

### 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)

**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; <b><i>must include at least one laboratory course</i></b>
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, <b><i>PS 130!, SOC 280!</i></b>
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 <b>only</b> 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 (3 credits)	Take GEOG 301 (3 cr.) Environmental Issues  Or approved Cat 4 physical science course <b>not already counted</b> for General Education (requires advisor approval)
Social Studies (3-4 credits)  <i><b>*course must not “double count” as both a General Education course and social studies pre-ed requirement.</b></i>	Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECON 125 (3 cr.) Introduction to Economics</li> <li>• ECON 221 (4 cr.) Principles of Macroeconomics</li> <li>• <b>GEOG 202!</b> (3 cr.) North American Regional Geography</li> <li>• HIST 241 (recommended for Grade 3-6 band)</li> <li>• <b>PS 130!</b> (3 cr.) World Politics</li> <li>• SOC 111 (3 cr.) Introduction to Sociology</li> <li>• <b>SOC 280!</b> (3 cr.) Global Cultures</li> </ul>
Pre-Education Electives (6-7 credits)  Select from <b>two</b> departments. One course <b>must be PSYC</b> . Total credits <b>must equal at least 6 credits</b> .	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 <b>one</b> of the following psychology courses. (PSYC 100, General Psychology, is a requisite for each.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSYC 310 (3 cr.) Child Psychology</li> <li>• PSYC 313 (4 cr.) Child Development in Education (recommended)</li> <li>• <b>For K-12 Special Education majors only:</b> PSYC 210 (4 cr.) Applications in Human Development, may be used</li> </ul>