courses.

NOTE: Honors Seminars SHALL BE ACCEPTED AS MEETING THE WAC/GRW REQUIREMENT. See the University Advising Services Office for details.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE – All admitted undergraduate students must satisfy the statewide foreign language admission requirement. Students must complete a two-year foreign language sequence in high school or the equivalent proficiency at the college or university level. American Sign Language satisfies the criteria of a foreign language for this requirement.

NOTE: Native Speakers of a foreign language must consult the Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature Department regarding this requirement.

CREDIT SUMMARY

36 cr.	**General Education**
33 cr.	**Early Care and Education Major**
24 cr.	**Non-Restricted (Free/Non-Major) Electives including Foreign Language**
	(To be completed prior to beginning major courses)
27 cr.	**Upper-Division Electives**
120 credits	**TOTAL**

Early Care and Education Major

NOTE: To be admitted to the Early Care and Education program, students must do the following:

1. Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale on the lower division undergraduate general education component or have completed requirements for a baccalaureate degree with a minimum GPA of 2.5 from any college or university accredited by a regionally accredited institution.
2. Meet the general university requirements for admission.
3. Complete FAU's General Education Requirements or an AA Degree from a Florida State University or College.
4. Be programmed by an assigned advisor.
5. Be approved for admission by the College of Education.

NOTE: See the catalog for specific requirements, course descriptions, and additional information. The requirements for some core curriculum & other courses may be satisfied by passing the appropriate AP or CLEP exam. Check with your advisor and college.

A "C" or better in ALL education courses is required, along with a minimum grade point average of 2.5, as well as an overall GPA of 2.5. All course selections should be made in consultation with an advisor.

IMPORTANT NOTES:
Students registered in Education courses must purchase "Live Text," which is an online tool that will be used to track individual student competency mastery (CAs) in initial certification programs. For detailed information, please visit:
https://www.fau.edu/education/students/livetext/students/

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Field experience is a required component of some Education courses. All students requiring a field experience placement must have evidence of current security clearance. For detailed information, please visit: https://www.fau.edu/education/students/oass/fieldexperience/

EARLY CARE and EDUCATION (33 credits, 11 courses)

Core Courses (21 credits, 7 courses)

EEX 3201 Typical/Atypical Child Development, Birth - Age 8	3 credits
EEC 3214 Designing and Implementing a Blended Curriculum: Birth - Age 8	3 credits
EEX 3226 Assessment of All Young Children	3 credits
EEX 3754 Building Family, Community and School Partnerships	2 credits
EEX 3603 Positive Behavior Supports in Inclusive Early Childhood Settings	3 credits
EEX 4112 Language Development and Intervention in Young Children	3 credits
EEC 4313 Blended Early Childhood Methods: Birth-5	4 credits

Reading and College of Education Courses (12 credits, 4 courses)

LAE 4353 Language Arts and Literature: Birth - Grade 8	3 credits
RED 4308 Reading Development I: Birth - Grade 3 (Prerequisite: LAE 4353)	3 credits
EDF 3430 Educational Measurement and Evaluation	3 credits
TSL 4080 Introduction to TESOL	3 credits

UPPER DIVISION ELECTIVE COURSES (27 credits)

BECE Program Electives (Select 12 credits from at least 2 areas from the columns below, each course is 3 credits unless otherwise indicated)

Arts & Movement	Development, Learning and Pedagogy	Leadership and Management	Contemporary Social Issues
ARE 4313 Elementary School Art	DEP 3053 Psychology Human Develop *(pre-PSY 1012)*	ENT 4024 Entrepreneurship *(pre-junior)*	
COM 4703 Storytelling	DEP 4115 Infant Development *(pre-PSY 1012)*	MAN 3025 Int. Mgt. & Org. Behavior *(pre-junior)*	EDF 3610 Educ. Multicultural Society
COM 4707 Peace, Conflict, Oral Narrative	PSB 4504 Developmental Psychobiology *(pre-PSY 1012)*	MAN 3611 Cross-Cult Human Relations *(pre-MAN 3025; Petition Required)*	EEX 2091 Disability and Society
EEC 4303 Creative Arts Young Child	EDF 3210 Applied Learning Theory	MAN 4301 Human Resource Management *(pre-MAN 3025; Petition Req.)*	SOW 4650 Child Welfare
	TSL 4081 TESOL Issues & Practices *(pre-TSL 4080)*	MAN 4350 Human Resource Develop *(pre-MAN 3025 & MAN 4301, Petition Required)*	SYO 3100 Family and Society
	EEC 4020 Foundations Early Childhood Environ Educ. ***Can be used in partial fulfillment of EC Env. Ed Cert.***	EEC 4404 Community Engagement in Early Childhood Environmental Education ***Can be used in partial fulfillment of EC Env. Ed Cert.***	SYO 3534 Poverty and Society
	EEC 4237 Explore Nat Habitat Curriculum Young Child ***Can be used in partial fulfillment of EC Env. Ed Cert.***		PHI 3320 Philosophy of the Mind
	EEC 4322 Effective Practices Early Child Environ Educ.		PHI 4661 Ethics

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BECE Open Electives
15 credits in any combination from the columns below, each course is 3 credits unless otherwise indicated.

Psychology Overview	Communication, Speech, Hearing and Language	Classroom Management and Special Needs	Technology and Instructional Design
CLP 4144 Psychopathology *(pre-PSY 1012)*	SPA 4002 Introduction to Communication Disorders	EDG 4419 Building Classroom Discipline and Management	EEX 4763 Special Education Technology
EXP 3505 Cognition *(pre-PSY 1012)*	SPA 4011 Speech and Hearing Science	EEX 4050 Overview of Individuals Served in VE Programs *(pre/co -EEX 2091 or equivalent; field-based observation required)*	EME 4312 Educational Technology for 21st Century Teachers
EXP 4304 Psychology of Motivation *(pre-PSY 1012)*	SDS 4410 Interpersonal Communication	EEX 4070 Special Education Strategies for Elementary Educators (*field-based observation required).*	
PPE 4003 Personality Theories *(pre-PSY 1012)*	SPC 3710 Intercultural Communication		**Health and Safety**
PSB 3002 Biological Bases Behavior *(pre-PSY 1012)*	SPC 4718 Ethnicity and Communications		HSC 2400 First Aid and CPR (2)
PSY 4810 Evolutionary Psychology *(pre-PSY 1012)*	LIN 4620 Bilingualism *(pre-LIN 3010 or permission of instructor)*		NUR 3183 Food, Nutrition and Health
	DEP 4130 Lang Acquisition *(pre-PSY 1012 + DEP 3053 or equivalent)*		

If these courses have already been taken, they will be accepted as Open Electives… MAE 4310 Math Content & Standards K-6 Teachers, MAE 4350 Principles & Methods: K-9 School Mathematics, SCE 4113 Science Content & Standards K-6 Teachers, SCE 4350 Principles & Methods: K-9 School Science, SSE 4150 K-9 School Social Studies, RED 4552 Reading Diagnosis and Remediation Pre K-Grade 8.