

EFFECTIVE DATE: FALL 2012

Program Revision Request: B.S. in Education in Elementary Education  
General Option Concentrations

Reason for the Request:

The Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle Level Education Department has been reviewing data from a variety of sources including: Content Area Test scores, advisory committee feedback, candidate feedback, and comments from our public school representatives on our Department Curriculum Committee. Additionally, course requirements for the Middle School Option and the General Option have been reviewed for consistency and relevancy. The data indicated (1) the 6 hour upper-division requirement sometimes prohibited a candidate from taking coursework that could assist in the preparation for the Content Test or take courses that would enable candidates to obtain knowledge required of elementary teachers in the content areas and (2) in the science and social science concentrations the General Option and Middle School Option coursework was not aligned nor consistent with elementary/middle level curriculum in the public schools. In an effort to assist our candidates to improve performance on the Content Test, obtain knowledge required of elementary teachers teaching in content areas, and to better align General Option and Middle School Option coursework the following changes are requested.

APPROVALS:

Date approved by the department: April 29, 2011

Date approved by the CEPS Curriculum Committee: September 12, 2011

Date approved by COTE:

## Current Catalog Copy

### **Concentrations for Elementary Education: General Option**

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Elementary Education majors pursuing the General Option must select a concentration from the list below. Each concentration requires 15 semester hours, 6 of which must be at the upper division level. Courses used to satisfy other General Education requirements cannot be applied toward the concentration, with the possible exception of the diversity course which may be included in the concentration if appropriate.

#### **English**

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Fifteen semester hours of course work, six must be at the upper division level. Must include ENG 2901 or an advanced composition (or writing) course above the freshman level, one course in American Literature, and a course in children's literature.

#### **Fine Arts**

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Fifteen semester hours of course work, six must be at the upper division level. Two disciplines must be represented with a minimum of two courses from each discipline. Select from Art, Music or Theater Arts.

#### **Foreign Language**

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Fifteen semester hours of course work, six must be at the upper division level.

#### **General Science**

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Fifteen semester hours of course work selected from two areas, six must be at the upper division level. Two disciplines must be represented with a minimum of two courses from each discipline. Select from Biological Science, Chemistry, Earth Science, Geology and Physics.

#### **Mathematics**

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Fifteen semester hours of course work other than methods courses, six must be at the upper division level.

#### **Social Science**

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### Mathematics

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Fifteen semester hours of course work ~~other than methods courses,~~ six must be at the upper division level. [At least three of the following areas must be represented: \(A\) calculus, \(B\) modern algebra or number theory, \(C\) geometry, \(D\) computer science, \(E\) probability and statistics, or \(F\) history of mathematics. Methods courses are not acceptable. MAT 4920 and two MAT 4810 topic courses must be included in a student's total program. Consult your advisor for current courses that fulfill program requirements](#)

### Social Science

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Fifteen semester hours of course work, ~~six must be at the upper division level. Two disciplines must be represented with a minimum of two courses from each discipline~~ must include two of the following areas: [Geography, Political Science and/or Economics. A total program must include both HIS 2010G and 2020G, one course in world civilization ~~must be included~~ and one course in non-US History. ~~Select from Economics, Geography, History and Political Science.~~](#)

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