

Elementary Education

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

UAB's state-approved Elementary Education program prepares teacher candidates to teach children in grades kindergarten through sixth. This program is designed to develop knowledgeable, reflective, and effective educators who are equipped to support the needs of all elementary learners. Through a combination of coursework and extensive field experiences in varied elementary classroom settings, candidates gain expertise in child development, instructional planning, classroom management, assessment, and content-specific pedagogy across core subject areas.

To be eligible for certification through UAB's program, candidates must meet several key requirements outlined by the Alabama State Department of Education. These requirements include maintaining and overall GPA of 2.50 in all coursework as well as a 2.50 in teaching field and in professional studies courses. Candidates may not earn a grade below a C in any professional studies course.

Additionally, all candidates must obtain background clearance through the Alabama State Department of Education, which includes fingerprinting and a criminal history check conducted by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Candidates must also pass all required state assessments and successfully complete a full-time internship in an elementary classroom. Upon completion of these requirements, UAB will recommend candidates for initial certification to teach in Alabama's elementary education settings.

Proposed Plan of Study for Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

Freshman			
First Term	Hours	Second Term	Hours
EDU 100		3 EH 102 or 107 ²	3
EH 101		3 PY 101 ⁵	3
MA 105		3 CMST 101 ⁶	3
BY 101		3 Blazer Core Non-Biology Science	4
BY 102		1 Blazer Core Creative Arts	3
Blazer Core History & Meaning		3	
		16	16

Sophomore			
First Term	Hours	Second Term	Hours
ECY 300		3 Take all five courses as a block with one designated field experience ⁸	
EDU 200		3 EEC 310 ⁹	3
CHHS 141 ⁷		3 EDF 362	3
Blazer Core Reasoning		3 EPR 363	3

Blazer Core Thinking Broadly Choose One: History & Meaning, The Creative Arts, or Humans & Their Societies	3 EEC 300	3
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	KIN 301	3
15		15

Junior			
First Term	Hours	Second Term	Hours
Classroom Preparation Block ⁸		Primary Methods Block (Grades Kindergarten through 2nd) ⁸	
EEC 301		3 EEC 402 ⁹	3
EEC 311 ⁹		3 EEC 406	3
EEC 405		3 EEC 421	3
EEC 415		3 EEC 440	3
EEC 423		3 EEC 494	2
EPR 410		3	
		18	14

Senior			
First Term	Hours	Second Term	Hours
Elementary Methods Block (Grades 4th through 6th)		Internship	
EEC 412 ⁹		3 EEC 490	11
EEC 413		3 EEC 491	1
EEC 414		3	
EEC 422		3	
EEC 494		2	
		14	12

Total credit hours: 120

- ¹ Blazer Core Local Beginnings
- ² Blazer Core Writing
- ³ Blazer Core Quantitative Literacy
- ⁴ Blazer Core Scientific Inquiry
- ⁵ Blazer Core Humans & Their Societies
- ⁶ Blazer Core Communicating in the Modern World
- ⁷ Blazer Core City as a Classroom
- ⁸ Take courses together as a block with designated field experience
- ⁹ Students must receive a C or better in EEC 310, EEC 311, EEC 402, and EEC 412 to progress.