



ADVISING WORKSHEET
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION (P-12) DOUBLE MAJOR
GENERAL BULLETIN 2025-2026

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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – SEE ATTACHED PAGE FOR SPECIFIC COURSES

General Education Category		Course #	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Category I: Global Academic Skills (10 credits)	#					
A. Mathematics (3 credits)		M 130				
B. English (3 credits)	#	WRIT 101 or 201				
C. Communication & Information Literacy (3 credits)	#	COMX 111 or 115				
D. Skills for College Success ¹ (1 credit)		COLS 108				
Category II: Natural Sciences (8 credits)	#					
A. Life Sciences (4 credits)		SCIN 101				
B. Physical Sciences (4 credits)		SCIN 103				
Category III: Social Sciences and History (6 credits)						
A. Social Science (3 credits)		PSCI 210 or 220				
B. History (3 credits)	#	HSTA 101 or 102				
Category IV: Cultural Diversity (3 credits)	#	NASX 105 or 205				
Category V: Arts & Humanities (6 credits)						
A. Fine Arts (3 credits)		MUSI 101				
B. Humanities (3 credits)						

¹ In addition to the MUS Transfer Policies (see MUS Core Curriculum (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/admissions-registration/registrar-office/>), transfer and re-admit students who transfer in 30 or more credits are not required to meet this category.

² Some majors are required to take specific science labs as part of their requirements. Please speak with an advisor for more information.

A minimum grade of “C-” required in all General Education courses.

Note: Certain degrees may require a minimum grade of “C” in General Education courses.

Reviewed:

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

CATEGORY I: GLOBAL ACADEMIC SKILLS 10 credits

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory

Subcategory A - Mathematics 3 credits

M	130	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
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Subcategory B - English 3 credits

WRIT	101	College Writing I	3
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WRIT	201	College Writing II	3
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Subcategory C- Communication & Information Literacy 3 credits

COMX	111	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
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COMX	115	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
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Subcategory D – Skills for College Success ¹ 1 credit

COLS	108	The College Experience	
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CATEGORY II: NATURAL SCIENCES 8 credits

SCIN	101	Integrated Sciences I ^{2^}	4
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SCIN	103	Integrated Sciences II ^{2^}	4
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CATEGORY III: SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HISTORY 6 credits

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory

Subcategory A – Social Sciences 3 credits

PSCI	220	Introduction to Comparative Government	3
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PSCI	210	Introduction to American Government	3
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Subcategory B - History 3 credits

HSTA	101	American History I	3
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HSTA	102	American History II	3
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CATEGORY IV: CULTURAL DIVERSITY 3 credits

NASX	105	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
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NASX	205	Native Americans in Contemporary Society	3
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CATEGORY V: ARTS & HUMANITIES 6 credits

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory

Subcategory A – Fine Arts 3 credits

MUSI	101	Enjoyment of Music	3
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Subcategory B - Humanities 3 credits

ARTH	150	Introduction to Art History	3
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HONR	111	Perspectives and Understanding	3
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LIT	110	Introduction to Literature	3
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LIT	213	Montana Literature	3
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PHL	110	Introduction to Ethics	3
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PHL	111	Philosophies of Life	3
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PHL	254	People and Politics	3
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Please note Elementary Education requires specific courses for General Education requirements, as listed above. This list does not reflect all approved General Education courses.

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² Course includes lab exercises.

[^] Elementary Education majors can satisfy Natural Sciences by taking SCIN 101 and SCIN 103.

Course			Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
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A minimum grade of C or better is required in all major coursework

Professional Core for Elementary Education

Required for Admission to the Educator Preparation Program

*#EDU	105	Education and Democracy	3			
^#EDU	220/ 220L	Human Growth and Development/ Lab (45-hour practicum required)	3			
^#EDU	221	Education Psychology and Measurement	3			
^#EDSP	204	Introduction to Teaching Exceptional Learners (15-hour practicum required)	3			
#HTH	201	Health Issues for Educators	3			
EDU	353	Junior Field Experience	2			
EDU	381	Curriculum Theory and Design	3			
EDU	406	Philosophical, Legal and Ethical Issues in Education	3			
EDU	495B	Student Teaching: K-8	9			

*May satisfy General Education Requirement

^Course requires a completed Federal Criminal Background Check in order to complete the required practicum hours within the class. Packets may be picked up at either the Advising Center in McMullen Hall or in the College of Education or can be printed off the website at <http://www.msubillings.edu/coe/etp/FieldExper/FingerprintInfo.htm>. The background check is only valid for 24 months.

Required Elementary Education Courses

ARTZ	102	Fundamentals of Art for Elementary Teachers	2			
M	131	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	3			
GPHY	121	Human Geography	3			
EDU	270	Instructional Technology	3			
EDU	331	Literature and Literacy for Children	3			
EDU	397A	Methods: K-8 Language Art	3			
EDU	397B	Methods: K-8 Social Studies	3			
EDU	397C	Methods: K-8 Mathematics	3			
EDU	397D	Methods: K-8 Science	3			
EDU	397M	Methods: K-8 Integrating the Arts into the Curriculum	2			
EDU	433	Reflective Practices in Teaching Reading	3			
HEE	309	Health Enhancement Strategies K-8	3			

Required Special Education Courses

EDSP	301	Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities	3			
EDSP	302	Teaching Students with Emotional or Behavioral Disorders	3			
^EDSP	303	Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities	3			
^EDSP	402	Individualizing Curriculum	3			
^EDSP	404	Teaching Special Populations	2			
^EDSP	405	Assessment of Students with Exceptionalities	3			
EDSP	461	Positive Behavior Supports	3			
EDSP	462	Special Education Law, Policy and Practices	3			
^EDSP	495	Field work/Clinical/Practicum/Student Teaching in Special Education	9			
^*EDU	438	Literacy Assessment, Diagnosis and Instruction	3			

*Note: EDU 433 is a prerequisite for EDU 438

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Categories	Credits	Earned	Remaining
General Education	33	_____	_____
Professional Education Core	32	_____	_____
Required Elementary Education Courses	34	_____	_____
Required Special Education Courses	35	_____	_____
Total	134	_____	_____

**It is the student's responsibility to know and meet the requirements for graduation.
A minimum of 36 credits must be upper division classes (300 and above).**

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