Recommended General University Requirements and Experiences for Elementary Education Students

The following General University Requirements (GURs) meet Western Washington University requirements as well as Washington State endorsement competencies.

- Courses in sections 1 and 2 are required by WWU as described.
- Courses in sections 3-6 are highly recommended, although similar alternatives may be chosen. (For example, you may be interested in taking a higher level course that is also on the WWU approved list for GURs.)
- The Science Education sequence in section 5 was developed primarily for potential teachers and is the preferred choice. Some community colleges offer a similar sequence.
- Students at community colleges should consult with their advisors to ensure that their course selections in sections 1 and 2 match the WWU GUR requirements. Courses in sections 3-6 may be similar, but not identical.
- The following sections are equivalent to those in the WWU GUR handout. You will find it helpful to work from copies of both.

1. **Communication (8 credits minimum)**

   ENG 101  Writing & Critical Inquiry (5)

   **and**

   one of the following:

   - COMM 101  Fundamentals of Speech (4)
   - EDUC 309  Storytelling: Oral Narrative in History, Culture & Society (4)
   - A modern language (e.g., Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish) (4-5)

2. **Quantitative & Symbolic Reasoning (8 credits minimum)**

   MATH 112*  Functions & Algebraic Methods (5) with a minimum grade of C

   **or**

   MATH 111*  Algebraic Methods for Teachers (5) with a minimum grade of C

   **and**

   MATH 381 & 382  Teaching K-8 Mathematics (4) (taken after admission to the Elementary Education program)

3. **Humanities (12 credits minimum)**

   ART 109  Visual Dialogue (3)
   DNC 230  Making Movement Art (3)
   ENG 214  Introduction to Shakespeare (5)
   ENG 215  Introduction to British Literature (5)
   ENG 216  Introduction to American Literature (5)
   HIST 199  Thinking Historically (4)
   LBRL 231  Introduction to Study of Religion (4)
   LBRL 232  Myth and Folklore (4)
   LBRL 243  Art and Ideas (4)
   LBRL 333  Religion in America (5)
   MUS 104  Art of Listening to Music (3)
MUS 105    Music in Western World (3)
PHIL 112   Introduction to Philosophy: Moral Issues (3)
PHIL 113   Introduction to Philosophy: Religion (3)
PHIL 355   Aesthetics and the Philosophy of Art (3)
THTR 101   Introduction to the Art of Theatre (3)

Modern Language at 200 level or above (French, German, Russian, Spanish)

HIST 103   American History to 1865 (4) or
HIST 104   American History since 1865 (4)

4. Social Sciences (12 credits minimum)
   ANTH 201  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (5)
   ANTH 247  Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (5)
   EDUC 109  Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (4)
   ESTU 202  Environmental Studies and Sustainability (3)
   E GEO 201 Human Geography (4)
   HLED 201 Perspectives of Human Lifestyle and Wellness (3)
   JOUR 190  Introduction to Mass Media (5)
   LING 201 Introduction to Linguistic Science (5) (May be applied to both TESOL and Reading endorsements, and to the Language, Literacy, and Cultural Studies major)
   PLSC 101  Government & Politics in the Modern World (5)
   PLSC 250  The American Political System (5)
   PSY 101  Introduction to Psychology (5)
   PSY 341  Psychology and Culture (5)
   SOC 260  Family in Society (5)

5. Natural Sciences (12 credits minimum)
   SCED 201* Matter & Energy in Physical Systems (4)
   -and-
   two of the following (in any order):
   SCED 202  Matter & Energy in Earth Systems (4)
   SCED 203  Matter & Energy in Life Systems (4)
   SCED 204  Matter & Energy in Chemical Systems (4)

6. Comparative, Gender, & Multicultural Studies (no credit minimum required)
   From Block A: From the WWU Bulletin, or GUR handout, choose one course with primary emphasis outside North America.
   From Block B: ELED 310 Education, Culture and Equity (taken after admission to the Elementary Education program)

Additional Recommended Courses:
   • C2C 203: Youth Mentoring Toward Social Justice (5)
   • MLE 441*: Language, Culture and Equity (5)

*Denotes an Elementary Education Professional Program prerequisite course. Students may also meet prerequisite requirements through courses taken at other institutions. Please contact an advisor for more information.

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