

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS (B.A.)

Educational Foundations for Elementary Teachers is a Bachelors of Arts degree that prepares students for a career in education, with the option of pursuing teacher certification in elementary education (Kindergarten-Grade 6). The course of study includes theories of learning, assessment, and human development, as well as key social, historical, and philosophical trends in American schools. It is designed to enhance students' core content knowledge in essential subject areas of Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. As such, our program provides its graduates with rigorous educational and content knowledge necessary to teach in elementary school classrooms.

Different from other majors, our program is comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, concise, and targeted; with only 120 credit hours to complete the degree. Admission to the Teacher Education program is a separate process. Students interested in earning a K-6 certification will find that our program provides a seamless transition and alignment with the course of study needed for certification. Alternatively, for those individuals who do not intend to pursue certification, our program includes 27 credits as free electives, to provide students with a range of options to earn another major or minor.

Program Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
	General Education Requirements	14
	World Languages and Cultures Requirements	3-6
	Major Requirements	76
	Free Electives	27-24
Total Credits		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Educational Foundations		
EDFD 180	Foundations of Education: Social, Cultural, and Political Contexts	3
EDFD 200	Psychological Foundations of Education	3
EDFD 220	Philosophical Orientation to Education	3
EDFD 221	Historical Foundations of American Education	3
EDFD 300	Assessment, Learning Sciences and Ethics	3
EDFD 449	Current Issues in American Education	3
or EDFD 445	Human Rights Education	
Required Courses in Mathematics		
MTHM 201	Mathematics in Elementary Schools I	3
MTHM 302	Mathematics in Elementary Schools II	3
With advisor approval, select one 400-level mathematics class.		3
Required Courses in Sciences		
BIOL 100	Biological Sciences	4
EAES 170	World Geography	3
ECEL 300	Scientific Inquiry in Elementary Schools I (PreK-6th Grade)	3

ECEL 301	Scientific Inquiry in Elementary Schools II (PreK-6th Grade)	3
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Required Courses in Social Sciences

HIST 117	Foundations of America	3
HIST 118	Emergence of the Modern United States	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3

With advisor approval, select one course at the 300- or 400-level in History, Political Science and Law, or Anthropology.

Required Courses in Literature/Language Arts

READ 399	Early Literacy Development and Instruction (Only available if admitted into Teacher Education. Otherwise take one of the listed electives with advisor approval.)	3
or ANTH 390	Anthropology of Childhood and Youth	
or CHAD 340	Current Social Issues in Child Advocacy	
or POLS 416	Special Topics in Political Science	
or SOCI 311	Urban Sociology	
READ 408	Literacy in the Elementary Grades (Only available if admitted into Teacher Education. Otherwise take one of the listed electives with advisor approval.)	3
or ANTH 390	Anthropology of Childhood and Youth	
or CHAD 340	Current Social Issues in Child Advocacy	
or POLS 416	Special Topics in Political Science	
or SOCI 311	Urban Sociology	

Select one of the following:

WRIT 106	College Writing II	
ENGL 111	Introduction to Literature: The Short Story	

Select one of the following or any 200-level English course:

ENGL 255	The Golden Age of Children's Literature	
ENGL 260	Art of Poetry	
ENGL 294	Women Poets	
ENGL 305	Young Adult Literature	
ENGL 353	Shakespeare: Comedies-Histories	
ENGL 354	Shakespeare: Tragedies-Romances	
GRIN 226	Fairy Tales from Grimm to Disney	
or GERM 226	Fairy Tales from Grimm to Disney	
HUMN 285	Mythology	

Additional/Collateral Coursework

CMST 101	Fundamentals of Speech: Communication Requirement	3
ECEL 200	Perspectives on Early Childhood and Elementary Education in a Democracy	3
FSHD 214	Child Development I	3
FSHD 314	Child Development II: Adolescence	3

Total Credits 76

General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill General Education categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/general-education-requirements-ba-bs/>)

Code	Title	Credits
A. New Student Seminar		
	Complete a 1 credit New Student Seminar course.	1

C. Communication

1. Writing		
WRIT 105	College Writing I	3
or HONP 100	Honors Seminar in Great Books and Ideas Part I	

2. Literature		
Fulfilled in the major.		

3. Communication		
CMST 101	Fundamentals of Speech: Communication Requirement (Fulfilled in the major.)	

D. Fine and Performing Arts		
Complete a 3 credit Fine and Performing Arts course.		

F. Humanities		
1. Great Works and Their Influences		
3		
2. Philosophical and Religious Perspectives		
EDFD 220	Philosophical Orientation to Education (Fulfilled in the major.)	

G. Computer Science		
Complete a 3 credit Computer Science course.		

H. Mathematics		
MTHM 201	Mathematics in Elementary Schools I (Fulfilled in the major.)	

I. Natural Science Laboratory		
BIOL 100	Biological Sciences (Fulfilled in the major.)	

J. Physical Education		
Complete a 1 credit Physical Education course.		

K. Social Science		
1. American and European History		
EDFD 221	Historical Foundations of American Education (Fulfilled in the major.)	

2. Global Cultural Perspectives		
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3. Social Science Perspectives		
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (Fulfilled in the major.)	

L. Interdisciplinary Studies		
ECEL 200	Perspectives on Early Childhood and Elementary Education in a Democracy (Fulfilled in the major.)	

Total Credits		14
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World Languages and Cultures Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill World Languages and Cultures categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/world-languages-and-cultures-requirements/>)

Code	Title	Credits
World Languages		
Based on placement exam, complete one or two sequential courses in a single language.		3-6
Total Credits		3-6

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This four-year plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years. This plan is a

recommendation and students should only use it in consultation with their academic advisor.

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
WRIT 105 or HONP 100		3 WRIT 106 or ENGL 111	3
BIOL 100 (or other BIOL course)		4 HIST 118	3
CMST 101		3 EDFD 221	3
GNED 199		1 EAES 170	3
EDFD 180		3 PSYC 101	3
HIST 117		3	
		17	15

Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
World Language 1		3 MTHM 201	3
EDFD 200		3 FSHD 314	3
ECEL 200		3 GENERAL EDUCATION (D) Fine and Performing Arts	3
EDFD 220		3 GENERAL EDUCATION (G) Computer Science	3
FSHD 214		3 GENERAL EDUCATION (J) Physical Education	1
		World Language 2	3
		15	16

Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDFD 300		3 ECEL 301	3
Elective in English		3 ANTH 390, CHAD 340, POLS 416, or SOCI 311 (READ 399 must be taken if admitted into Teacher Education.)	3
MTHM 302		3 EDFD 449 or 445	3
ECEL 300		3 Social Science Elective	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
		15	15

Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ANTH 390, CHAD 340, POLS 416, or SOCI 311 (READ 408 must be taken if admitted into Teacher Education.)		3 Free Elective	3
Elective in MTHM		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective		3	
		15	12

Total Credits 120