



University of Montana - Four-Year Academic Plan 2023-2024

Phyllis J. Washington College of Education

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Early Childhood Education

This is an example of a four year graduation plan for a degree in Early Childhood Education.

This is a sample academic plan. Students should meet with an academic advisor prior to registration to formulate their own plan.

| Year 1 | | Year 2 | | Year 3 | | Year 4 | |
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| Fall | | Fall | | Fall | | Fall | |
| WRIT 101 - College Writing I | 3 | HSTA 255 - Montana History | 3 | EDU 395 - Clinical Experience: Level 1 | 1 | EDEC 495 - Practicum: Integrated Curriculum | 3 |
| M 132 - Numbers & Ops for K-8 Teachers | 3 | GEO 224N- General Science: Physical and Earth | 5 | EDU 222 - Educational Psychology & Child Development | 3 | EDEC 420 - Implementing Standards & Assessment in Play-Based Environments | 3 |
| <i>Select one of the following:</i> GPHY 121S - Human Geography GPHY 141S - World Regional Geography | 3 | THTR 239A - Creative Drama & Dance K-8 | 2 | EDU 338 - Academic Interventions | 3 | EDEC 434 - Social Emotional Development & Child Guidance | 3 |
| ANTY 122S - Race & Minorities | 3 | ARTZ 302A - Elementary School Art | 2 | EDU 397 - Methods: PK-4 Early Numeracy | 3 | EDEC 453 - Early Childhood STEM | 3 |
| Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 | EDU 397 - Methods: PK-3 Early Literacy | 3 | EDU 407E - Ethics & Policy Issues | 3 |
| | | | | EDU 360 - Promoting Well-Being in P-12 Classroom | 2 | | |
| Credits | 15 | Credits | 15 | Credits | 15 | Credit | 15 |
| Spring | | Spring | | Spring | | Spring | |
| <i>Select one of the following:</i> LIT 110L - Intro to Literature LIT 120L - Intro to Poetry LIT 236L- Literary Histories LIT 246L- Genres, Themes, and Approaches NASX 235X - Oral & Written Traditions of Native Americans | 3 | ENST 472 - General Science: Conservation Education | 3 | EDU 395 - Clinical Experience: Level 2 | 1 | EDU 495 - Student Teaching: K-3 | 14 |
| M 133 - Geometry & Measurement for K-8 Teachers | 3 | HEE 302 - Methods of Instructional Strategies in Elem. Physical Ed. | 3 | EDU 346 - Exceptionalities | 3 | EDU 494 - Applied Research and Reflective Practice | 1 |
| BIOB 226N - General Science: Chemical and Life | 5 | MUSE 397- Methods: K-8 Music | 2 | EDU 370 - Integrating Technology into Education | 3 | | |
| NASX 105H - Intro to Native American Studies | 3 | EDU 331 - Literature & Literacy for Children | 3 | EDU 339 - Methods: PK-8 Language Arts | 3 | | |
| Elective | 1 | Elective | 3 | EDEC 408 - Early Childhood Principles & Practices | 3 | | |
| | | | | EDEC 410 - Family, Community & Cultures | 3 | | |
| | | <i>Apply to the Teacher Education Program: February 15</i> | | | | | |
| Credits | 15 | Credits | 14 | Credits | 16 | Credits | 15 |
| Summer | | Summer | | Summer | | Summer | |
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| Credits | 0 | Credits | 0 | Credits | 0 | Credits | 0 |
| Total Credits | 30 | Total Credits | 59 | Total Credits | 90 | Total Credits | 120 |

Notes:

*Early Childhood Education majors must complete a minimum of 10 elective credits in addition to major requirements. This plan includes 10 total elective credits.

*Students beginning Early Childhood Education coursework in spring semesters must meet with an academic advisor in Teacher Education Services.

*Students interested in adding teaching minors or endorsements must meet with an academic advisor in Teacher Education Services.

*See Catalog or Teacher Education Services for more details.

ElevateU Career Readiness Plan

GRADUATE CAREER-READY BY GETTING INVOLVED IN THE BELOW ACTIVITIES WHILE AT UM.

Discover how your strengths, values, and interests relate to career and education pathways.

- Take the Strong Interest Inventory or other career assessments to see what careers may be a good fit for you.*
- Download the Handshake app and activate your account to explore jobs*
- Attend “careers and opportunities” fairs and join a First Time at the Fair tour*
- Join student groups that align with your interests*
- Explore career options at What Can I Do With This Major? (click on “Major Exploration”)*
- Learn about specific occupations on O*Net Online
- Schedule an appointment for Career Planning and Major Exploration

EXPLORE
Pathways for you

Participate in experiential (hands-on) learning to refine your interests and goals.

- Seek and apply for internships or part-time jobs on Handshake*
- Participate in Volunteer Programs*
- Consider studying abroad or at another US university for a semester or year*
- Consider an internship abroad*
- Conduct undergraduate research at UM*
 - Secure a paid micro-internship
 - Participate in the Griz Career Skills Program
 - Schedule an appointment for Internship Search, International Internship Search, National Student Exchange, Job Search Strategies, and Handshake How-To

EXPERIENCE
and Grow

- Meet employers at career fairs and events*
- Develop a stellar resume and cover letter*
- Practice interview skills
- Learn how to negotiate your salary and benefits package
- Fine-tune your LinkedIn profile
- Apply for jobs, graduate/professional school, or national service
- Schedule an appointment for Resume, Cover letter, Interview Prep, Personal Statement, LinkedIn, Graduate School Planning

ELEVATE
to Your Career

Refine your personal brand and develop stand-out application materials to achieve your goals

EMBRACE
Your Goals

- Strengthen relationships with faculty and supervisors who can guide and recommend you*
 - Connect with alumni in fields or companies of interest through the Griz Career Network
 - Expand your network to gain insights and support through LinkedIn
 - Conduct career conversations with professionals in fields of interest
 - Gain industry and company-specific skills through free Forage job simulations
 - Schedule an appointment to discuss Networking Strategies, LinkedIn, Graduate School Planning
- Develop skills and network to help you pursue your goals**

YOUR CAREER SUPPORT OFFICES AT UM

Experiential Learning & Career Success (ELCS) is for all UM students!

Students in the following Schools and Colleges have additional access to the following career services:

- College of Business Career Development Center
- Career Trailhead professional readiness program
- College of Humanities and Sciences Career Planning Center
- Davidson Honors College Career Development Program
- School of Law Career Development Office
- Missoula College Career Services

