

**SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

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

- **Birth through Kindergarten (B-K)**
- **Lower Elementary (PreK-3)**
- **Upper Elementary (3-6)**
- **PreK-12 Special Education, English as a Second Language** (must also choose B-K *or* PreK-3 *or* 3-6)

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

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 - 35 credits | | | |
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| Category | Name | Credits | Courses |
| Category 1 | Literature | 3 | ENGL/MFL 205 |
| Category 2 | Arts | 3 | ART 100, <i>130!</i> MUS 117A, 117E THEA 128A, <i>THEA 128B!</i> |
| Category 3 | Numerical Understanding | 4 | ECON 235 (requisite: MATH 103 or satisfactory score on pretest) MATH 125, 132A, 132B (requisite: MATH 082 or satisfactory score on math placement test) <i>PS 225!</i> (requisites: MATH 082, ENGL 111) PSYC 299 (requisites: MATH 103, PSYC 100) SOC 225 (requisite: All MATH Basic Skills or equivalent) |
| Category 4 | Natural Sciences Minimum of two departments; must include at least one laboratory course | 7 | Life Science/take 4 credits from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIOL 105A (4 cr.) • BIOL 105B (4 cr.) • BIOL 111A (4 cr.) Physical Science/take 4-5 credits from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHEM 102B (4 cr.) • CHEM 111 (4 cr.) <i>and</i> 111L (1 cr.) • PHYS 107 (4 cr.) |
| Category 5 | Historical and Philosophical Ideas | 3 | HIST 100B |
| Category 6 | Social Sciences | 3 | PSYC 100 |
| Category 7 | Social Institutions | 3 | SOC 111; PS 123 |
| Category 8 | International Systems | 3 | GEOG 201 |
| Category 9 | Oral Communication | 3 | COMM 105A, 105B, 105C For K-12 ESL take a world language course |
| Category 10 | Written Communication | 3 | RPW 210 (recommended) |

Pre-Education

27 credits minimum (options are listed below organized around the standards for the preparation of teachers)

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| Foundational (4-5 credits) | <p>TE 100 (1 cr.), Exploring Teaching: K-12 (must be completed prior to submitting the application to the Teacher Education Program)</p> <p>Take one of the following psychology courses. PSYC 100, General Psychology, is a requisite for each of the three courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSYC 210 (4 cr.), Applications in Human Development (required for PK-12 Special Education only) • PSYC 310 (3 cr.), Child Psychology • PSYC 313 (4 cr.), Child Development in Education |
| Literacy (6 credits) | <p>TE 290 (3 cr.), Children’s Literature</p> <p>Take 3 credits from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGL 365 (3 cr.), TESOL I • ENGL 370 (3 cr.), Language in Education |
| Mathematics (4 credits) | <p>MATH 110 (4 cr.), Math for Elementary Teachers I</p> |
| Integrated Science (4 credits) | <p>Take one of the following Earth/Space Science courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHYS 106A (4 cr.), Physical Geology • PHYS 106B (4 cr.), Meteorology • PHYS 106C (4 cr.), Astronomy |
| Social Studies (9-10 credits) | <p>Take 3-4 credits from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 125 (3 cr.), Introduction to Economics • ECON 221 (4 cr.), Principles of Macroeconomics <p>Take remaining six credits from HIST, PS, or SOC ensuring that both regional and global perspectives are covered in General Education and Pre-Education Social Studies-related courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEOG 202! (3 cr.), North American Regional Geography • HIST 241 (3 cr.), History of Michigan (recommended for 3-6 grade band) • PS 130! (3 cr.), World Politics • SOC 111 (3 cr.), Introduction to Sociology • SOC 280! (3 cr.), Global Cultures |