

Elementary Education/Middle School Education, BS

Avila University

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Program Description

The 120 credit hour Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education is designed for students who wish to become elementary teachers in grades 1-6. Teacher candidates in the program will learn the content knowledge, pedagogical skills, and professional attitudes and dispositions to be outstanding elementary teachers. Candidates will complete field-based assignments and placements to provide authentic experiences necessary for the profession.

The 120 credit hour Bachelor of Science degree in Middle School Education with concentrations in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies is designed for students who wish to become middle school (grades 5-9) teachers. Teacher candidates in the program will learn the content knowledge, pedagogical skills, and professional attitudes and dispositions to be outstanding middle school teachers. Candidates will complete field-based assignments and placements to provide authentic experiences necessary for the profession.

Admission Requirements

All students must apply for admission to the university. Applicants for the Education major will be reviewed on factors such as cumulative college GPA, number of credit hours taken at Avila, on campus interview, and patterns and trends in academic history indicating potential for success.

A minimum of 120 hours is required for the degree; at least 64 semester hours must be completed at four-year institutions. The final thirty (30) hours must be completed at Avila University. A minimum GPA of 2.0, "C" is required for graduation in all work attempted, including transfer credits. At least 12 upper-division hours in the major must be completed at Avila. All upper-division courses in the major must have a minimum grade of "C".

Transfer students coming to Avila with an Associate of Arts (AA), a Bachelor's degree, or higher degree from an institution accredited by accreditors recognized by both the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the US Department of Education (USDE), or regional accrediting bodies, will be considered to have completed all Skills and Liberal Arts level requirements in the Core Curriculum (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/transfer/files/transfer-guides/avila-core-curriculum.pdf>). They are still required to complete the following Core Component Designations:

IS-Interdisciplinary Studies (3 credit hours)

GS-Global Studies or CE-Community Engagement (3 credit hours) The CE Course requirement can be met with the ED 495 Final Clinical Experience.

Any core courses specifically required as part of the general education curriculum for the student's major not previously completed

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Any core courses specifically required as part of the general education curriculum for the student's major not previously completed

Students completing a degree in education will meet the 6 hours required in Global Studies or Community Engagement core designation in ED 495 at Avila.

Visit the Avila Core Curriculum Guide (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/transfer/files/transfer-guides/avila-core-curriculum.pdf>) for JCCC equivalents.

It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate information about the program, you must meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.

Program Requirements

Elementary Teacher Education, BS

Avila Required Core Courses: Elementary Education Majors must take the following courses as part of the liberal arts core requirements regardless of whether the core is otherwise met:

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Natural Science with Lab					
Select one of the following:					
BIOL 135	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4	BI 111	General Biology: Cells Genes	
BIOL 127	General Zoology	5	BI 112	General Biology: Ecology Evolution	
BIOL 150	Biology of Organisms*	5	BI 112	General Biology: Ecology Evolution	
Literature					
Select one of the following:					
ENGL 216	African-American Literature*	3	EN 271	African-American Literature	
ENGL 217	Literature by Women*	3	EN 275	Gender Literature	
ENGL 251	World Literature to 1620*	3	EN 278	Global Literature	
History					
Select one of the following:					
HIST 140	U.S. History to 1877	3	HI 203	American Experience I	
HIST 141	U.S. History Since 1877	3	HI 204	American Experience II	
Mathematics					
Select one of the following:					
MATH 151	Contemporary Mathematics*	3	MA 115	Applications of College Math	3
MATH 171	College Algebra*	3	MA 120	Elementary Statistics	3
Social Science					
Select one of the following:					
PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3	PY 101	General Psychology	3
SOC 122	Introduction to Sociology	3	SO 101	Introduction to Sociology	3

* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

Elementary Education Requirements (73 hours)

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
EDUC 220	Survey of the Exceptional Child*	3	ED 235	Psychology/Exceptional Child	3
EDUC 221	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for K-12 Educators	3	ED 387	Multicultural Foundations of Education	

EDUC 224	Technology in Education 3 for K-12 Educators	ED 320	Technology in Education 3
ENGL 232	Children's Literature* 3	ED 230	Children's Literature 3
GEOS 155	Human Geography 3	GG 101 World Geography	
MATH 210	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I* 3	ED 308 Math Methods for Elementary Teachers	
POLS 124	American National Government 3	PS 120	Meteorology 3

Select one of the following:

PSYC 215	Child Development* 3	ED 229 Developmental Educational Psychology
PSYC 225	Educational Psychology* 3	ED 229 Developmental Educational Psychology

Additional required coursework must be taken at Avila

Electives (minimum of 9 hours)

Middle School Teacher Education, BS

Avila Required Core Courses: Middle School Majors must take the following courses as part of the liberal arts core requirements regardless of whether the core is otherwise met:

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Natural Science with Lab (Science Concentration Only)					
Select one of the following:					
BIOL 135	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4	BI 111 General Biology: Cells Genes		
BIOL 127	General Zoology	5	BI 112 General Biology: Ecology Evolution		
BIOL 150	Biology of Organisms*	5	BI 112 General Biology: Ecology Evolution		
Literature (Language Arts Concentration Only)					
ENGL 216	African-American Literature*	3	EN 271 African-American Literature		
History (Social Studies Concentration Only)					
Select one of the following:					
HIST 140	U.S. History to 1877	3	HI 203 American Experience I		
HIST 141	U.S. History Since 1877	3	HI 204 American Experience II		
Mathematics (Mathematics Concentration Only)					
Select one of the following:					
MATH 171	College Algebra*	3	MA 120	Elementary Statistics	3
MATH 173	Precalculus*	5	MA 125	Precalculus	4-5

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Middle School Major Requirements (39 hours)

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Select one of the following:					
PSYC 215	Child Development*	3	ED 229 Developmental Educational Psychology		
PSYC 225	Educational Psychology*	3	ED 229 Developmental Educational Psychology		

EDUC 220	Survey of the Exceptional Child*	3	ED 235	Psychology/Exceptional Child	3
EDUC 221	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for K-12 Educators	3	ED 387	Multicultural Foundations of Education	
EDUC 224	Technology in Education for K-12 Educators	3	ED 320	Technology in Education	3

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Electives (minimum of 11 credit hours)

**Middle School Concentrations –
Students must choose at least one of the following
concentrations to complete the middle school degree:**

Language Arts Concentration (18-21 credit hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
ENGL 122	Composition II*	3	EN 112	English Composition II	3
ENGL 232	Children's Literature*	3	ED 230	Children's Literature	3
EN 350, 377 No Equivalent at JCCC – Take at Avila					

Choose one of the following:

ENGL 222	Advanced Composition: The Art of the Essay*	3	EN 213	Writing with Style	3
ENGL 223	Introduction to Creative Writing*	3	ED 230	Children's Literature	

Choose two of the following:

ENGL 217	Literature by Women*	3	EN 275	Gender Literature	
ENGL 251	World Literature to 1620*	3	EN 278	Global Literature	

EN 357, 359 No Equivalent at JCCC – Take at Avila

Mathematics Concentration (17-22 credit hours) Note: If the student was exempt from MA 120 due to placement testing, the student must select sufficient hours to meet the 24 hours of required content coursework (generally 5-6 hrs).

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
CS 210	Discrete Structures I*	3	MA 230	Discrete Mathematics	
CS 211	Discrete Structures II*	3	MA 230	Discrete Mathematics	
MATH 161	Elementary Statistics*	3	MA 155	Elementary Probability Statistics	
MATH 173	Precalculus*	5	MA 125	Precalculus	4-5
MATH 241	Calculus I*	5	MA 241	Calculus/Analytic Geometry I	5

MA 207 Geometry for Elementary & Middle School Teachers No Equivalent at JCCC – Take at Avila

Choose one of the following:

MATH 161	Elementary Statistics*	3	EC 240	Statistical Analysis	
MATH 242	Calculus II*	5	MA 242	Calculus/Analytic Geometry II	4-5

CS 215, MA 315, MA 330 No Equivalent at JCCC – Take at Avila

Science Concentration (20-21 credit hours)

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Select one of the following:					
BIOL 135	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4	BI 111	General Biology: Cells Genes	
BIOL 127	General Zoology	5	BI 112	General Biology: Ecology Environment	
BIOL 150	Biology of Organisms*	5	BI 112	General Biology: Ecology Environment	
Select one of the following:					
CHEM 120	Chemistry in Society*	4	CH 131	Principles of Chemistry	
CHEM 122	Principles of Chemistry*	5	CH 131	Principles of Chemistry	
CHEM 124	General Chemistry I Lecture*	4	CH 135	General Chemistry I	4
EVRN 130	Environmental Science	3	BI 115 & NS 211	Humans The Environment and Environmental Science	4
GEOS 130	General Geology	5	NS 221	Physical Geology	4
Select one of the following:					
PH 117	Physics Concepts	No equivalent at JCCC			
PHYS 130	College Physics I*	5	PH 231	General Physics I	
PHYS 220	Engineering Physics I*	5	PH 231	General Physics I	

Social Studies Concentration (15 credit hours)

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
ECON 231	Principles of Microeconomics	3	EC 202	Microeconomics	3
ECON 230	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	EC 203	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
GEOS 155	Human Geography	3	GG 101	World Geography	
Select one of the following:					
HIST 151	World History: Traditional	3	HI 201	Ancient History Culture	
HIST 152	World History: Modern World	3	HI 202	Modern History Culture	
POLS 124	American National Government	3	PS 120	Meteorology	3

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