PLANNING GUIDE
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES (HDFS)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE)

Grade/Credits | Recommended Year |
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FRESHMAN YEAR EXPERIENCE (1 CREDIT) | |
(3) Freshman Year Experience (FYE) | 1 |
SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSES (6 CREDITS) | |
(3) Sociology Elective or PSYC 100 General Psychology | 1 |
(3) Social and Behavioral Sciences | 2 |
HISTORY AND CULTURAL CHANGE (6 CREDITS) | |
(3) History and Cultural Change | 2 |
(3) History and Cultural Change | 3 |
SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS (17 CREDITS) | |
(3) BISC 105 Human Heredity and Development | 1 |
(4) Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Technology | 1 |
(4) Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Technology w/lab | 2 |
(3) MATH 251 Math for K-8 Teachers Numbers and Operations | 1 |
One of the following: |
(3) MATH 252 Math for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers and Probability; | 2/3 |
(3) MATH 253 Math for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra, and Measurement; | 2/3 |
HUMANITIES (12 CREDITS) | |
(3) ENGL 110 Critical Reading & Writing | 1 |
(3) Literature Course | 3/4 |
(3) Linguistics 101 | 1 |
(3) Creative Arts and Humanities or Foreign Language | 2/3 |
FREE ELECTIVES | |
After required courses are completed, a maximum of 7 credits of free electives may be needed to meet the 124 credits required for the degree. |

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NOTE: This is only a planning form. Please refer to your course catalog for official requirements.

The total minimum number of credits needed for graduation is 124.

An effort should be made to schedule courses in the year indicated, although some adjustments may be necessary. Please see your academic advisor each semester.

• See catalog for courses that fulfill the University Breadth Requirements.
• All students must fulfill the Arts and Sciences Second Writing Requirement selected from courses approved from Arts and Sciences second writing requirement.
• C- or better required for all HDFS courses, the Focused Elective, EDUC 230, ENGL 110, MATH 251 and at least one course for each breadth requirement category. All HDFS courses, EDUC 230 and the Focused Elective are counted in the major index and are prerequisite courses for student teaching. MATH 251 is also required for student teaching.
• HDFS 222 and 224 must be taken concurrently.
• Each of the courses listed within a block must be taken concurrently. HDFS 222 and 224 must be taken before any of the blocks. Block B must be taken before Block C. Block A may be taken at any time after HDFS 222/224.
• Students must pass the Praxis 1 exam before taking HDFS 412.
• Focused Electives: Choose from an approved list available in HDFS office (111 ALW).
**Early Childhood Education**  
**Course Prerequisites**

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*Note, all prerequisite courses listed above require a grade of C- or better*

All field experiences (EDUC 230, HDFS 431, 432, 433 and EDUC 400) including courses with observations (HDFS 220 and 221) require current PPD testing and criminal background checks. Please see the Office of Clinical Studies website (http://www.ocs.udel.edu/) for more information.