

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Bachelor of Arts in Education

**Admissions:** To begin the path of an Education major, students must successfully complete pre-requisite courses, earn a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA, be at a junior status/60+ credits (by start of program), and complete all application materials. Elementary Education candidates must pass the Washington Educator Skills Test-Basic (WEST-B) with 240 or better per section or equivalent SAT/ACT.

**Pre-requisites:** Grades of C or better in Psychology 101, Math 123, and Writing 101 or equivalent are required pre-requisites for all students applying to the program.

**Co-requisites:** Students earning certification must also fulfill state required co-requisites of a letter grade of a C or better in the following courses. You are encouraged to fulfill as many of these as possible prior to entering the program.

- Math 124
  - Life Science\*
  - Physical Science\*
- \*One science must have a lab
- KINS 322: PE Elementary School
  - MUSI 341: Music for Teachers (The Music Department has an enrollment pre-requisite of being a declared BAE major)

**Endorsements:** Students major in Elementary Education with a minimum of one additional endorsement in one of the following areas:

- Special Education (SPED)
- English Language Learners (ELL)
- Reading
- Early Childhood Special Education (ECE/SPED)

\*Incoming cohorts determine which endorsements move forward, at minimum two endorsements will be selected based upon cohort enrollment.

If you are interested in teaching middle and/or high school (secondary education), we recommend you major in the area you hope to teach and earn your educational certification as part of a Master's program.

**Degree Requirements:** Each Education (EDUC), Special Education (SPED), & Education Psychology (EPSY) course counted in the Education major must be completed with at least a B-. The program requires at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA.

**Study Away:** The department sponsors several study abroad programs and we encourage you to examine those possibilities. The department does allow non-education J-term study away. If you are considering this option contact us so we can develop a plan to fulfill J-term endorsement classes.

**Athletics:** As our Athletic Director and our student athletes will note, competing in varsity sports while completing any major is not easy, it is doable. Coaches are committed to collaborating for the benefit of our students' academic success. Students participating in athletics will need to plan accordingly as the BAE program sequence for junior and senior year are 13 credits in fall semester, 5 credits in J-Term, and 17 in spring semester.