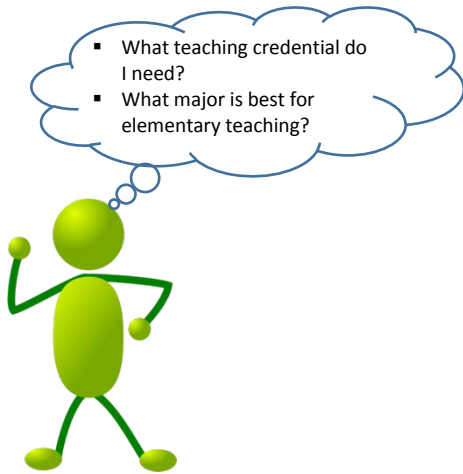


## Are you a Sonoma State Undergraduate interested in Elementary Teaching?



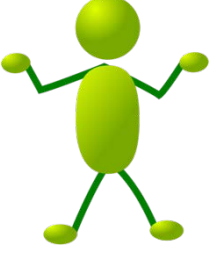
Most elementary teachers hold a **California Multiple Subject Teaching Credential**. It authorizes you to teach in a self-contained classroom at the pre-school through twelfth-grade level. A self-contained classroom is one in which a variety of subjects are taught to the same group of students by the same teacher. Many middle-school teachers also hold this credential.

Elementary teachers can **MAJOR IN ANYTHING!** In any major you will learn content that will help you teach subjects including math, science, reading/language arts, social studies, health, art, PE, and more. In order to begin a credential program, you must demonstrate competence\* in a wide range of subject you are likely to teach.

**Some SSU majors are particularly well aligned** with the Multiple Subject Credential program enabling students to complete program prerequisites and study topics that are intentionally aligned with preparing you to demonstrate subject matter competence\*.

\* Currently, the only acceptable way to demonstrate subject matter competence for the Multiple Subject Credential is by passing sections I, II, and III of the CSET: Multiple Subjects exam. However, the State has recently approved a Waiver process that will enable students to use SSU coursework to demonstrate competence. We are hopeful that by the end of the year, some majors will have approved Waiver programs. So check with your advisors and the Credentials Office periodically.

### Three Great Options

ANY MAJOR from an Accredited Institution	SSU Majors with Elementary Teaching Pathways	Hutchins Liberal Studies Blended Program (Track III)
 <p>Consider prerequisites and subject matter preparation courses as electives! Some are even GE courses!</p>	<p><b>American Multicultural Studies (AMCS)</b> Advisor: Christina Baker <a href="mailto:Christina.baker@sonoma.edu">Christina.baker@sonoma.edu</a></p> <p><b>Chicano and Latino Studies (CALS)</b> Advisor: Patricia Kim-Rajal <a href="mailto:Patricia.kim-rajal@sonoma.edu">Patricia.kim-rajal@sonoma.edu</a> Ronald Lopez, Nichols 208 <a href="mailto:lopezro@sonoma.edu">lopezro@sonoma.edu</a>, 707-664-3069</p> <p><b>Early Childhood Studies (ECS)-Teacher Concentration Track</b> For Advisor information contact the School of Education 707-664-3115</p> <p><b>Liberal Studies-Hutchins Track II (LIBS)</b> Advisor: Donna Garbesi, Carson 44 <a href="mailto:donna.garbesi@sonoma.edu">donna.garbesi@sonoma.edu</a>, 707-664-2492</p>	<p><b>B.A &amp; Credential in 4 years</b></p> <p>That includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies</li> <li>CSET: Multiple Subjects exam preparation</li> <li>Multiple Subject Credential courses, seminars, and student teaching.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply to the Credential Program during sophomore year.</li> <li>Take teaching methods in junior and senior years.</li> <li>Finish your BA in 3.5 years.</li> <li>Complete final semester full-time student teaching and teaching methods courses as a post-BA student.</li> </ul> <p>*Only first semester freshmen are eligible.</p>

**We encourage you to complete the following during your undergraduate program:**

*The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) is currently implementing significant changes to teacher preparation programs. Please check back regularly!*

Contact your **major advisor** regarding prerequisite & subject matter preparation courses.

**AND**

**Take Multiple Subject prerequisites**

MS Program prerequisites  
EDUC \*417 or LIBS 312  
EDMS \*\*419

\*Covers a GE area  
**\*\* Applicants who have taken the previous co-requisite EDMS 470 may substitute it for EDMS 419 through Fall 2022.**

**AND**

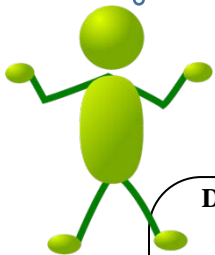
**Meet the Basic Skills Requirement**

There are many ways to meet the Basic Skills requirement. For more information please visit <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl667.pdf> or contact the School of Education, Credential Office 707-664-2832

Many students do so via the CSET Writing Section  
**OR**  
the CBEST exam\*

*\*Blended program candidates MUST complete the Basic Skills requirement prior to admission to the credential program.*

Hmmm. There are lots of steps! I'd better get organized!



**Demonstrate Subject Matter Competence**

CSET: Multiple Subjects exams  
<http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com>

\*Blended program candidates need to pass this exam prior to full time student teaching. All others must pass it before admission into the Credential Program.

**AND**

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**Obtain 45 hours of pre-program field experience** working or volunteering in an elementary classroom &/or group of children within the age group.

Some SSU courses offer early field experience for example:  
**EDUC 250**  
**EDEC 220**  
**EDEC 437**

**Apply during senior year (or any time after) completing BA/BS Degree**

Some of elements may be in-progress when you submit your application, but they must be completed by the time you begin the credential program.

Applications are typical due at the end of September for Spring admissions and at the end of February for Fall admissions.

### **School of Education Credentials Office**

For information on applying to the credential program, please contact the Credentials Office, Stevenson 1078, 707-664-2832 or [www.sonoma.edu/education](http://www.sonoma.edu/education).