

# CCSF Teacher Prep Curriculum for Transfer to CSU For Future Elementary School Teachers

**CCSF Courses Suggested for California State University General Education (CSU/GE), CCSF Graduation and Lower Division Subject Matter Preparation/California Subjects Examination Preparation for Teachers (CSET)**

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In California, elementary school teachers must teach many subjects in self-contained classrooms. The pathway to becoming an elementary school teacher covers the completion of a wide range of subjects and transfer to a university or college for a Bachelor Degree and teaching credential. The whole process requires at least 4-6 years of college.

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires Subject Matter Preparation course completion **AND** a passing score on the California Subjects Examination for Teachers (CSET). **Students who successfully complete Subject Matter Preparation courses (lower division examples listed below) will be better prepared to teach. Due to "No Child Left Behind" federal legislation, all new teachers are required to pass CSET before becoming employed.** Additional upper division Subject Matter Preparation courses are also required and can be obtained at a 4-year college.

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires specific courses for the elementary credential. This pathway at CCSF takes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing Subject Matter Preparation course requirements, graduation requirements and transfer requirements into consideration and offers the most expedient options to future elementary school teachers. The Commission approves programs individually at each college. Programs and requirements may vary; however, content must meet the new approved standards for California which changed in 2003. It is always recommended that you contact the college that you plan to transfer to and your CCSF counselor for specific course recommendations.

A cumulative 2.67 G.P.A is required for most CSU Credential Programs. A grade "C" or better is required in all pathway classes. Only 70 units may be transferred to a CSU from a community college. Multiple subjects courses will often count towards the Commission on Teacher Credentialing lower division requirements, **regardless** of the number of units you obtain.

**\*Requirements specific to San Francisco State University Liberal Studies and Child and Adolescent Development Majors (SFSU) Are Also Considered Below**

Check box  if requirement completed

**CSU GE AREA A:**

**COMMUNICATION IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CRITICAL THINKING (CSU GE Minimum 9 Units)**

**A1. ORAL COMMUNICATION:**   
SPEECH 1A, 11

**A2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:**   
ENGLISH 1A

**A3. CRITICAL THINKING (select one):**   
ENGLISH 40  
PHILOSOPHY 40

**Additional Subject Matter requirement:**   
ENGLISH 1B

**CSU GE AREA B:**

**PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (INCLUDING LABORATORY EXPERIENCE), AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (CSU GE Minimum 9 Units)**

**B1. PHYSICAL SCIENCE (select one):**   
CHEMISTRY 110  
PHYSICAL SCIENCE 11 (recommended)  
PHYSICS 10

**B2. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE (select one):**   
BIOLOGY 9, 101A, 101B

**B3. LABORATORY ACTIVITY (select one):**   
BIOLOGY 9, 101A, 101B (also fulfills Area B2)  
PHYSICAL SCIENCE 12 LAB

**B4. QUANTITATIVE REASONING (select one):**   
ECONOMICS 5  
MATHEMATICS 70, 75, 80  
PSYCHOLOGY 5  
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY 50

**Additional Subject Matter Requirement**   
**Earth/Space Sciences (select one):**  
GEOGRAPHY 1

**CSU GE AREA C:**

**ARTS, LITERATURE, FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND PHILOSOPHY (CSU GE Minimum 9 Units)**

**C1. ARTS (select one):**

MUSIC 2B, 4   
THEATRE ARTS 1, 101

**C2. HUMANITIES (select one):**

ENGLISH 20, 32A, 32B, 34A, 34B, 44B, 46B, 46C, 58A   
HISTORY 40 (recommended)

**C2.HUMANITIES**

**Multicultural Humanities (select one):**

AFRICAN AMERICAN 30, 40 (recommended)   
ASIAN AMERICAN 35, 45 (45 recommended)  
HUMANITIES 35, 48  
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES 27A, 36, 37, 42, 44

**CSU GE AREA D:**

**SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS AND BEHAVIOR, HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (CSU GE Minimum 9 Units)**

**D5 GEOGRAPHY (select one):**

GEOGRAPHY 4

**D9 PSYCHOLOGY (select one):**

PSYCHOLOGY 1

**D1, 3, 6, 7 (various areas)**

**World History/Cultures (select one):**

ANTHROPOLOGY 11, 15   
ASIA 1  
HISTORY 18A, 18B, 20, 34, 35A, 35B, 36, 37, 44, 48

**CSU GE AREA E:**

**LIFELONG UNDERSTANDING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT (CSU GE Minimum 3 Units)**

**Select one:**

HEALTH 33 and any PE or dance class with movement, or 53

**Additional Subject Matter Requirement; Also meets CSU American Institutions and U.S. History requirement**

**Statutory Requirement**

**Complete BOTH courses below:**

HISTORY 17A and   
POLITICAL SCIENCE 1

**Additional pre-credential requirement**

**Early Field Experience:**

(45 hours minimum guided observation & supervision in an elementary classroom):

A recommended option is completion of CHILD DEVELOPMENT 71

**Additional requirement**

**Demonstrated Computer Proficiency:**

One option may be completion of CNIT 100

**ADDITIONAL COURSES (Recommended):**

CHILD DEVELOPMENT 53, 67, 150  
LEARNING ASSISTANCE 50

**IMPORTANT: Teacher preparation standards in California have recently changed. Students who began preparing for transfer prior to this change are advised not to redo any GE area courses. Instead, they should transfer when eligible, and consult with an advisor at the university to determine if they need additional multiple subjects courses. To transfer to the CSU with junior status, students must complete a minimum of 56 transferable semester units; at least 30 must be general education and must include Areas A1, 2, 3 and B4. It is essential to complete Areas A1, 2, 3 and B4 before transferring.**

Due to the complexity of this curriculum pattern, it is highly recommended to contact the Teacher Preparation Center for counseling or curriculum workshop information.

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