

TEACHER EDUCATION | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (BUILDING ESSENTIAL SKILLS TOGETHER – BEST)

The Building Essential Skills Together [BEST] program is a pilot program approved by the Kansas Department of Education. At this time admission is limited - Contact the teacher education department for more information.

Program Summary

Code	Title	Hours
General Education		34
Cognate		
	Statistics	3
Required Courses		
	Professional Studies & Major Courses (Non-restricted)	30
	Major Courses (Restricted to program admits)	51
	Student Teaching (Restricted to program admits)	12
	Open Electives ¹	3
Total Hours		133

Students are encouraged to apply TEEL 231 Human Growth and Development to the Social and behavioral Sciences area. This will result in 6 hours of open electives.

¹ Open electives are the credit hours required to reach a minimum of 120 total hours and 45 upper division hours. The number listed assumes all courses are completed at FHSU as listed. This number may vary if students transfer courses, or have individual substitutions allowed.

Students should speak with their advisor if either situation applies to determine if the number will vary, and to ensure they enroll in a minimum of 45 upper division hours.

Students entering within 1 year of high school graduation will take UNIV 101 Freshman Seminar and may apply that hour in the open elective category.

Program Requirements

General Education

All undergraduate degrees require completion of the Kansas Systemwide General Education (<https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/>).

Courses identified with ^{GE} on this page may satisfy a general education requirement in addition to the identified degree requirement. Students who apply a degree requirement to satisfy a general education requirement will typically add an equal number of hours to the university elective category. This flexibility may allow you to complete a minor or certificate within the 120 hour degree. Transfer students are especially encouraged to select these courses in completing General Education requirements to maximize the likelihood of completing the degree with 120 credit hours.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education		34-35

Effective in Fall 2025 the math pathway course (<https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/gateway-courses/>) identified below is required for this degree.

The General Education Math Pathways course identified for this major is **MATH 101 Contemporary Mathematics**. All students pursuing this degree program will be required to complete this course or the corequisite support course. Students who place into a higher level math course may be able to satisfy this requirement; consult with your Academic Advisor for additional information.

Placement measures for **MATH 101 Contemporary Mathematics** include:

- Math ACT: 19 or higher OR
- Math SAT: 510 or higher OR
- ALEKS PPL: 30 or higher OR
- Accuplacer QAS: 255 or higher OR
- HS GPA and Course Grade: 3.00 cumulative GPA (unweighted) and C- or higher in Second Semester Algebra 2 or Integrated Math 3 OR
- Institutional Measure

Students who do not meet any of the placement measures listed above will need to register for the corequisite support course: **MATH 100 Contemporary Mathematics with Review**. Credit for the corequisite support course will satisfy any requirement for the pathway course listed above.

Program Admission Requirements & General Education Courses

To earn an undergraduate degree at FHSU, you must complete 34 hours of General Education coursework. For the Elementary Education degree the following classes typically applied to the general education requirements must be completed with the specified grade for admission to the teacher education program, these include:

Code	Title	Hours
COMM 100	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (Grade B) ^{GE}	3
ENG 101	English Composition I (Grade C) ^{GE}	3
ENG 102	English Composition II (Grade B) ^{GE}	3
MATH 101	Contemporary Mathematics (Grade C) ^{GE}	3
or MATH 100	Contemporary Mathematics with Review	
or MATH 110	College Algebra	
or MATH 105	College Algebra with Review	
MATH 110	College Algebra (Grade C) ^{GE}	3
or MATH 105	College Algebra with Review	
MATH 250	Elements of Statistics (Grade C) ^{GE}	3
or MATH 245	Elements of Statistics with Review	

For a current list of all teacher education admission requirements check out the programs website (<https://www.fhsu.edu/cert/admission-to-teacher-education/>).

In addition to the courses above required as program admission requirements, TEEL 231 Human Growth and Development and MUS 366

Elementary School Music from the program courses can be applied to general education requirements.

"Non-restricted" courses below are open to Teacher Education majors who have not yet been admitted to the Teacher Education program (some prerequisites apply).

Code	Title	Hours
Professional Studies & Major Courses (Non-restricted)		
ART 300	Elementary Art Methods (Grade C)	2
MATH 180	Concepts of Elementary Mathematics (Grade C)	3
TECS 301	Introduction to Instructional Technology (Grade C)	3
TEEL 202	Foundations of Education (Grade C) ¹	3
TEEL 231	Human Growth and Development (Grade C) ^{1, GE}	3
TEEL 260	Children's Literature (Grade C) ¹	3
TEEL 340	Classroom Management (Grade C)	3
TESP 302	Educating Students with Exceptionalities (Grade C)	3
TESP 320	Programs, Procedures & Issues in Special Ed (Grade C)	3
TESP 325	Technology Applications in Special Education	2
Total Hours		28

¹ Must complete course before applying to Teacher Education.

Admission to Teacher Education (<https://www.fhsu.edu/teachereducation/student-resources/>) is a prerequisite for "Restricted" courses. You're also required to complete General Education courses, and Teacher Education Program admission requirements include several courses that can satisfy General Education requirements. Students wishing to complete their degree as efficiently as possible are advised to choose these classes in their General Education choices.

Code	Title	Hours
Major Courses (Restricted)		
TEEL 365	Science of Reading I (Grade C)	4
TEEL 378	Science of Reading I Internship (Grade C)	1
TEEL 431	Educational Psychology (Required Grade: C)	3
TEEL 471	Institute in Education I (Integrated Elementary Methods I)	6
TEEL 476	Apprenticeship in Education I (Mentoring Seminar/Internship I)	3
TEEL 481	Science of Reading II (Grade C)	3
TEEL 482	Science of Reading II Internship	1
TEEL 607	Education Conference (Integrated Elementary Methods II)	6
TEEL 673	Problems in Education I (Mentoring Seminar/Internship II)	3
TEEL 674	Institute in Education II (Integrated Elementary Methods III)	8
TEEL 678	Field Experience II (Mentoring Seminar/Internship III)	3

TEEL 689	Problems in Education 2 (Mentoring Seminar/Internship IV)	1
TESP 330	Behavior Strategies & Support	3
TESP 350	Assessment in Special Education	3
TESP 360	Principles of Instruction in Special Education PreK - Grade 6	3

Total Hours 51

Student Teaching (Restricted)

TEEL 675	Seminar in Education I (Grade C)	1
TEEL 679	Practicum in Education I (Grade C)	8
TESP 679	Practicum Special Education (Grade C)	3

Total Hours 12

- All program courses must be completed with a C or better
- Program requires a 2.75 GPA (higher program required GPA prevails over the university level requirement listed below).

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
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All bachelor degrees require:

GPA of 2.0 on FHSU courses & 2.0 on all coursework (Higher program requirements prevail over the 2.0 when set)

A minimum of 30 hours earned from FHSU with a grade of D, C, B, or A

Successful completion of an upper division Writing and Information Literacy course (Most majors contain a course designated)

A minimum of 45 hours of recognized upper division credit

A minimum of 120 hours of recognized college credit

Degree Maps

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
MATH 101 or MATH 100	Contemporary Mathematics (Math Pathway Gateway Course: SGE030 - Math and Statistics Discipline Area - Required Grade: C) or Contemporary Mathematics with Review	3
ENG 101	English Composition I (SGE010 - English Discipline Area - Required Grade: C)	3
COMM 100	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (SGE020 - Communication Discipline Area - Required Grade: C)	3
UNIV 101	Freshman Seminar	1
TEEL 202	Foundations of Education (Required Grade: C)	3
SGE050 - Social and Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area		3
Hours		16
Second Semester		
SGE070 - Institutionally Designated Area: Personal and Professional Development		3
SGE040 - Natural and Physical Science Discipline Area		4
ENG 102	English Composition II (SGE010 - English Discipline Area - Required Grade: B)	3
TEEL 231	Human Growth and Development (SGE050 - Social and Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area - Required Grade: C) ^{GE, 1}	3
SGE060 - Arts and Humanities Discipline Area		3
Hours		16

Second Year**First Semester**

MATH 250 or MATH 245	Elements of Statistics (Required Grade: C) or Elements of Statistics with Review	3
SGE070	Institutionally Designated Area: Critical Thinking	3
TEEL 260	Children's Literature (Required Grade: C)	3
TECS 301	Introduction to Instructional Technology (Required Grade: C)	3
TESP 302	Educating Students with Exceptionalities (Required Grade: C)	3

Hours 15

Second Semester

MATH 180	Concepts of Elementary Mathematics (Required Grade: C)	3
TEEL 340	Classroom Management (Required Grade: C)	3
TESP 320	Programs, Procedures & Issues in Special Ed (Required Grade: C)	3
TESP 325	Technology Applications in Special Education (Required Grade: C)	2

Open Electives 2

Hours 13

Third Year**First Semester**

TEEL 365	Science of Reading I (Required Grade: C)	4
TEEL 378	Science of Reading I Internship (Required Grade: C)	1
TEEL 471	Institute in Education I (Required Grade: C)	6
TEEL 476	Apprenticeship in Education I (Required Grade: C)	3
TESP 350	Assessment in Special Education (Required Grade: C)	3

Hours 17

Second Semester

TEEL 481	Science of Reading II (Required Grade: C)	3
TEEL 482	Science of Reading II Internship (Required Grade: C)	1
TEEL 607	Education Conference (Required Grade: C)	6
TEEL 673	Problems in Education I (Required Grade: C)	3
TESP 330	Behavior Strategies & Support (Required Grade: C)	3
TEEL 431	Educational Psychology (Required Grade: C)	3

Hours 19

Fourth Year**First Semester**

TEEL 674	Institute in Education II (Required Grade: C)	8
TEEL 678	Field Experience II (Required Grade: C)	3
TESP 360	Principles of Instruction in Special Education PreK - Grade 6 (Required Grade: C)	3
MUS 366	Elementary School Music (SGE060 - Arts and Humanities Discipline Area - Required Grade: C)	3

Hours 17

Second Semester

TEEL 679	Practicum in Education I (Required Grade: C)	8
TESP 679	Practicum Special Education (Required Grade: C)	3
TEEL 675	Seminar in Education I (Required Grade: C)	1
TEEL 689	Problems in Education 2 (Required Grade: C)	1

Hours 13

Total Hours 126

can alter the recommended coursework. Course offerings are subject to change. Students should consult with their academic advisors for additional guidance on course planning.

To determine courses to take in the directed choices (often listed as Program Elective Course) and directed elective course blocks see the overview tab for courses. Open electives indicate the student is free to choose courses from any subject, but students should discuss with their advisor how many of these hours must be upper division. To locate approved courses in General Education areas (Undergraduate Programs) see the general education section (<https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/>) of the catalog.

The undergraduate course maps typically advise the most efficient route for students to complete the general education requirements. Courses that are required in the major may be listed as fulfilling relevant general education requirements. This will result in more open elective course hours in some maps than is listed on the degree overview page.

¹ Suggested General Education course, which also fulfills a major requirement

Academic Degree Maps are term-by-term sample course plans that specify milestones, courses, and special requirements that are necessary for facilitating on-time completion. Degree Maps are *examples* and are not prescriptive. Individualized choices such as concentration options, transfer credits, optional minors, advisory programs (certificates), etc.