

# 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

	Credit Hours	Required Hours	
<b>Written Communications</b>			
ENG 110 Writing I	3	3	
ENG 210 Writing II: Academic Writing (recommended) or ENG 221 Writing II: Writing for the Professions	3	3	
<b>Oral Communications</b>			
COM 115 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	3	
<b>Mathematical Sciences</b>			
MTH 130 Contemporary Math or higher	3 or more	3	
<b>Physical Sciences</b>			
	Credit Hours	Required Hours	
<i>Select 8 or more credit hours</i>			
^PHY 101 Physics by Inquiry for Educators	4	8	
^GRY 142 Introductory Physical Geography	4		
CHM 116/117 Fundamentals of Chemistry/Lab	5		
<b>Life Sciences</b>			
	Credit Hours	Required Hours	
<i>Select 3 or more credit hours</i>			
^BIO 100 Biological Science for Educators	4	3	
^BIO 102 Biological Science	4		
BIO 101 Biological Concepts	3		
<b>Social and Behavioral Science</b>			
	Credit Hours	Required Hours	
HST 121 or HST 122 U.S. History Survey (recommended)	3	12	
PLS 101 American Democracy and Citizenship	3	3	
PSY 121 Introductory Psychology	3		
PSY 204 Applied Behavior Analysis for Educators	3		
<i>Select 3 credit hours from the following</i>			
CFD 155 Principles of Human Development	3	3	
CFD 163 Relationships in Today's Family	3		
SOC 150 Principles of Sociology	3		
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>			
	Credit Hours	Required Hours	
ENG 234 Literature for Children and Young Adults	3	3	
<b>Institutional Requirements</b>			
	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>			
<b>General Education Option</b>			
	Credit Hours	Required Hours	
EDU 150 Introduction to Teaching or Substitute Teacher Cert or Para Cert	1	19	
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 Option Total</b>			<b>19</b>
<b>Autism Option</b>			
	Credit Hours	Required Hours	
EDU 202 Teaching Profession Field Experience (Special Education Placement)	3	18	
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 Option Total</b>		<b>18</b>	
<b>Total Hours Required</b>		<b>61</b>	

### Degree Notes:

- 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 BSEd need three (3) labs.
- Courses taken under the pass/not pass option cannot be used to satisfy general
- Students should confirm the transferability of courses with their transfer university

^ Recommended option if planning to pursue BSEd Elem Ed

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

	Course #	Credit Hours
Term 1 (Fall)	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>		

	Course #	Credit Hours
Term 2 (Spring)	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>		

	Course #	Credit Hours
Term 3 (Fall)	Physical Science	4 or more
	MTH 220	3
	ENG 234	3
	EDU 202	3
	EDU 260	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Milestone: All prerequisites met for final semester courses</b>		

	Course #	Credit Hours
Term 4 (Spring)	PLS 101	3
	PSY 204	3
	EDU 265	3
	SOC 150	3
	MTH 260 or EDU 203	3
	<b>Total</b>	
<b>Milestone: Completion of Missouri Paraprofessional Test an appropriate Teacher Education Placement exam as required for selected option or 4-year transfer program; apply to graduate, and send final transcripts to 4 year university</b>		