



American Studies—Elementary Education Certification

Recommended Graduation Plan (Fall 2026)

The recommended graduation plan provides a blueprint for students to complete their degrees on time. Students must meet with their academic advisor to develop a more individualized plan to complete their degree.

NOTE: This recommended Graduation Plan is applicable to students admitted into the major during the 2026-2027 academic year.

CRWT Placement
CRWT 101 to CRWT 102
CRWT 101S to CRWT 102S

Math Placement
MATH 021/022 to MATH 104-121

NOTE: CRWT and MATH courses are determined by placement testing and should be taken following the sequence above.

First Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
GenEd: INTD 101 First Year Seminar	4		GenEd: AIID 201 Studies in Arts and Humanities	4	
GenEd/TE: CRWT 102 Critical Reading & Writing II	4		GenEd/TE: SOSC 110 Social Science Inquiry	4	
GenEd (Historical Perspectives)/Major: AMER 214 Native Americans	4		GenEd (Scientific Reasoning)/TE: BIOL 101 or 111/111L or 214/214L	4	
GenEd (Quantitative Reasoning)/TE: Mathematics* : MATH 108 Elementary Probability and Statistics	4		Major: AMER 225 Intro. to American Studies	4	
Career Pathways: 001 – Career Pathways Module 1	Degree Rqmt.				
Total:	16		Total:	16	

Summer Semester	HRS	✓
TE: PSYC 101-Introduction to Psychology	4	
Total:	4	

Second Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Major: Elective #1	4		TE: EDUC 211 Student Literacy Corps	4	
GenEd (Values and Ethics)/TE/Major Elective #2: EDUC 221 Social Context of Education	4		Major: 300-level (WI)	4	

TE: EDUC 241 Instructional Technology	4		Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4	
TE: PSYC 215 Learning, Cognition, & Teaching	4		TE: (must be admitted to TE program) EDUC 222 Teaching: Principles & Practice	4	
Career Pathways: 002 – Career Pathways Module 2	Degree Rqmt.		Career Pathways: 003 – Career Pathways Module 3	Degree Rqmt.	
Total:	16		Total:	16	

Summer Semester	HRS	✓
Major: Elective #3	4	
Total:	4	

Third Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Major: Elective #4	4		Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4	
Major: 300-level (WI)	4		TE: EDUC 360 Intro. to Special Education	4	
			TE: EDUC 301 Meeting the Needs of All Learners (co-requisite with EDUC 360)	2	
TE: EDUC 346 Literacy Theory and Practice (WI)	4		Major: Elective #5	4	
Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4		Major: AMER/ARHT 313 Museums in America (WI)	4	
Total:	16		Total:	18	

Fourth Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
TE: EDUC 390: Topics	4		TE: EDUC 490 Clinical Practice Capstone: Elementary	12	
TE: EDUC 365 Literacy Across the Elementary Curriculum (WI)	4				
TE: EDUC 370 Methods of Teaching Elementary Mathematics	4				
TE: EDUC 375 Methods of Teaching Elementary Science	4				
Total:	16		Total:	12	

Total Credits Required: 134 credits

GPA: AMER: 2.0; Teacher Ed: 3.0

General Education courses can be done in any order with the exception of INTD 101, CRWT and MATH. Those three general education courses will need to be done first. First Year Seminar is taken in the first semester. Failure to complete CRWT and MATH will result in a hold when the student hits 64 credits. The following general education courses can be done in any order. For more info on these courses, please visit the [General Education program requirements website in the College Catalog](#):

- Social Science Inquiry (SOSC 110) [+W]
- Scientific Reasoning
- Historical Perspectives (*AMER 225 Introduction to American Studies*) [+W]
- Studies in the Arts & Humanities (*CRWT 102 is a prerequisite to this course*) [+W]
- Global Awareness [+W]
- Distribution Category (Social Systems & Society **OR** Culture & Creativity **OR** Values and Ethics)
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+W: Students transferring in with 48 or more credits are waived from these general education requirements.