

Des Moines Area Community College

Elementary Education

For students planning to transfer to UNI and major in Elementary Education, the following plan of study is generally recommended:

1. Complete an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at Des Moines Area Community College
2. Complete as many of the following courses at DMACC within the A.A./A.S. degree as possible. Courses listed in order of priority:

UNI COURSE	UNI NAME	DMACC COURSE	DMACC NAME
LITED 1044 ¹	Children's Literature	LIT 105	Children's Literature
TEACHING 2020 ^{1,2}	Introduction to Teaching: Exploring Options	EDU 218	Field Experience
MATH 1204 ³	Mathematical Reasoning	MAT 114	Elementary Educators Math I
EDPSYCH 2068 ²	Development and Learning in Sociocultural Contexts	PSY 121	Developmental Psychology
SPIE 3150 ²	Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners in Classrooms	EDU 245	Exceptional Learners
SOCFOUND 2119 ²	Social and Cultural Foundations of Education	EDU 210	Foundations of Education
MATH 2204 ³	Mathematical Reasoning II	MAT 116	Elementary Educators Math II

Students unable to take these courses within the A.A./A.S. degree, should reach out to a UNI Transfer Counselor at trfcounselors.uni.edu for recommended priority courses as soon as possible.

¹This course is an entrance requirement to the **Elementary Education Online Transfer Program**. Students intending to enroll in this program must successfully complete this course prior to their program's start.

²Students must earn a grade of C or higher

³Students must earn a grade of C- or higher

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NOTES FROM AN ADVISOR

SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

To be recommended for an Iowa teaching license, students must **complete a minimum of 9 credit hours** in the sciences. These credits must come from three different areas:

- **Life Science:** An Inquiry to Life Science course, or an Introductory or General Biology course
- **Physical Science:** An Inquiry to Physical Science course, or an Introductory or General Chemistry or Physics course
- **Earth/Space Science:** An Inquiry to Earth and Space Science course, or an Introductory Astronomy, Weather, or Earth Science course

Note: Environmental Science will not fulfill any of the three.

SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

To be recommended for an Iowa teaching license, students must **complete a minimum of 9 credit hours** in the social sciences. These credits must come from three different areas:

- History
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Economics
- Geography
- Political Science

CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNI TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM:

- ☐ Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- ☐ Complete at least 10 hours of PK-12 classroom observation (TEACHING 2020 or equivalent)
- ☐ Apply to the Teacher Education Program

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: College of Education Advising and Teacher Education Success (CATS) Office
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