

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS WITH TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN GRADES K-6 (B.A.)

Educational Foundations is a liberal arts major that provides students with a deep understanding of key social, historical, and philosophical trends in American education. The major also allows students to explore theories of learning, assessment, and human development and provides a breadth of interdisciplinary courses to ensure core content knowledge in essential subject areas – language arts, math, science, and social studies. This major is comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, concise, and targeted. For students interested in classroom teaching (K-6), our program seamlessly aligns with the course of study needed for teacher certification. Admission to the Teacher Education Program is a separate process. For students interested in career paths other than teaching, our program offers coursework in a range of areas, such as urban education, gender issues in/and education, human rights education, and higher education.

Unless otherwise noted, 120 credits of coursework is required for a baccalaureate degree with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA, and a minimum 2.0 major GPA.

For details about this program, including program description, admission requirements, and contact information, click here (<https://www.montclair.edu/academics/programs/ba-educational-foundations-for-elementary-school-teachers/>).

Degree Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
	New Student Seminar	0
	SEEDS General Education Requirements	6-9
	Major Requirements	74
	Co-Major in Elementary Education	33
	Free Elective	7-4
Total Credits		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Educational Foundations		
EDFD 150	New Student Seminar	1
EDFD 180	Foundations of Education: Social, Cultural, and Political Contexts	3
EDFD 200	Psychological Foundations of Education	3
EDFD 220	Philosophical Orientation to Education	3
EDFD 221	Historical Foundations of American Education	3
EDFD 445	Human Rights Education	3
or EDFD 450	Current Issues in American Education	
or EDFD 458	Dialogue and Inquiry	

Liberal Arts Core

Literature and Expression

CMST 101	Fundamentals of Speech: Communication Requirement	3
WRIT 105	College Writing I	3
or ENGL 110	Introduction to Literature: The Analytic Essay	
or ENGL 111	Introduction to Literature: The Short Story	
Any 200-level ENGL or WRIT course or HONP 108		3
READ 209	Children's Literature for a Multicultural Society (or any 200-level HUMN course)	3
<i>Math, Science, and Social Science</i>		
BIOL 100	Biological Sciences	4
or BIOL 110	The Biology of Human Life	
EAES 170	World Geography	3
HIST 117	Foundations of America	3
HIST 118	Emergence of the Modern United States	3
ANTH 105	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights, and Culture	3
or PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	
Any 300-level ANTH or SOCI course		3
Focus Area		
Complete the Focus Area requirements below.		27
Total Credits		74

Human Development and Teaching Focus Area

Code	Title	Credits
ECEL 200	Perspectives on Early Childhood and Elementary Education in a Democracy	3
ECEL 300	Scientific Inquiry in Elementary Schools I (PreK-6th Grade)	3
ECEL 301	Scientific Inquiry in Elementary Schools II (PreK-6th Grade)	3
EDFD 300	Assessment, Learning Sciences and Ethics	3
FSHD 214	Child Development I	3
FSHD 216	Adolescent Development	3
MTHM 201	Mathematics in Elementary Schools I	3
MTHM 302	Mathematics in Elementary Schools II	3
Any 400-level MTHM course.		3
Total Credits		27

Co-Major in Elementary Education

Elementary Education (B.A.) (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/elementary-education-ba/>)

New Student Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
Fulfilled by EDFD 150 in the major.		

SEEDS General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill the SEEDS requirements. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/seeds-general-education-requirements/>)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
<i>Effective Writing I</i>		
Fulfilled by WRIT 105, ENGL 110, or ENGL 111 in the major.		

<i>Effective Writing II</i>		
Complete one Effective Writing II course.	3	
<i>Interactive Communication</i>		
Fulfilled by CMST 101 in the major.		
<i>Quantitative Reasoning</i>		
Fulfilled by MTHM 201 in the major.		
<i>Political and Civic Life</i>		
Fulfilled by ECEL 200 in the major.		
<i>World Language</i>		
Complete two sequential classes in one World Language when starting at the Beginner I or Beginner II level. Complete one class when starting at the Intermediate/Advanced Level.	3-6	
Exploration		
Complete one course from four different Exploration categories:		
<i>Analyzing Cultures and Societies</i>		
Fulfilled by EDFD 200 or PSYC 101 in the major.		
<i>Creative Expression</i>		
<i>Ethical Inquiry</i>		
Fulfilled by EDFD 220 in the major.		
<i>Historical Thinking</i>		
Fulfilled by EDFD 221, HIST 117, or HIST 118 in the major.		
<i>Literary and Artistic Analysis</i>		
<i>Scientific Reasoning</i>		
Fulfilled by BIOL 100 in the major.		
Total Credits	6-9	

Recommended Roadmap to Program of Study Completion

This recommended degree plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their program of study requirements within **four years** and 120 credits. This plan is a recommendation and must be used in consultation with their academic advisor. Important note: Students should be aware this plan assumes no pre-requisite coursework is required. If pre-requisite coursework is needed, students may have additional requirements to fulfill which do not appear on the plan.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SEEDS: Effective Writing I	3 SEEDS: Effective Writing II	3
HIST 117	3 HIST 118	3
CMST 101 (Fulfills SEEDS: Interactive Communication)	3 EDFD 221 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration 1 - Historical Thinking)	3
EDFD 180	3 PSYC 101 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration 2 - Analyzing Cultures and Societies)	3
New Student Seminar	1 BIOL 100 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration 3 - Scientific Reasoning)	4
	13	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SEEDS: World Language 1	3 Apply to Teacher Education Program	
EDFD 200	3 SEEDS: World Language 2 or Free Elective	3
EDFD 220	3 MTHM 201 (Fulfills SEEDS: Quantitative Reasoning)	3
ECEL 200 (Fulfills SEEDS: Political and Civic Life)	3 FSHD 314	3
FSHD 214	3 EAES 170	3
	Free Elective	3
	15	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDFD 300	3 EDFD 445 (EDFD 450)	3
MTHM 302	3 MTHM Elective	3
ECEL 300	3 ECEL 301	3
300-400 level Social Science Elective	3 ECSE 339	3
English 200-level Elective	3 READ 399	3
ECEL 279	3 Free Elective	1
	18	16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
READ 408	3 ECEL 414	9
ECEL 408	3 ECEL 421	3
Free Elective	3	
ECEL 410	2	
ECEL 412	1	
ECEL 427	3	
	15	12

Total Credits 120