

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.

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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**

Code	Title	Hours
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
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