

ELEMENTARY SUBJECT MATTER PREPARATION CERTIFICATE

The Elementary Subject Matter Preparation Certificate (ESMPC) provides another academic pathway to a career in K-8 teaching. This certificate allows students to choose a Major other than Liberal Studies, and still demonstrate K-8 subject matter coverage in their undergraduate training. Students may select and complete any Major offered at CSUSM, and concurrently complete the coursework for the certificate.

The ESMPC prescribes a particular pathway through most of the General Education requirements of the bachelor's degree, and it prescribes additional coursework to ensure breadth of study across disciplines. In many cases, depending upon the Major selected by the student, the ESMPC and Major may be completed within the normal total of 120 units for the Bachelor of Arts degree. (Students should consult a Liberal Studies Advisor for specific guidance on how to combine the certificate with various Majors.)

Students who complete the ESMPC, like all prospective elementary level teachers, will still have to pass a state approved test (The CSET, The California Subject Examination for Teachers). The ESMPC helps students to strengthen their grasp of the core subject matter areas of the K-8 curriculum and prepare themselves to pass the CSET. The certificate confers formal recognition that the student has completed the full breadth of ESM coursework needed for effective elementary-level instruction. The certificate demonstrates that the student's exposure in the subject matter areas extends beyond the minimum standard indicated by the passing of a standardized test.

The ESMPC is awarded at time of graduation to students who have completed all certificate coursework along with any Major degree program. All courses applied to the certificate must be completed with a grade C (2.0) or better. Coursework applied to the certificate may also be applied to fulfill major, minor, and GE requirements. Prospective elementary level teachers will still have to demonstrate subject matter competence by passing a state approved test (CSET) before admission to a credential program.

Course Requirements of the ESMPC

The courses listed below satisfy these General Education requirements at the time the catalog was printed. Check the Class Schedule for the most up-to-date list of courses satisfying these requirements.

	Units
History & Social Science (HSS) (15-16 units)	
<u>HIST 101 (LDGE C2)</u>	3
<u>HIST 130 (LDGE Dh)</u>	3
<u>GEOG 201 (LDGE D)</u>	
or <u>GEOG 202 (LDGE D)</u>	3
<u>GEOG 341 or HIST 347</u>	3

Choose one of the following:	
<u>ID 340 (UDGE DD)</u>	3
<u>SOC 311</u>	4
<u>SOC 313</u>	4
<u>WMST 301 (UDGE CC)</u>	3

Mathematics (MATH) (9 units)	
<u>MATH 210</u>	3
<u>MATH 212 (LDGE B4)</u>	3
<u>MATH 311</u>	3

Science (SCI) (9 units)	
<u>GES 105 (LDGE B1)</u>	3
<u>GES 102 (LDGE B2 & B3)</u>	3
<u>ES 100</u>	3

Reading, Language, & Literature (RLL) (9 units)	
Choose one of the following:	
<u>LTWR 100 (LDGE C2)</u>	3
<u>LTWR 208A (LDGE C2)</u>	3
<u>LTWR 208B (LDGE C2)</u>	3
<u>LTWR 210 (LDGE C2)</u>	3

Linguistics	
<u>LING 100</u>	3
<u>LING 300</u>	3

Visual & Performing Arts (VPA) (6 units)	
Choose one of the following (LDGE C1):	
<u>DNCE 101</u>	3
<u>MUSC 120</u>	3
<u>TA 120</u>	3
<u>VPA 101</u>	3
<u>VSAR 120</u>	3

<u>Any VPA Studio Course*</u>	3
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Human Development (HD) (3 units)	
<u>PSYC 210 (LDGE D7)</u>	3

Physical Education (PE) (3 units)	
<u>PE 203 (LDGE E)</u>	3

***Must be taken in a different subject area than the LDGE C1 course. See an advisor for recommended studio courses. Examples include: DNCE 201, 301, 320, 390; MUSC 302, 390, 391, 392, 394, 395, 480; TA 301, 401, 480, 489; VPA 321; VSAR 301, 302, 303, 480.*

Total Units for the Certificate 54-55