

Teacher Education Department

General Education and Pre-Education advising for candidates seeking certification in the following grade bands and endorsements:

- **Early Childhood (Birth-Kindergarten)**
- **Lower Elementary (PreK through Grade 3)**
- **Upper Elementary (Grades 3 through 6)**
- **K-12 Specialty Endorsements: Special Education, English as a Second Language, French, or Spanish** (must also choose Early Childhood, Lower Elementary or Upper Elementary)
- **K-8 Content Endorsements:** Integrated Science (41 cr.) Language Arts (36 cr.), Social Studies (40-41cr.) (must also choose Upper Elementary Grades 3 through 6)

University Basic Skills Requirements: **Math** MATH 081 (2 cr.), MATH 082 (4 cr.); **Writing** ENGL 080 (3 cr.) and ENGL 111 (3 cr.); **Reading** ENGL 103 (4 cr.) or ENGL 104 (3cr.)

2 Communication Intensive (!) courses are required for graduation and can be taken from the General Education and Pre-Education courses listed in bold, italicized type ending with an exclamation mark (!). English 111 or its equivalent obtained through testing, transfer, etc., is a requisite for enrollment in all communication-intensive courses.

General Education

Category	Name	Cr.	Courses
Category 1	Literature	3	ENGL/MFL 205
Category 2	Arts	3	ART 100, 130! MUS 117A, 117B THEA 128A
Category 3	Numerical Understanding	4	Any course; MATH 125 or MATH 132A recommended
Category 4	Natural Sciences	7	Minimum of two SVSU departments; <i>must include at least one laboratory course</i>
Category 5	Historical and Philosophical Ideas	3	HIST 100B
Category 6	Social Sciences	3	PSYC 100
Category 7	Social Institutions	3	One of: PS 123, SOC 111
Category 8	International Systems	3	One of: GEOG 201, <i>PS 130!, SOC 280!</i>
Category 9	Oral Communication	3	Any course; COMM 105A is recommended
Category 10	Written Communication	3	Any course

Pre-Education

24 credits minimum

Options are listed below and organized around the standards for the preparation of teachers.

Foundational (4-8 credits)	TE 120 (1 cr.) Explorations in Education I (must be completed prior to submitting the application to the Teacher Education Program) TE 280 (4 cr.) Developmentally Appropriate Practice (<i>this class is only required for students planning to earn Early Childhood and/or Lower Elementary</i>) TE 281 (3 cr.) Foundations in Exceptionalities
Literacy (3 credits)	TE 211 (3 cr.) Children's Literature
Mathematics (4 credits)	MATH 110 (4 cr.) Math for Elementary Teachers I
Integrated Science (4 credits)	Take GEOG 301 (3 cr.) Environmental Issues Or approved Cat 4 physical science course not already counted for General Education (requires advisor approval)
Social Studies (3-4 credits) <i>*course must not "double count" as both a General Education course and social studies pre-ed requirement.</i>	Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 125 (3 cr.) Introduction to Economics • ECON 221 (4 cr.) Principles of Macroeconomics • GEOG 202! (3 cr.) North American Regional Geography • HIST 241 (recommended for Grade 3-6 band) • PS 130! (3 cr.) World Politics • SOC 111 (3 cr.) Introduction to Sociology • SOC 280! (3 cr.) Global Cultures
Pre-Education Electives (6-7 credits) Select from two departments. One course must be PSYC . Total credits must equal at least 6 credits .	COMM 389 (3 cr.) Family Communication COMM 435 (3 cr.) Communication in the Classroom ENGL 370 (3 cr.) Language in Education TE 200 (2 cr.) Explorations in Education II Take one of the following psychology courses. (PSYC 100, General Psychology, is a requisite for each.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSYC 310 (3 cr.) Child Psychology • PSYC 313 (4 cr.) Child Development in Education (recommended) • For K-12 Special Education majors only: PSYC 210 (4 cr.) Applications in Human Development, may be used