

# B.A., ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-8)

## B.A. Degree

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in elementary education degree program are assessed relative to national and state standards, including National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education standards, the Alaska Teacher Standards, the Alaska Student Content and Performance Standards, and the Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools. Coursework provides students on the Fairbanks campus and in remote sites with the experience necessary to be eligible for an elementary teacher license. The integrated major/minor degree requirements are designed to prepare students to meet standards that recognize, respect and build upon Alaska's cultural, linguistic and geographic factors. Completion of the B.A. in education will meet the requirements for a major and minor.

The interdisciplinary degree requirements provide breadth in the content areas necessary for successful teaching at an elementary level. They provide depth in the opportunities to connect theory and practice in real classroom, school and community contexts. Students completing this degree benefit from collaborative efforts with academic departments across campus and from School of Education partnerships with a wide range of Alaska's rural and urban schools and districts.

The degree has four central components:

1. subject area coursework in the designated UAF general education requirements;
2. additional subject area coursework in those areas important for successful teaching at an elementary level;
3. an integrated set of education courses and fieldwork in schools and the community to provide the foundation for a successful professional internship year; and
4. a yearlong capstone school internship with a mentor teacher, with concurrent enrollment in professional coursework that focuses on the integration and application of theory, research and practice in real school environments. Students follow the calendar of the school or district in which they complete their internship. Candidates serving internships are charged a \$400 fee per semester.

Degree and program requirements include multiple types of ongoing assessments throughout the programs. There is a strong emphasis on performance assessment and portfolio development and evaluation relative to national and state standards.

Minimum Requirements for Education Bachelor's Degree: 121-128 credits

Learn more about the bachelor's degree in elementary education (K-8) (<https://uaf.edu/academics/programs/bachelors/elementary-education.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

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## Admission Requirements

B.A. in elementary education students should enroll in the School of Education's recommended sequence of core and major course requirements during their first two years. By following the sequence

recommended in Transition One on the Criteria for Advancement through Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education Degree ([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PS-WfnVqsm\\_6cjNqdRmZ8gpdNPiZTWUi/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PS-WfnVqsm_6cjNqdRmZ8gpdNPiZTWUi/view?usp=sharing)), students will be knowledgeable about their status relative to their progress toward meeting the criteria for admission to the professional internship year. To make certain that students will be able to receive the support necessary to prepare for the internship year, all B.A. in elementary education students are required to submit Praxis I or Praxis ASE scores (passing scores are not required until applying to the internship year) to the School of Education prior to enrolling in EDSE F316, and Praxis II (test 5018) test scores must be submitted with the intern year admission packet. Prior to enrollment in professional-year courses and prior to receiving an internship placement in a classroom, all students must submit the materials listed below and meet admission requirements as described in Transition Two. **Declaring a B.A. major in elementary education does not guarantee admission to the professional internship year.**

Internships begin in August or September on the date when teachers return to school (this varies across districts). Since internship placements are arranged with principals and mentor teachers in the spring, all materials necessary for determining admission to the School of Education must be submitted by Feb. 1. Faculty in the School of Education consider multiple criteria in making valid and reliable judgments about each applicant's knowledge, skills and professional characteristics prior to approval for the yearlong internship in a classroom with elementary school-age children.

Students must submit the following information to the School of Education by Feb. 1:

1. Copies of transcripts from all institutions attended. Evidence of plan of completion of all B.A. degree in elementary education degree courses by Aug. 1 (except for those required in the professional internship year), with a minimum of a 2.75 overall GPA, a 2.0 in each major academic area, and a C or better in all required courses. Students with less than a 2.75 overall GPA may be considered for conditional admission in special circumstances.
2. Alaska passing scores from the Praxis I or Praxis Core ASE exams in reading, writing and math, and Praxis II Elementary Content Knowledge exam (test 5018). In extenuating circumstances, applicants may be allowed to begin the internship year without yet having an Alaska qualifying Praxis II score. Students cannot complete program requirement without receiving an Alaska qualifying Praxis II score. See course description for ED F468.
3. Two letters of reference that address qualifications and potential as a teacher.
4. A current and complete resume/curriculum vitae.
5. Two one-page essays on topics determined by the School of Education.
6. Completed Elementary Teacher Education Academic Analysis and Life/Work Form to provide information on breadth and depth of prior course work and/or documented life experiences relative to ten Alaska Student Content Standard areas.
7. A one- to two-page autobiographical sketch (appropriate for presenting to prospective principals and mentor teachers).
8. Extemporaneous writing sample. Contact the School of Education advising office for date, time and location information.
9. Evidence of successful experiences in teaching and learning situations.

10. Evidence of ability to work collaboratively and respectfully in cross-cultural contexts.
11. Completed Alaska Student Teacher Authorization Packet, including fingerprint cards and criminal background check. Forms are available from the School of Education.
12. Complete an interview, when requested.

**Note: Students are admitted for a specific academic year and must reapply if they do not enroll in the year in which they were reviewed.**

## Program Requirements

Students must earn a C grade or better in each course.

## Minimum Requirements for Elementary Education (K-8) B.A.: 121 credits

Code	Title	Credits
<b>General University Requirements</b>		
Complete the general university requirements. ( <a href="http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/">http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/</a> )		
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
Complete the general education requirements. ( <a href="http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/general-education-requirements/">http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/general-education-requirements/</a> )		
As part of the general education requirements, complete:		
ART/MUS/FLPA F200X	Explorations in Art	
or ANS/FLPA F161X	Introduction to Alaska Native Performance	
or ANS F202X	Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance	
or ANS/MUS/ACNS F223X	Alaska Native Music	
BIOL F100X	Human Biology	
or BIOL F103X	Biology and Society	
or BIOL F104X	Natural History of Alaska	
CHEM F100X	Chemistry in Complex Systems	
or CHEM F103X	Introduction to General Chemistry	
or PHYS F102X	Energy and Society	
or PHYS F115X	Physical Sciences	
ENGL F270X	Introduction to Creative Writing	
HIST F100X	Modern World History	
or HIST F102X	Western Civilization Since 1500	
MATH F122X	Essential Precalculus with Applications	
or MATH F151X	College Algebra for Calculus	
H or SS Elective: Complete one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		
3-5 credits of a language		
ANL F255X	Introduction to Alaska Native Languages	
ANTH F100X	Individual, Society and Culture	
HIST F132X	History of the U.S.	
SOC F101X	Introduction to Sociology	
<b>B.A. Degree and Elementary Education (K-8) Program Requirements</b>		
Complete the B.A. degree requirements. ( <a href="http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/summary-of-bachelors-degree-reqs/#bachelorofartstext">http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/summary-of-bachelors-degree-reqs/#bachelorofartstext</a> )		

<b>Mathematics Requirements</b>		
MATH F211	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers	3
MATH F212	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II	3
<b>Science Requirement</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
ATM F101X	Weather and Climate of Alaska	
GEOS F101X	The Dynamic Earth	
GEOS F111X	Earth and Environment: Elements of Physical Geography	
GEOS F120X	Glaciers, Earthquakes and Volcanoes: Past, Present and Future	
MSL F111X	The Oceans	
<b>Social Sciences Requirements</b>		
ED/PSY F245	Child Development	3
HIST F131	History of the U.S.	3
PS F101X	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
Complete one of the following:		3
ANS F242X	Indigenous Cultures of Alaska	
ANTH F242	Native Cultures of Alaska	
HIST F115	Alaska, Land and Its People	
HIST F461	History of Alaska	
<b>Humanities Requirements</b>		
ED/LING F100	Language, Education, Linguistics	3
or LING F101X	Nature of Language	
<b>Education Requirements</b>		
ED F439	Supporting Multilingual Learners in the Elementary Classroom	3
ED F110	Becoming a Teacher in the 21st Century	1
ED F201	Introduction to Education	3
ED F206	Core Practices in Place and Arts-Based Teaching	3
ED F329	Teaching with Technology	3
ED F330	Assessment of Learning	3
ED F344	Foundations of Literacy Development	3
EDSE F316	Introduction to Special Education for Elementary Classroom Teachers	3
EDSE F320	Adapting and Accommodating Instructions for Students with Disabilities	3
Complete one of the following:		3
ED/ANS F420	Alaska Native Education	
ED/ANS F461	Native Ways of Knowing	
<b>Professional Internship Year with Integrated Coursework</b>		
<i>First Semester</i>		
ED F411	Reading, Writing, Language Arts: Methods and Curriculum Development	3
ED F412	Integrated Social Studies and Language Arts: Methods and Curriculum Development	3
ED F414	Art, Music and Drama in Elementary Classrooms	3

ED F466	Internship and Collaborative Student Teaching <sup>2</sup>	3
ED F467	Classroom Management Communication and Collaboration I	2
ED F478	Mathematics Methods and Curriculum Development	3
<i>Second Semester</i>		
ED F417	Physical Activity and Health Education for Elementary Teachers	3
ED F468	Internship and Student Teaching <sup>2</sup>	4
ED F469	Classroom Management Communication and Collaboration II	2
ED F476	Assessment of Literacy Development	1
ED F479	Science Methods and Curriculum Development	3

<sup>1</sup> Students should consult UAF SOE advisor.

<sup>2</sup> Fulfills the baccalaureate capstone requirement.