

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.

Program of Study

Requirements	Credit Hours
1. Carolina Core	31-43
2. College Requirements	0
3. Program Requirements	18-27
4. Major Requirements	62

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
 - BIOL 220
- Physical Science or Earth Science** from the following (3-4 hours):
 - ASTR 101
 - CHEM 101
 - CHEM 105
 - CHEM 107
 - PHYS 101 & PHYS 101L

- PHYS 201 & PHYS 201L
- ENVR 101 & ENVR 101L
- ENVR 200
- GEOG 104
- GEOG 201
- GEOG 202
- GEOG 101
- GEOG 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.

- 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)

- Select one of the following:
 - POLI 101
 - POLI 201
 - GEOG 103
 - GEOG 221

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 ¹ (0-3 hours)

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

INF – Information Literacy ¹ (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 ¹ (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 (18-27 hours)

Supporting Courses (18 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Select one of the following: 3		
GEOG 121	Geographies of Global Change	
GEOG 210	Peoples, Places, and Environments	
GEOG 561	Contemporary Issues in Geography Education	
The following courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher.		
Select one of the following: 3		
ISCI 325	Children's Literature	
ENGL 431A	Children's Literature	
ENGL 431B	Picture Books	
EDE 500	Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching I: PK-8	3
or MATH 221	Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics I	
EDE 501	Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching II: PK-8	3
or MATH 222	Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics II	
PEDU 575	Physical Education for the Classroom Teacher	3
Select one of the following: 3		
ARTE 520	Art for Elementary Schools	
ARTE 530	Art of Children	
MUED 555	Integrating Music into PreK & Elementary Classrooms	
Total Credit Hours		18

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 (0-9 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

EDE 201	Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning	3
Total Credit Hours		14

Elementary Core and Clinical Experience (27 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
EDE 305	Nature and Management of Elementary Classrooms	3
EDE 306	Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy for the Elementary Classrooms	3
EDE 440	Elementary Mathematics Instruction	3
EDE 450	Elementary Science Instruction	3
EDE 460	Elementary Social Studies Instruction	3
EDE 491	Seminar on Teaching	3
EDRD 430	Elementary Literacy Instruction I	6
EDRD 431	Reading Assessment	3
Total Credit Hours		27

Practicum and Internship Experience (21 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
EDE 441	Introductory Elementary Internship	3
EDE 471	Internship in Environments, Planning, and Motivation for Teaching and Learning	6
EDE 490	Internship in Elementary Education	12
Total Credit Hours		21

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