



Cerritos College

TEACHING CREDENTIAL PREPARATION

Career Pathway

The State of California provides for a two-step, five-year program leading to the Professional Clear Teaching Credential. A student may complete the requirements for a Preliminary Clear Credential within an approved professional preparation program including student teaching and may be employed at that point, providing all requirements have been met (except the fifth year). Within five years, the student must complete an approved Professional Teacher Induction Program through an approved school district, county office of education, college or university, consortium or private school. At that point, an application for a Professional Clear Teaching Credential is submitted through the approved sponsoring Induction Program. For more information, log on to the California Commission on Teaching Credentialing website at www.ctc.ca.gov and the TEACH California website www.teachcalifornia.org.

SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIAL

(Primarily for Middle and Secondary Schools)

This credential authorizes public school teaching in specific subjects in a departmentalized classroom such as those in most middle schools and high schools. Teaching in these subjects may be authorized for preschool, kindergarten, grades 1-5, and classes organized primarily for adults.

Future secondary teachers must demonstrate competency in their discipline by either completing a subject preparation program approved by the California Commission with a combination of community college and undergraduate university courses or passing the designated California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET). See a counselor or www.assist.org for course requirement information.

MULTIPLE-SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIAL

(Liberal Studies Major/Elementary School Teaching)

This credential authorizes teaching in a public school self-contained classroom such as the classrooms in most elementary schools. However teaching preschool, kindergarten, grades 1-12, and classes organized primarily for adults may also be assigned.

Completion of the courses recommended below will partially satisfy requirements for the Liberal Studies Elementary School Teaching option offered at the CSU's included below. The courses are part of a curriculum that can be started at a community college and completed at the CSU. The entire curriculum is designed for individuals who seek the pre-professional subject matter preparation for elementary school teaching consistent with the standards established by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

According to California regulations, any major can be selected to partially satisfy elementary school teacher preparation requirements. Subject matter competence however is required and can be verified by achieving a passing score on the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) or completing a Commission approved elementary subject matter program in an authorized California college or Career Pathway university.

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A Liberal Studies major provides the best preparation for future elementary school teachers. At most universities, the Liberal Studies major incorporates professional and subject matter content included in the California Teaching Standards for elementary school instruction.

The CSU's referenced in this document have been or are in the process of seeking Commission approval for their Liberal Studies major as elementary subject matter programs. As of March 2019, the CSUDH, CSULA, CSULB Liberal Studies majors are Commission approved. Students who major in Liberal Studies and complete the required coursework at CSUDH, CSULA, and CSULB will **not** be required to provide CSET scores for the Multiple Subject Credential. Check with a Teacher TRAC counselor for any updates on universities that have been approved.

Students who wish to choose an academic major other than Liberal Studies in order to prepare for elementary school teaching should schedule an appointment with a Teacher TRAC counselor.

Students who choose a Liberal Studies major in order to benefit from a broad interdisciplinary liberal arts education and do not wish to pursue elementary school teaching should see a Cerritos College counselor for advisement. Requirements may vary from those listed below.

An Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer in Elementary Teacher Education is available at Cerritos College.

Basic Skills Requirement (CBEST)

To teach in the public schools of California candidates must verify basic skills proficiency before a credential will be issued. One of the options for meeting this requirement is passing the CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test). It is recommended that it be taken the semester **before** transferring to a university. The CBEST verifies proficiency in reading, mathematics, and writing. To view other options for meeting the basic skills requirement, check the CTC website at www.ctc.ca.gov. The basic skills requirement must be met prior to being assigned to daily responsibility for whole class instruction in student teaching or serving as an intern. However, institutions may require the basic skills requirement prior to program enrollment. Contact the college or university education department for more information. Completion of the basic skills requirement is necessary prior to student teaching. For test information, log on to www.cbest.nesinc.com.

California State University-Dominguez Hills

Contact the Liberal Studies Program for further information at (310) 243-3832 or visit their website at <http://www.csudh.edu/coe/programs/liberalstudies>

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| English | 100 |
| English | 103 |
| Communication | 100,120,130,132, or 150 |
| Any Plan B Physical Science | ESCI 110 or PS 112 (Recommended) |
| Music | 100 |
| or Theatre | 101 |
| or Theatre | 151 or RTV 151 |
| Biology | 120 |
| Child Development | 110 |
| English | 222 |
| Geography | 105 |
| History | 102 |
| History | 245 or ANTH 120 |
| Math | 110A |
| Math | 110B |
| Political Science | 101 or 201 |

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Students must select and complete one of the approved options: Anthropology, Art, Dance, Early Teaching and Learning, English Language and Linguistics, Literature, Human Development, Mathematics, Natural Science, Physical Education, Spanish, and Theatre Arts. Log on to the ASSIST website at www.assist.org to view option requirements which can be completed here.

California State University – Fullerton

As of March 2019, the Liberal Studies major at CSUF has not yet been approved as a waiver program. Until a waiver is approved, subject matter competence must be verified by achieving a passing score on the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET). For further information, log on to the CSUF Liberal Studies website at: <http://lbst.fullerton.edu/>

LIBERAL STUDIES

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| Biology | 120 (Recommended) |
| Child Development | 110 (Recommended) |
| Earth Science | 110 (Recommended) |
| English | 100 |
| English | 103 (Recommended) |
| English | 106, 222, 246A, 246B, 230A or 230B |
| Geography | 105 |
| AND History | 245 |
| History | 102 (Recommended) |
| Humanities | 100 |
| Math | 110A |
| Political Science | 101 (Recommended) |
| Communication | 130 (Recommended) |
| TH | 101, Danc 101 or Art 100 (Recommended) |

A grade of “C” or higher is required in all courses used to meet the major requirements.

California State University – Long Beach

Traditional and Teacher TRAC/ITEP Curriculum The following courses meet lower division requirements for both the traditional teacher preparation program consisting of a B.A. and year and a half long credential program AND the Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP). Upon completion of ITEP a student will meet requirements for both a B.A. in Liberal Studies and preliminary multiple subject teaching credential for teaching grades K through 6th, without enrolling in a year and a half long credential program. For further information, log on to the CSULB Liberal Studies website at: <http://www.csulb.edu/college-of-eduction/liberal-studies>

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| Biology | 120 |
| Child Development | 110 |
| Communication | 130** |
| Communication | 235, English103, Philosophy 103, or 106** |
| Earth Science | 110 |
| Education/Elementary School Teachers | 100 |
| Education/Elementary School Teachers | 200+ |
| Educational Technology | 110 |
| English | 100** |
| English | 102, 230A, 230B, 245, 246A, 246B, or 248A** |
| Geography | 105 |
| History | 102** |
| History | 245 |
| Math | 110A** |

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| Math | 110B |
| Music | 105 |
| Physical Science | 112 |
| Philosophy | 100, 102, or 200 |
| Political Science | 101** |
| Theatre | 101 |

†Course is restricted to official Teacher TRAC students only.

**These designated classes make up the major specific lower division preparation which must be completed by the end of the prior spring semester for fall admission or by the end of the prior summer term for spring admission.

The traditional Liberal Studies pathway requires completion of a 12-unit concentration selected from: Education Studies, Human & Child Development, Language Arts, Mathematics, Natural Science or History and Social Science.

NOTE: CSULB WAIVES GENERAL EDUCATION AREA "E" FOR LIBERAL STUDIES MAJORS.

California State University – Los Angeles

For further information log on to the CSULA Liberal Studies website at:

<http://www.calstatela.edu/dept/libstudies>

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| Biology | 120 |
| Child Development | 110 |
| Communication | 130 |
| Earth Science | 110 |
| English | 100 |
| English | 102 |
| English | 103 |
| Geography | 105 |
| History | 102 |
| History | 245 |
| Math | 110A |
| Political Science | 101 |
| Theatre | 101 |

For additional information, please check the ASSIST website at www.assist.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The requirements listed for major are subject to change without notice. It is the student's responsibility to check for the most recent information with a Cerritos College counselor or by consulting ASSIST at www.assist.org.

NOTE: Courses listed may require prerequisite coursework.

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ASSIST

How to use **ASSIST** to find your major preparation for CSU/UC:

1. *Log on:* www.assist.org
2. *Select an Institution:* select "Cerritos College" or other community college from pull-down menu
3. *Select:* "Type of Transfer Institution" such as "UC Los Angeles"
4. *Select a major from pull-down menu*
Report will show the university courses on the left and comparable community college classes on the right.
5. *PRINT:*-print by clicking on gold "**PRINT THIS REPORT**" button on top. Then use the **ASSIST** screen menu on the top toolbar or click on the printer icon that will appear at the bottom of the page.

How to use **ASSIST** to explore the majors available at University of California and California State University campuses

- Click on "EXPLORE MAJORS"

How to use **ASSIST** to figure out whether courses from the community college are transferable to the CSU/UC.

- Select the community college of interest (Cerritos College)
- Select either CSU transferable courses or UC Transferable courses
- Select a department for the courses in question

*USC Articulation available at:

www.usc.edu/articulation and *Select:* "TRANSFER PLANNING GUIDE."

IMPORTANT:

Students are advised to contact a Cerritos College counselor for more information & for details regarding other transfer agreements & options not available on ASSIST. Students can stop by the counseling desk to make an appointment or call (562) 467-5231.



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