

Elementary Education, BSE

University of Central Missouri

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Elementary Education, B.S.E. Early Childhood Birth-Grade 3 Option; Grades 1-6 Option	nty@ucmo.edu
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Program Description

The Associate of Arts degree (A.A.) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>) at JCCC is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students who transfer to UCM with an Associate of Arts degree are considered to have met all 42 hours of UCM's General Education requirements, with the exception of Major/Minor-Required General Education courses and the Constitution Requirement. Visit the UCM General Education Program guide (<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnextcatalog.jccc.edu%2Ftransfer-guides%2Fcentral-missouri%2Fcentral-missouri-general-education%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cskhalif2%40jccc.edu%7C3bbbe8fc84564328cf7008de1320415e%7C15244239dcf245e7aefd127b69fc5438%7C1%7C0%7C638969226426500133%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiilwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2fEwF%2FItGtEBAX4dsIJ2vihW0Lf5GJaDs7z4GtDDwc8%3D&reserved=0>) for details. The elective hours within the A.A. allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors/minors. Students who transfer to UCM without a degree (or a degree other than an AA) will have all coursework evaluated on a course-by-course basis. JCCC students not completing the AA degree should visit the UCM General Education Program guide (<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnextcatalog.jccc.edu%2Ftransfer-guides%2Fcentral-missouri%2Fcentral-missouri-general-education%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cskhalif2%40jccc.edu%7C3bbbe8fc84564328cf7008de1320415e%7C15244239dcf245e7aefd127b69fc5438%7C1%7C0%7C638969226426500133%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiilwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2fEwF%2FItGtEBAX4dsIJ2vihW0Lf5GJaDs7z4GtDDwc8%3D&reserved=0>) for course equivalents and also the UCM catalog for any specific or additional General Education requirements for their UCM program of study.

NOTE: Courses taken to fulfill General Education requirements may not be taken on the pass/fail basis. Students should be cognizant of UCM's Upper-Level Course Requirement and Residence Requirement, especially if enrolling in more than 60 hours at JCCC. Visit the UCM General Education Program guide (<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnextcatalog.jccc.edu%2Ftransfer-guides%2Fcentral-missouri%2Fcentral-missouri-general-education%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cskhalif2%40jccc.edu%7C3bbbe8fc84564328cf7008de1320415e%7C15244239dcf245e7aefd127b69fc5438%7C1%7C0%7C638969226426500133%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiilwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2fEwF%2FItGtEBAX4dsIJ2vihW0Lf5GJaDs7z4GtDDwc8%3D&reserved=0>) for details.

There are two options available: Option Early Childhood Birth-Grade 3 or Option Grades 1-6. A minimum of 120-121 hours is required for the Early Childhood Birth-Grade 3 Option. A minimum of 121-124 hours is required for the Grades 1-6 Option.

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

General Education Requirements for the UCM Elementary Education Early Childhood (Birth – Grade 3) option:

All students must complete a minimum of 42 credit hours in general education. The following general education courses are required by this major.

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Select one of the following:					
HIST 140	U.S. History to 1877 ^	3	HIST 1350	History of the U.S. to 1877	3
HIST 141	U.S. History Since 1877 ^	3	HIST 1351	History of the U.S. from 1877	3
PSYC 218	Human Development* +	3	PSY 3220	Life-Span Development	3
PSYC 225	Educational Psychology* ^^+	3	EDFL 2240	Educational Psychology	3
Select one of the following:					
SOC 180	Inequality and Diversity in The United States	3	ECEL 2110	Diversity and Social Justice	3
EDUC 221	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for K-12 Educators	3	ECEL 2110	Diversity and Social Justice	3

General Education Requirements for the UCM Elementary Education Grades 1-6 option:

All students must complete a minimum of 42 credit hours in general education. The following general education courses are required by this major.

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Select one of the following:					
HIST 140	U.S. History to 1877 ^	3	HIST 1350	History of the U.S. to 1877	3
HIST 141	U.S. History Since 1877 ^	3	HIST 1351	History of the U.S. from 1877	3
PSYC 218	Human Development* +	3	PSY 3220	Life-Span Development	3
PSYC 225	Educational Psychology* ^^+	3	EDFL 2240	Educational Psychology	3
Select one of the following:					
SOC 180	Inequality and Diversity in The United States	3	ECEL 2110	Diversity and Social Justice	3
EDUC 221	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for K-12 Educators	3	ECEL 2110	Diversity and Social Justice	3

UCM Elementary Education Program Requirements with JCCC equivalents:

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
EDUC 121	Introduction to Teaching* ^^	3	EDFL 2100	Intro to Teaching Profession	2-3
EDUC 220	Survey of the Exceptional Child* ^^	3	EDSP 2100	Education of Exceptional Child	2-3
EDUC 285	Student Teaching: Early Childhood Education* ^^	3	FLDX 2150	Introductory Field Experience	1
Select one of the following:					

PSYC 215	Child Development* ^^	3	PSY 2220	Child Adolescent Psych Dev.	3
PSYC 218	Human Development* ^^	3	PSY 3220	Life-Span Development	3
PSYC 225	Educational Psychology* ^^+	3	EDFL 2240	Educational Psychology	3

Early Childhood Birth-Grade 3 only

Select one of the following:

EDUC 130	Foundations of Early Childhood Education*	3	ECEL 2830	Early Childhood Princ/ Observ	3
EDUC 131	Early Childhood Curriculum I*	3	ECEL 2830	Early Childhood Princ/ Observ	3

Grades 1-6 only

ENGL 232	Children's Literature* +	3	EDFL 3410	Children's Literature	3
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- * JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite
- ^^ Must earn a 3.00 GPA or higher with no grade lower than a "C" in Professional Education courses.
- + Course requires a grade of "C" or better.
- ^ These courses fulfill the Missouri State Law (Section 170.011) Constitution Requirement if taken in a Missouri institution. However, courses from out-of-state (outside of Missouri) institutions which are articulated or substituted for these courses will not fulfill the state law requirement. Students who take these courses out-of-state may fulfill this requirement by passing an exam on the constitutions of the United States and Missouri. Visit the UCM catalog for details regarding Section 170.011 and Degree or Certificate Requirements.