

Early Childhood Studies (BS)

Degree Requirements

General Education Requirements (60 Hours)

Area I - Written Composition (2 Courses, 6 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: EH 101
- B. 3 hours: EH 102

Area II - Humanities & Fine Arts (4 Courses, 12 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: CA 110
- B. 3 hours from: EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236
- C. 3 hours from: ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARS 101, DRA 110, MUL 101
- D. 3 hours from: AFR 101, ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARH 203, ARS 101, CLA 110, DRA 110, EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236, LG 101, LG 102, LG 111, LG 112, LG 121, LG 122, LG 131, LG 132, LG 141, LG 142, LG 151, LG 152, LG 153, LG 171, LG 172, LG 173, LG 201, LG 202, LG 211, LG 212, LG 213, LG 221, LG 222, LG 231, LG 232, LG 234, LG 241, LG 242, 251, LG 252, LG 271, LG 272, LG 273, LGS 101, LGS 102, LGS 106, LGS 107, LGS 110, LGS 111, LGS 131, LGS 141, LGS 142, LGS 161, LGS 162, LGS 171, LGS 172, LGS 181, LGS 182, LGS 201, LGS 202, LGS 206, LGS 207, LGS 210, LGS 211, LGS 241, LGS 242, LGS 261, LGS 262, LGS 281, LGS 282, MUL 101, PHL 110, PHL 120, PHL 121, PHL 131, PHL 231, PHL 240, REL 100, REL 200, REL 201

Area III – Natural Sciences & Mathematics (3 Courses & Labs, 11-14 Hours)

- A. 3-4 hours from: MA 110, MA 112, MA 113, MA 115, MA 120, MA 125, MA 126, MA 227, MA 237, MA 238
- B. 4 hours from: BLY 101 & BLY 101L or BLY 121 & BLY 121L
- C. 4 hours from: AN 121 & AN 121L, BLY 102 & BLY 102L or BLY 122 & BLY 122L, CH 101 & CH 101L, CH 103 & CH 103L, CH 131 & CH 131L, CH 132 & CH 132L, GEO 101 & GEO 101L, GEO 102 & GEO 102L, GY 111 & GY 111L, GY 112 & GY 112L, MAS 134 & MAS 134L, PH 101 & PH 101L, PH 104 & PH 104L, PH 114 & PH 114L, PH 115 & PH 115L, PH 201 & PH 201L, PH 202 & PH 202L

Area IV – History, Social & Behavioral Sciences (4 Courses, 12 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: PSY 120
- B. 3 hours from: HY 101, HY 102, HY 121, HY 122, HY 135, HY 136
- C. 9 hours from: AN 100, AN 101, CA 100, CA 211, CJ 105, ECO 215, ECO 216, GEO 114, GEO 115, GS 101, HY 101, HY 102, HY 135, HY 136, IS 100, IST 201, NAS 101, PSC 130, PSY 250, SY 109, SY 112

Area V (7 Courses, 19 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: KIN 100
- B. 1 hour: PE activity course
- C. 15 hours: Electives

Students must complete a 6 credit hour sequence either in literature (Area II – EH 215 & EH 216, EH 225 & EH 226, or EH 235 & EH 236) or history (Area IV – HY 101 & HY 102, HY 121 & 122, or HY 135 & HY 136)

Major Requirements (60 Hours)

Early Childhood Studies Core (60 Hours)

- A. 42 hours: AED 301, DRA 261, or MUE 336, EDF 315, EDU 400, EEC 300, **EEC 346**, **EEC 496**, MUE 301, KIN 166, PSY 350, **RED 334** and **RED 348**

- B. 9 hours: CIS 150 or CIS 250 or EDM 310; EPY 351 or PSY 250; HS 262 or HS 361
- C. 9 hours of Advisor Approved Electives: *EDU 330, *MUE 236, Elective from the following prefixes: ACC, AED, IST, AN, ARH, ARS, BLY, BMD, BUS, CAS, CH, CLS, DRA, ECO, EDF, EDU, EEC, EH, EMS, FIN, GEO, GY, HS, HY, LGS, MA, MGT, MKT, MUE, PH, PSC, PY, RED, SHS, ST, SW, SY, PE 231- PE 499.

Minor Requirements (0 Hours)

A minor is not required for this degree program

Notes:

* Recommended Course

BOLD courses require admission to Candidacy

Additional Information

Candidacy – Early Childhood Studies

This major contains a professional component (Candidacy) comprised of upper level courses (300-400 levels), as shown on the graduation plan, and are only available to students who have gained admission to Candidacy.

Admission Requirements for Candidacy – Early Childhood Studies

- Courses: CA 110, EH 101, EH 102; CIS 150 or CIS 250 or EDM 310; EPY 351 or PSY 250
- Hours: 60 credit hours of degree requirements completed
- Minimum Grade Point Averages: 2.20 Major GPA, 2.20 USA GPA
- Proof of clear DHR or SDE fingerprinting/background check and professional liability insurance

Students should complete a Candidacy application in the CEPS Advising Center (UCOM 3360) the semester before they plan to enroll in Candidacy classes. The advisor, department chairperson, and dean review applications and make the decision to approve, defer, or deny admission. The decision to defer occurs when requirements are in progress at the time of application and reviewers select to defer with approval pending completion of requirements.

Graduation Plan

Early Childhood Studies (BS): (120 Total Hours)

First Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EH 101 (CP)	English Composition I	3
Fine Arts	**Area II, C	3
History	**Area IV, B	3
MA 110 or higher	**Area III, A	3
Social Science	**Area IV, C	3
Total Hours		15

First Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
CA 110 (CP)	Public Speaking	3
EH 102 (CP)	English Composition II	3
History, Social Science Elective	Area IV, C	3
KIN 100	Concepts of health & Fitness	3
Science + Lab	**Area III, C	4
Total Hours		16

Second Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
BLY 101 + Lab	Life Science I	4
PSY 120	**Area IV, A	3
Elective/Minor	(**Early Childhood Studies Core, C)	3
Literature	**Area II, B	3
KIN 166	Movement & Rhythms	3
Total Hours		16

Second Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
CIS 150, CIS 250, or EDM 310 (CP)	Intro to Computer Applications, Advanced Computer Applications, or Microcomputing Systems	3
DRA 261 or MUE 336	Creative Dramatics or Performing Arts for Young Children (Spring Only)	3
EDF 315	Education in a Diverse Society	3
Literature Sequence or Fine Art/Humanities Elective	**Area II, D	3
EPY 351 or PSY 250 (CP)	Human Growth & Development or Life Span Development	3
Total Hours		15

Third Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
PSY 350	Child & Adolescent Development (PR)	3
*EDU 350	(**Early Childhood Studies Core, C)	3

HS 262 or HS 361	Personal Health or School & Community Health	3
MUE 301	Music for Elem Teacher (Fall Only)	3
PE 101 - PE 157	PE activity course	1
Elective/Minor	(**Area V, C)	3
Apply for Candidacy		
Total Hours		16

Third Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EDU 400	Education for Exceptional Children & Youth	3
EEC 300	Creating Environment for learning Through Play (Spring Only)	3
*MUE 236	(**Early Childhood Studies Core, C)	3
AED 301	Art for Young Children	3
RED 348	Language Development in Early Childhood (W) (Spring Only)	3
Total Hours		15

Fourth Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EEC 346	Early Childhood Program (Fall Only)	3
Elective/Minor	(**Area V, C)	3
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RED 334	Literature for Young Children (Fall Only)	3
Apply for Graduation		
Total Hours		15

Fourth Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EEC 496	Internship	9
Elective	(**Area V, C)	3
Total Hours		12

Notes

*Recommended Course

**See Degree Requirements

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(CP) Prerequisite for Candidacy

Maximum of 3 hours from PE 101- PE 157 allowed for General Electives

Department Information

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Undergraduate

The Department offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Education leading to Alabama Class B certification in the following areas: Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education. The department offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a major in Early Childhood Studies.

Graduate

The department offers the M.Ed. degree leading to Alabama Class A Certification in the following areas: Art Education, Instructional Leadership, Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Secondary Education, and Special Education. The department offers the M.Ed. degree in Educational Administration with an emphasis in higher education leadership. The department also offers the Instructional Specialist degree (Ed.S.) leading to Alabama Class AA Certification in the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Instructional Leadership, Reading Specialist, Secondary Education, Special Education and Teacher Leader. The department offers the Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership.