



Undergraduate & Post-Baccalaureate Program
Elementary Education Department
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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)

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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)	

-and-

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)
EGEO 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)
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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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