ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, B.A.

Degree Requirements (120 hours)
See College of Education (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/education/) for certification requirements and other academic opportunities.

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Founding Documents Requirement
All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade in the subject areas of History, Political Science, or African American Studies that covers the founding documents including the United State Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalist papers. This course may count as a requirement in any part of the program of study including the Carolina Core, the major, minor or cognate, or as a general elective. Courses that meet this requirement are listed here (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/founding-document-courses/).

1. Carolina Core Requirements (31-43 hours)

CMW – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written (6 hours)

must be passed with a grade of C or higher

- any CC-CMW courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

ARP – Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving (6-8 hours)

- any CC-ARP courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

SCI – Scientific Literacy (7-8 hours)
Select from two different categories below.

- Life Science from the following (3-4 hours):
  - BIOL 110
  - BIOL 120 & BIOL 120L

- Physical Science from the following (3-4 hours):
  - CHEM 101
  - CHEM 105
  - CHEM 107
  - PHYS 101 & PHYS 101L
  - PHYS 201 & PHYS 201L

- Earth Science from the following (3-4 hours):
  - ENVR 101 & ENVR 101L
  - ENVR 200
  - GEOG 201
  - GEOG 202
  - GEOL 101
  - GEOL 103
  - MSCI 210 & MSCI 210L
  - MSCI 215 & MSCI 215L

GFL – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-6 hours)
Complete the Carolina Core approved courses in Foreign Language (GFL) or by achieving a score of 2 or better on a USC foreign language placement test.

- any CC-GFL courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

GHS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Historical Thinking (3 hours)

- Choose one of the following:
  - HIST 111
  - HIST 112

GSS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Social Sciences (3 hours)

- Choose one of the following:
  - POLI 101
  - POLI 201

AIU – Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding (3 hours)

- any CC-AIU course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

CMS – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-CMS course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

INF – Information Literacy (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-INF course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

VSR – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

1 Carolina Core Stand Alone or Overlay Eligible Requirements — Overlay-approved courses offer students the option of meeting two Carolina Core components in a single course. A maximum of two overlays is allowed. The total Carolina Core credit hours must add up to a minimum of 31 hours. Some programs may have a higher number of minimum Carolina Core hours due to specified requirements.
2. College Requirements (0 hours)
No college-required courses for this program.

3. Program Requirements (24-27 hours)
Supporting Courses (24-25 hours)
Complete 3-4 hours from the category below that was not used to fulfill CC-SCI (for a total of 10 hours in sciences, including the courses chosen to fulfill CC-SCI).

Course Title Credits
Select 3-4 hours of the following: 3-4

Life Science
BIOL 110 General Biology
BIOL 120 Human Biology
& 120L and Laboratory in Human Biology

Physical Science
CHEM 101 Fundamental Chemistry I
CHEM 105 Chemistry and Modern Society I
CHEM 107 Forensic Chemistry
PHYS 101 The Physics of How Things Work I
& 101L and The Physics of How Things Work I Lab
PHYS 201 General Physics I
& 201L and General Physics Laboratory I

Earth Science
ENVR 101 Introduction to the Environment
ENVR 200 Natural History of South Carolina
GEOG 201 Landform Geography
GEOG 202 Weather and Climate
GEOL 101 Introduction to the Earth
GEOL 103 Environment of the Earth
GEOL 201 Observing the Earth
MSCI 210 Oceans and Society
& 210L and Oceans and Society Laboratory
MSCI 215 & 215L Coastal Environments of the Southeastern US and Coastal Environments of the Southeastern U.S. (Laboratory)

Select one of the following: 3
GEOG 121 Globalization and World Regions
GEOG 210 Peoples, Places, and Environments

Select one of the following: 3
ECON 221 Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 222 Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 224 Introduction to Economics

The following courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher:

Select one of the following: 3
SLIS 325 Children's Literature
ENGL 431A Children's Literature
ENGL 431B Picture Books
MATH 221 Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics I
MATH 222 Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics II
PEDU 575 Physical Education for the Classroom Teacher

Select one of the following: 3
ARTE 520 Art for Elementary Schools
MUED 555 Integrating Music into the Elementary Classroom

Total Credit Hours 24-25

Minor (0-18 hours) optional
A student may choose to complete a minor consisting of 18 credit hours of prescribed courses. The minor is intended to develop a coherent basic preparation in a second area of study. Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the minor. No course may satisfy both major and minor requirements. All minor courses must be passed with a grade of C or better.

Electives (0-3 hours)
The number of elective hours required depends upon the number of hours used to fulfill other degree requirements. Minimum degree requirements must equal 120 hours.

4. Major Requirements (62 hours)
Achieve a GPA of 3.00 or higher in all education course work; a minimum grade of C is required in all major courses.

Education Core (14 hours)

Course Title Credits
EDEX 523 Introduction to Exceptional Children 3
EDFI 300 Schools in Communities 3
EDPY 401 Learners and the Diversity of Learning 3
EDRM 423 Introduction to Classroom Assessment 2
EDTE 201 Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning 3

Total Credit Hours 14

Elementary Core and Clinical Experience (27 hours)

Course Title Credits
EDEL 305 Nature and Management of Elementary Classrooms 3
EDEL 306 Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy for the Elementary Classrooms 3
EDEL 440 Elementary Mathematics Instruction 3
EDEL 450 Elementary Science Instruction 3
EDEL 460 Elementary Social Studies Instruction 3
EDEL 491 Seminar on Teaching 3
EDRD 430 Elementary Literacy Instruction I 3
EDRD 431 Reading Assessment 3

Total Credit Hours 27

Practicum and Internship Experience (21 hours)

Course Title Credits
EDEL 441 Introductory Elementary Internship 3
EDEL 471 Internship in Environments, Planning, and Motivation for Teaching and Learning 6
EDEL 490 Internship in Elementary Education 12

Total Credit Hours 21

Note: For admission to EDEL 490, a GPA of 3.00 or higher is required in EDEL 440, EDEL 450, EDEL 460, and EDEL 471.