Recommended General University Requirements for Early Childhood 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 by the Early Childhood program, although similar alternatives may be chosen. (For example, you may be interested in taking a higher level course, in a particular section that is also on the WWU approved list.)

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.

Some Early Childhood students choose to add Washington State endorsements in English Language Learners (ELL) or in Reading. Currently, one linguistics GUR can be applied to either of these; see section 4 below. Students planning to earn the ELL endorsement can partially fulfill their foreign language requirement through choices in sections 1 and 5.

Students at community or other 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.

Students who have chosen the WWU Honors GURs should align their coursework as closely as possible to the Early Childhood suggested courses.

The following sections are equivalent to those in the WWU GUR handout. You will find it helpful to work from copies of both. (The full GUR listing can be found here: http://www.wwu.edu/depts/registrar/pdfs/gur.pdf.)

1. Communication (8 credits minimum)
   ENG 101  Writing & Critical Inquiry (5)
   -and-
   COMM 101  Fundamentals of Speech (4) -or-
   EDUC 309  Storytelling: Oral Narrative in History, Culture, & Society (4) -or-
   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) -or-
   Intermediate Algebra at a community or other college with a grade of C or above -or-
   Successful score on the WWU placement test (see the WWU Math Dept.)
   -and-
   MATH 381 & 382 Teaching K-8 Math (4 & 4) (taken after entry into Early Childhood program and after completion of ECE 391)

3. Humanities (12 credits minimum)
   ART 109  Visual Dialogue (3) -or-
   DNC 108  Introduction to the Fine Arts: the Classics (3) -or-
   DNC 230  Making Movement Art (3) -or-
   MUS 104  Listening to Music (3) -or-
MUS 105  Music in the Western World (3) -or-
THTR 101  Introduction to Art of Theatre (3)

-and-

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

4. Social Sciences (12 credits minimum from the following selections)
   ANTH 247  Intro to Linguistic Anthropology (5)
   EDUC 109  Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (4)
   E GEO 201  Human Geography (4)
   ELL 431  Second Language Acquisition Theory and Policy (4)
   ESTU 202  Environmental Studies & Sustainability (3)
   HLED 201  Perspectives of Human Lifestyle & Wellness (3)
   LING 201  Introduction to Linguistic Science (5) (May be applied to a
             Reading endorsement.)
   PSY 101  Introduction to Psychology (5)
   PSY 341  Psychology & Culture (5)
   SOC 260  The Family in Society (5)

5. Comparative, Gender, & Multicultural Studies (Two courses required, one from Block A and
one from Block B.)
   From Block A:
   DNC 232  Movement and Culture (3)
   ENG 335  Literary and Creative Expressions across Cultures (5)
   INTL 201  Intro to Global Studies (5)
   INTL 325  Global Literature (4)
   Arabic, Chinese, or Japanese at 200 level or above
   MUSIC 205  Survey of Non-Western Musical Cultures (3)
   PLSC 346  Politics of Inequality (5)
   From Block B:
   AMST 301  Comparative Cultural Studies (4) -or-
   ANTH 104  American Mosaic (4)
   ANTH 353  Sex and Gender in Culture (5)
   ANTH 361  Native Peoples of North America (5)
   HIST 158  Race and Identity in Modern America (4)
   SOC 269  Race and Ethnic Relations (5)

6. Natural Sciences (12 credits minimum)
   SCED 201  Matter & Energy in Physical Systems (4)
   -and-
   SCED 202  Matter & Energy in Earth Systems (4)
   -and-
   SCED 203  Matter & Energy in Life Systems (4)

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