

# Elementary Education

## Associate of Arts in Teaching - Elementary Education

This academic guide is based on the 2024-2025 Missouri State University-West Plains Catalog. The time to complete the degree will vary, depending on remediation, summer enrollment, number of classes taken per semester, etc.

### Degree Requirements

Written Communications	Credit Hours	Required Hours
ENG 110 Writing I	3	3
<b>Writing II: Select 3 credit hours from the following</b>		3
ENG 210 Writing II: Academic Writing (recommended) or	3	
ENG 221 Writing II: Writing for the Professions	3	
Oral Communications	Credit Hours	Required Hours
COM 115 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	3
Mathematical Sciences	Credit Hours	Required Hours
MTH 130 Contemporary Math or higher	3 or more	3
Physical Sciences	Credit Hours	Required Hours
<b>Select 8-9 credit hours of Physical Sciences from the following</b>		8
CHM 116/117 Fundamentals of Chemistry/Lab	5	
GRY 142 Introductory Physical Geography	4	
PHY 101 Physics by Inquiry for Educators	4	
Life Sciences	Credit Hours	Required Hours
<b>Select 3 or more credit hours of Life Sciences from the following</b>		3
BIO 100 Biological Science for Educators	4	
BIO 101 Biological Concepts	3	
BIO 111 Understanding Biological Systems Through Inquiry	1	
Social and Behavioral Science	Credit Hours	Required Hours
HST 121 or HST 122 U.S. History Survey (recommended)	3	9
PLS 101 American Democracy and Citizenship	3	
PSY 121 Introductory Psychology	3	
<b>Select 3 credit hours from the following</b>		3
CFD 155 Principles of Human Development	3	
CFD 163 Principles of Development in Early Childhood	3	
SOC 150 Principles of Sociology	3	
Humanities and Fine Arts	Credit Hours	Required Hours
ENG 234 Literature for Children and Young Adults	3	3
<b>Select 3 credit hours from the following</b>		
ART 200 Art in Context	3	3
MUS 239 Introduction to World Music	3	
THE 101 Introduction to Theatre and Drama Arts	3	
Institutional Requirements	Credit Hours	Required Hours
IDS 110 Student Success	2	2
<b>General Requirements Total</b>		<b>43</b>
<b>Select from one (1) of the following options</b>		
General Education Option		
EDU 150 Introduction to Teaching or Substitute Teacher Cert or Para Cert		1
EDU 202 Teaching Profession Field Experience		3
EDU 250 Foundations of American Education		3
EDU 260 Educational Psychology		3
EDU 265 Educational Applications of Technology and Media		3
MTH 220 Foundation of Mathematics for Teachers		3
MTH 260 Foundations of Geometry for Teachers		3
<b>General Education Total</b>		<b>19</b>
Autism Option		
EDU 202 Teaching Profession Field Experience (Special Education Placement)		3
EDU 203 Teaching Students with Autism		3
EDU 250 Foundations of American Education		3
EDU 260 Educational Psychology		3
EDU 265 Educational Applications of Technology and Media		3
MTH 220 Foundation of Mathematics for Teachers		3
<b>Autism Concentration Total</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Total Hours Required</b>		<b>61*</b>

### Degree Notes:

\* Total credit hours may be more than 61 hours depending on selected Science

- Math requirements exclude MTH 197 or MTH 297.
- Students are required to complete a minimum of three (3) credit hours of math, regardless of placement.
- Students are required to complete at least one (1) science course with a lab in order to graduate with AAT. Student pursuing Elem Ed BSEd need two (2) labs.
- Courses taken under the pass/not pass option cannot be used to satisfy general education requirements, professional education, or specific degree requirements except as noted in the pass/not pass policy.
- Students should confirm the transferability of courses with their transfer university before completing courses at MSU-WP, in addition to GPA, MOGEA, and ACT requirements of the transfer university.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at 417-255-7255 or [WPAdmissions@missouristate.edu](mailto:WPAdmissions@missouristate.edu).

### Recommended Two-Year Plan

#### Term hours may vary depending on option

Term 1 (Fall)	Course #	Credit Hours
	IDS 110	2
	EDU 150/Sub/Para	1
	ENG 110	3
	MTH 130 or higher	3
	Life Science	3 or more
	PSY 121	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Milestone: Complete ENG 110 and MTH 130</b>	

Term 2 (Spring)	Course #	Credit Hours
	ENG 210 or ENG 221	3
	COM 115	3
	Physical Science	4 or more
	EDU 250	3
	HST 122 or HST 121	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>Milestone: All Foundations courses complete</b>	

Term 3 (Fall)	Course #	Credit Hours
	PLS 101	3
	MTH 220	3
	Physical Science	4 or more
	EDU 202	3
	EDU 260	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>Milestone: All prerequisites met for final semester courses</b>	

Term 4 (Spring)	Course #	Credit Hours
	ENG 234	3
	ART 200/MUS 239/THE 101	3
	EDU 265	3
	SOC 150	3
	MTH 260 or EDU 203	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Milestone: Completion of the Missouri Paraprofessional Test, MoGEA, or Elem Ed MoCA as required for selected option or 4-year transfer program; apply to graduate, and send final transcripts to 4 year university</b>	