

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN EDUCATION, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Education, Early Childhood Education		
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)		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) ¹		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
MATH (in addition to Core)		3
Major: Foundation		
BESL 2301	Multicultural Influence On Learning	3
BESL 3301	Second Language Acquisition	3
CIEE 2333	Becoming A Teacher	3
CIEE 3374	Human Growth & Learning	3
COUN 3321	Introduction to the Helping Relationship	3
ECHE 3313	Early Childhood Cognition	3
ECHE 3301	Social Guidance - Young Child (Blocked with ECHE 3316) ²	3
ECHE 3302	Early Childhood Education Theories	3
ECHE 3316	Assessment in Early Childhood (Blocked with ECHE 3301) ²	3
ECHE 3325	Creative Arts for Educators	3
ECHE 3363	Working With Families in Diverse Communities	3
ECHE 4088	Special Topics in Early Childhood Education	3
ECHE 4333	Developmentally Appropriate Programs for Young Children	3
ECHE 4343	Curriculum for Early Childhood	3
ECHE 4349	Language and Literacy Development	3
ECHE 4350	Preschool Child Wellness	3
ECHE OR TECA Elective ^{3,4}		12
READ 3380	Emergent & Beginning Literacy	3
SPED 2301	Introduction to Exceptionality	3
SPED 3303	Supporting Social Success	3
SPED 3306	Behavioral Principles	3
Electives: General		
General Electives		3
Minor: Not Required ^{5,6}		
Total Hours		120

¹ COMS 1361 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=COMS%201361>) and KINE 2115 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=KINE%202115>) are recommended to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option).

² ECHE 3301 and ECHE 3316 are blocked courses that are taken together and require Field Experience (20 hours).

³ Texas Early Childhood Articulation (TECA) courses are not offered at SHSU. TECA courses may be transferred from Community Colleges.

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Notes

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Not intended to lead to EC-6th Grade Texas Teacher Certification.

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TECA courses are designated as:

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The TECA course completed at Texas Community Colleges **may be** transferred as credit courses in the ECHE and the BAAS/ECHE programs at SHSU. They are not currently transferred as credit courses into other EDUC degree programs resulting in Texas Teacher Certification.

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area II (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii)		3 Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 Component Area V (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)	3
Component Area VIII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)		3 ENGL 1302 ¹	3
ENGL 1301 ¹		3 HSTY 1302 ²	3
HSTY 1301 ²		3 MATH (in addition to Core)	3
		16	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IV (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii)		3 Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiix) ³	1

Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix) ³	3	BESL 2301		3
CIEE 2333	3	CIEE 3374		3
COUN 3321	3	POLS 2306 ⁴		3
POLS 2305 ⁴	3	SPED 2301		3
	15			13
Third Year				
Fall	Hours	Spring		Hours
BESL 3301		3 ECHE 3302		3
ECHE 3313		3 ECHE 3363		3
ECHE 3325		3 ECHE or TECA Elective ^{5,6}		3
ECHE or TECA Elective ^{5,6}		3 General Elective		3
SPED 3306		3 READ 3380		3
	15			15
Fourth Year				
Fall	Hours	Spring		Hours
ECHE 4088		3 ECHE 3301 ⁷		3
ECHE 4333		3 ECHE 3316 ⁷		3
ECHE 4350		3 ECHE 4343		3
ECHE or TECA Elective ^{5,6}		3 ECHE 4349		3
SPED 3303		3 ECHE or TECA Elective ^{5,6}		3
	15			15
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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BS, Major in Education, Early Childhood Education is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Qualified to teach young children ages birth through age 8 in private schools, preschools, Head Start programs, and childcare programs.
- Ability to work in various programs serving children and families within private sector employment.
- Ability to provide professional development to childcare teachers.
- Demonstrate skills needed for continued studies and certification as childcare administrators.