

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION
AND CERTIFICATION IN FIELD OF STUDY**

JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION—THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the
Oklahoma State System for
Higher Education
**Summer 2018 through
Spring 2019**

Credit Hours and Grade Average Requirements	
Minimum Hours for Graduation	124
Minimum Overall Grade Point Average	2.75
Minimum OU Retention Grade Point Average	2.75
Minimum Grade Point Average in Major	2.75
Minimum Requirements for Certification: Undergraduate Degree plus Certification Exams	

Elementary
B355
Bachelor of Science
in Education

OU encourages students to complete at least 31 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS—55 Hours			MAJOR REQUIREMENTS			
These General Education courses meet minimum University, College and State General Education Requirements.			PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION 31 Hours		SPECIALIZED EDUCATION 37 Hours	
Areas	Courses	Hours	Courses	Hours	Courses	Hours
English-12 hours	ENGL 1113, Prin. of English Composition (Core I)	3	*EIPT 3473, Learning, Development, & Assessment for Teachers	3	EDEL 3002, Promoting Healthy Lifestyles for Elementary Students	2
	ENGL 1213, Prin. of English Composition (Core I), or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing	3	EDSP 3053, Understanding & Accommodating Exceptional Learners	3	EDEL 3243, Integrated Arts Education	3
	ENGL 2000-level or higher _____ (Core IV-AF)	3	EIPT 3043, Learning with Educational Technologies	3	EDMA 3353, PK-3 Grade Math Concepts	3
Mathematics-12 hours	COMM1113, Prin. of Communication (Core I), or COMM2613, Public Speaking (Core I)	3	*EDS 4003, Schools in American Cultures	3	EDLT 3911, Primary Grades Practicum	1
	MATH _____ (Core I)	3	*EIPT 3483, Motivation & Classroom Management for Teachers	3	EDLT 3913, Literacy in the Primary Grades	3
	MATH 2213, Mathematical Systems	3	*ILAC 4003, Partnerships: Working with Parents and Community	3	EDSS 3553, Foundations to Social Studies Education	3
	MATH 2223, Data Analysis and Geometric Systems	3			EDSC 4093, Inquiry-Based Science Teaching	3
Science-12 hours	Must take one course in the biological sciences: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO	4-5	The following courses are taken together in the final semester:		*The following courses must be taken concurrently:	
	Must take one course in the physical sciences: (Core II) AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS	4-5	*EDUC 4050, Teaching Experiences in the Elementary School	10	EDEL 4980, Pre-Student Teach. Practicum	3
	One course must include a laboratory component.		EDEL 4063, Critical Inquiry and Integrated Instruction (Capstone)	3	EDLT 4813, Literature & Writing Across the Curriculum	3
Social Studies-15 hours	EDSC 3233, Environmental Issues in the Community	3	*These courses require field experience.		EDMA 4353, 4-8 Grade Math Concepts	3
	HIST 1483, U.S. 1492-1865, or (Core IV)	3			EDSS 4323, Teaching Social Studies in Elem./Middle Schools	3
	HIST 1493, U.S. 1865-Present	3	Students must maintain a minimum of 2.75 grade point average with no grade less than a C in the Professional Education courses for graduation.		EDSC 4193, Science in Elem. School	3
	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3			Free Electives	
	ANTH or SOC _____ (Core III)	3			Electives can be chosen from General Education, World Languages, Education, or advisor-approved.	1
Foreign Language-0-10 hours	GEOG 1103, Human Geography, or GEOG 2603, World Regional Geography (Core IV-WC)	3				
	Non-Western Culture: —to be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List (3000-level or above) and adviser approved.(Core IV-NWC)	3				
Senior Capstone	Students must meet both requirements outlined below: University-Wide General Education Requirement: Two college-level courses in a single foreign language are required; may be satisfied by successful completion of 2 years in a single foreign language in high school. (Core I) and, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Requirement: Teacher candidates must demonstrate conversational skills at a novice-high level in a language other than English. *The novice-high level language requirement may be satisfied by classical, modern, Native or American Sign Language.	0-10				
Electives-4 hours	EDEL 4063, Satisfied under Professional Education Requirements (Capstone, Core V)					
	Additional elective hours may be required to meet the 55 Liberal Arts hours required to graduate.	4	CERTIFICATION: To be fully certified, students must pass Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators, apply for a license, and successfully complete the residency program.			

Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Elementary Education

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), or	3
	MATH (Core I)	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	3
	Biological Sciences, one course in BIOL/HES/MBIO/PBIO	4-5	MATH (Core I)	3
	HIST 1483, U.S. 1492-1865, or HIST 1493, U.S. 1865-Present	3	Physical Sciences, one course in ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR or PHYS	4
	ANTH or SOC (Core III)	3	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3
	ENGL 2000-level or higher (Core IV-AF)	3		3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16-17	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16
SOPHOMORE	MATH 2213, Mathematical Systems	3	MATH 2223, Data Analysis and Geometric Systems	3
	COMM 1113, Prin. of Communication, or	3	EDEL 3243, Integrated Arts Education	3
	2613, Public Speaking	3	EDSS 3553, Foundations to Social Studies Education	3
	GEOG 1103, Human Geography, or	3	EIPT 3473, Learning, Development, and Assessment for Teachers	3
	2603, World Regional Geography (Core IV-WC)	3	EDSP 3053, Understanding & Accommodating Exceptional Learners	3
EDSC 3233, Environmental issues in the Community	3	Free Electives	1	
	General Education/Liberal Arts Electives	4		3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16
JUNIOR	EDLT 3911, Primary Grades Practicum	1	ILAC 4003, Partnerships: Working with Parents and Community	3
	EDLT 3913, Literacy in the Primary Grades	3	EDEL 4101, Mentoring	1
	EDEL 3002, Promoting Healthy Lifestyles for Elementary Students	2	EDLT 4113, Literacy in the Intermediate Grades	3
	EDMA 3353, Pre-K-3 Grade Math Concepts	3	EDSC 4093, Inquiry-Based Science Teaching	3
	EDS 4003, Schools in American Cultures	3	EIPT 3483, Motivation & Classroom Management for Teachers	3
	EIPT 3043, Learning with Educational Technologies	3	Non-Western Culture—Upper-Division (Core IV-NWC, Adviser Approved)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16
SENIOR	EDEL 4980, Pre-Student Teaching Practicum	3	EDUC 4050, Internship	10
	EDSS 4323, Teaching Social Studies in Elem./Middle Schools	3	EDEL 4063, Critical Inquiry & Integrated Instruction (Capstone)	3
	EDMA 4353, 4-8 Grade Mathematics Concepts	3		3
	EDSC 4193, Science in Elementary School	3		3
	EDLT 4813, Literature & Writing Across the Curriculum	3		3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	13

Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 40 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.

Additional credit hours may be required in the same college-level foreign language. Teacher candidates must demonstrate conversational skills at a novice-high level in a language other than English. This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

CERTIFICATION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS—COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Students are eligible for admission to the College of Education with:

- a. a minimum of 24 semester hours earned from an accredited institution of higher learning;
- b. a minimum of 2.75 combined retention grade point average on all coursework attempted;
- c. a declared major in education.

FULL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS—TEACHER EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMS

Students are eligible for admission to Teacher Education with:

- a. a minimum of 30 semester hours from an accredited institution of higher learning to include the following 24 hours as defined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education with a grade of C or better: English (Composition and Literature)-6 hours; MATH, Gen. Ed. Core I -3 hours; American History-3 hours; American Government-3 hours; Humanities to include Artistic Forms, Western Civilization, Non-Western Culture, World Language, or other adviser-approved Gen. Ed. course -3 hours; Social and Behavioral Sciences-3 hours; Natural Sciences-3 hours.
- b. a minimum of 2.75 grade point average (OU retention and combined retention) on all coursework attempted;
- c. successful completion of the OGET (Oklahoma General Education Test) or PPST (Pre Professional Skills Test) The OGET Exam requires a minimum score of 240. All three portions of the PPST must be passed with minimum cut scores of MATH 171, WRITING 172, and READING 173.

Admission to a teaching program requires submission of an application, essay, background check, and an interview with the admission committee prior to enrollment in the first education course.

RETENTION REQUIREMENTS—COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- a. When a student accepts an offer of admission into a JRCoE department or program, he or she commits to comply with all its regulations, including those regarding professional conduct and dispositions that are contained in the JRCoE [Professional Behavior Policy](#).
- b. Students must maintain a minimum 2.75 grade point average (OU retention and combined retention) in all **undergraduate** coursework and a minimum 3.00 grade point average in all **graduate** coursework attempted.
- c. Students must maintain a minimum of 2.75 **undergraduate** grade point average in both professional education courses and in specialized education courses with no grade less than a C and must maintain a minimum of 3.00 grade point average in **graduate** professional and specialized education courses, with no grade less than a B.
- d. Students must earn a C or better in Communication 1113 or Communication 2613.
- e. Students whose OU retention or combined retention grade point averages at the **undergraduate** level fall below 2.75 will be subject to dismissal from the college. At the **graduate** level, students must meet Graduate College requirements.
- f. Students who have not earned OU retention and combined retention grade point averages of 2.75 after the completion of 60 semester hours will be dismissed from the College.
- g. Because one college level math course is a requirement for full admission into both the college and the teacher preparation program, declared Education majors must complete at least one college-level Math within the first four semesters of enrollment at OU. Transfer students who have not completed a college level Math course will have two semesters to complete the requirement. Students who fail to meet the requirement within the time limits specified will be subject to dismissal from the College.
- h. Coursework more than 10 years old in the teaching specialization and professional education may not be credited toward the completion of a teacher education degree and/or certificate program. However, coursework over 10 years old may be reviewed by the appropriate certificate committee for possible credit toward the completion of a teacher education degree and/or certificate program.
- i. A student has 6 years to complete a teacher education degree and/or certificate program after full admission. After the 6-year period, a student must seek readmission to that program and meet the catalog requirements in effect at the time of readmission.
- j. Students will be withdrawn from courses for failing to observe prerequisites and corequisites. Continued disregard of prerequisites and corequisites is grounds for dismissal from the College.

The academic forgiveness policy is not applicable for admission to the Graduate College.

FIELD EXPERIENCES: Transfer students without appropriate field experiences may be required to enroll in EDUC 2400.

PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT: Only general education electives may be taken under the pass/no pass option.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS: Students must complete either the last 30 hours or 45 of the last 60 hours after being fully admitted to a teacher education program to satisfy this requirement.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE COMPLETED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STUDENT TEACHING INTERNSHIP: Students must be in good standing and have completed all baccalaureate degree requirements with the exceptions of EDUC 4050 and EDEL 4063.

JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS: Students transferring from a junior college may use the transferred credit to meet certain lower-division course requirements only; that is, freshman and sophomore-level courses.

DEGREE COMPLETION RESPONSIBILITY: Although the Dean's Office checks each student's records, **the responsibility for meeting degree requirements lies with the student** and not with the adviser or the Dean. Each student should obtain a copy of his or her requirements for graduation and check it regularly as he or she completes his or her degree program.

GRADUATION APPLICATION: The final step to be completed by the student before graduation is the filing of an official Application for Graduation. The Application for Graduation should be filled out online by September 15 for fall graduation, February 15 for spring graduation, and June 1 for summer graduation. **The student's degree will not be conferred, nor any completion statement entered on his or her transcript, until the required application is filed.**