

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN EDUCATION: 4-8 ELAR

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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Education: 4-8 ELAR		
Core Curriculum (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) ²		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) ³		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts) ⁴		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) ⁵		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) ⁶		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
ENGL 2332 or ENGL 2333	World Literature I: Before the 17th Century ³ World Literature II: From the 17th Century and After	3
MATH 1384	Introduction to Foundations of Mathematics I ¹	3
Major: Foundation		
BESL 3301	Second Language Acquisition ⁷	3
CIME 2313	Teaching as a Profession	3
CIME 3327	Integrating Technology in the Middle Grades	3
CIME 3374	Human Growth & Learning	3
CIME 3375	The Middle Level Child	3
CIME 3385	The Middle Grades Classroom	3
EDUC 1101	Educator Preparation	1
ENGL 3338	Studies in Multicultural Literature	3
ENGL 3363	Mythology	3
ENGL 3372	Introduction to Linguistics	3
MATH 1385	Introduction to Foundations of Mathematics II	3
MATH 3381	Introduction to Foundations of Mathematics III	3
READ 3380	Emergent & Beginning Literacy	3
SPED 2301	Introduction to Exceptionality	3
Major: Required		
Field Experience I		
READ 3388 or READ 3383	Reading Methods and Assessment - Middle Level Reading Methods and Assessment - Elementary	3
READ 3389 or READ 3384	Language Arts and Assessment - Middle Level Language Arts Methods and Assessment - Elementary	3
SPED 3301	Learning and Instruction for Children with Disabilities	3
TESL 3313	English Second Language Methodology I ^{7,8}	3
Field Experience II		
READ 3373	Content Area Reading in the Middle Grades	3
READ 3374	Vocabulary and Word Study in the Middle Grades	3
YCT Semester I		
CIME 3376	Curriculum and Assessment For Middle Grades	3
CIME 4391 or CIEE 4391	Student Teaching in the Middle Grades Student Teaching Elementary School	3
READ 4311	Critical Inquiry & Thinking in Middle Grades	3

READ 4326	Critical Literacy & Genre-based Strategies in Middle Grades	3
YCT Semester II		
CIME 4392 or CIEE 4392	Student Teaching in the Middle Grades Student Teaching Elementary School	3
EDUC 4301	Teacher Education Capstone	3
TESL 4314	English Second Language Methodology II	3
Minor: Not Required ^{9,10}		
Total Hours		121

- ¹ MATH 1384 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics) and the major.
- ² To satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science), BIOL 1408 and BIOL 1436 are suggested.
- ³ ENGL 2332 or ENGL 2333 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) and the major.
- ⁴ To satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area V (Creative Arts), CAMX 2301 is suggested.
- ⁵ To satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences), GEOG 1300 OR BESL 2301 is suggested.
- ⁶ To satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option), ECON 1100 and COMS 2382 are suggested.
- ⁷ BESL 3301 is the prerequisite for TESL 3313.
- ⁸ TESL 3313 is the prerequisite for TESL 4314.
- ⁹ A minor is not required for this degree program; however, a student has the option to add a minor, but to do so, additional semester credit hours may be needed above the degree program's stated total semester credit hours.
- ¹⁰ All minors can be paired with this degree program.

Notes

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Student Teaching Block is considered a FULL LOAD at SHSU. Please check prerequisites for Field Experience 1, Field Experience 2, YCT Semester I, and YCT Semester II. Each field experience block must be completed successfully in order to progress through the field experience sequence.

Field Experience in public schools is required for many CIEE, CIME, ECHE, READ, SPED, and TESL classes.

Full admission to the Educator Preparation program and CIME 2313, CIME 3374, and SPED 2301 are required prior to enrollment in Field Experience I.

BESL 3301 is required prior to enrollment in Field Experience I.

CIME 3385 is required prior to enrollment in YCT Semester I.

4-8 teaching candidates are now eligible to add a Minor in Special Education. This degree minor provides a pathway for College of Education students majoring in grades 4-8 certification tracks or the grades 7-12 certification tracks to also graduate with a teaching certification in the area of special education. The course requirements are available by clicking here (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/education/school-of-teaching-and-learning/special-education-minor/>).

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii) ¹		4 Component Area VIII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii) ⁷	3
Component Area V (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav) ²		3 Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix) ³	3

Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix) ³	1 ENGL 1302 ⁴	3
ENGL 1301 ⁴	3 HSTY 1302 ⁵	3
HSTY 1301 ⁵	3 MATH 1385	3
MATH 1384 ⁶	3 POLS 2305 ⁸	3
	17	18
Second Year		
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		3
CIME 2313		3 CIME 3374
		3
EDUC 1101		1 ENGL 3338
		3
ENGL 2332 or 2333 ⁹		3 ENGL 3363
		3
MATH 3381		3 READ 3380
		3
POLS 2306 ⁸		3 SPED 2301
		3
	17	18
Third Year		
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CIME 3327		3 CIME 3375
		3
READ 3388 or 3383		3 CIME 3385
		3
READ 3389 or 3384		3 ENGL 3372
		3
SPED 3301		3 READ 3373
		3
TESL 3313 ^{10,11}		3 READ 3374
		3
	15	15
Fourth Year		
Fall	Hours	Spring
CIME 3376		3 CIME 4392 or CIEE 4392
		3
CIME 4391 or CIEE 4391		3 EDUC 4301
		3
READ 4311		3 TESL 4314 ¹¹
		3
READ 4326		3
		3
	12	9

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The BS, Major in Education: 4-8 ELAR is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Prepared to teach English Language Arts and Reading content necessary for 4 - 8 certification.
- Prepared to implement evidence-based methods of teaching and learning.
- Fully qualified to teach in Texas public schools.