ELEMENTARY MAT CANDIDATE – COURSE PLANNER

Take PSYC 101 to satisfy the core requirement in the “social sciences” area as PSYC 101 is a prerequisite for many of the courses required for admission to the MAT.

After taking Survey of Math or Calculus to satisfy the core requirement in “mathematics,” most future elementary teachers take Math for Teachers I and Math for Teachers II to satisfy the requirement that they have 12 credits of math; these courses do not have to be taken in order. A statistics course taken in their major can also count towards the 12 credits of required math.

Elementary candidates need 12 credits of science, so they should take any of the classes that satisfy the core requirement in “natural sciences with lab” and then will need to take two courses beyond what is required for graduation. Candidates need to have both biological and physical science. If the upper division ENVS class titled “Environmental Studies in the Classroom” is offered, that’s a great third class. Upper division psychology courses with labs can be used to satisfy 4 of the 12 credits.

Elementary candidates also need
- a literature course,
- a course in U.S. history or government,
- an arts course,
- at least 2 credits of P.E. (or two years on a college sports team),
- and a non-western cultures course.

1. In terms of the CORE, it’s good to take HIST 200 – which satisfies the “humanistic foundations requirement” and the American history requirement for the MAT;
2. It’s good to take either an art, music, theater course or literature course to satisfy the core “arts requirement.”
3. Then take a literature course. In addition – some, but not all, of the literature courses can satisfy the need for M.A.T. candidates to have a non-western cultures course.
4. As candidates fulfill the “cultural perspectives” core requirement it’s good to keep in mind the need for a non-western cultures class.
5. All of the service learning courses in the Educational Studies minor that are pre-requisites for M.A.T. admission can be used to satisfy the ELAW area of the core requirements.
6. Sociology majors can swap “Child in America,” EDUC 206, for “Sociology of Childhood” which can apply to that major.

Many elementary candidates major in psychology because of the overlap of the requirements for the major and the requirements for admission to the M.A.T., including
- Infant and Child,
- Psychological Statistics,
- the upper division psychology course with lab,
- and the potential to use EDUC/PSYC 368 towards the major.
The template below is just that – a template for ELEM candidates, designed to show that it is possible to complete all the requirements for the Education Minor and admission to the M.A.T. and complete all graduation requirements in a major of the candidate’s choice in four years. At least three sections of the M.A.T. pre-requisite courses are offered a year; many are also offered in the summer session.

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| First Year | 1) EDUC 206 Child in America or 296  
2) PSYC 101 – Intro Psych (core – social science)  
3) Math (core – math)  
4) FYS (core)  | 1) EDUC 296 Lang. Acq. Or 206  
2) Foreign language  
3) science (core – natural science with lab)  
4) course in major |
| Second Year | 1) Math  
2) science  
3) US History or Government (HIST 200 – satisfies core “humanistic foundations” or POSC 200 - doesn’t satisfy core requirement)  
4) course in major  
5) P.E. credit | 1) EDUC/PSYC 368 Ed Psych or 336  
2) science (Environmental Studies in the Classroom is a great option when available)  
3) literature  
4) course in major  

*THEREfore: TAKE PRAXIS I if you do not have a combined score of at least 1100 on the critical reading and math portions of the SAT.*

| Third Year | 1) EDSP/PSYC 336 Exceptionality or 368  
2) Non-western perspectives (can satisfy core “cultural perspectives” area if chosen from that list of options; could also choose PHIL 101, RELG 110 and satisfy core requirement in “humanistic foundations”)  
3) math  
4) course in major  
5) P.E. credit | 1) PSYC 331 Infant and Child (ELEM) PSYC 333 Adolescence (SCED) OR PSYC 230 Lifespan (k-12 or SCED)  
2) arts (core)  
3) course in major  
4) course in major  

*Begin collecting references and writing essay for admission to the M.A.T., especially over the summer.*

| Fourth Year | 1) EDUC 491 - ESL across the Curriculum  
2) course in major  
3) course in major  
4) elective | 1) course in major  
2) course in major  
3) course in major  
4) elective  

*Apply to MAT – applications are typically due 10/1.*

**Note:** Completing Child in America, Ed Psych, Exceptionality, the developmental psych course, Language Acquisition, and ESL across the Curriculum constitutes completing a minor in Educational Studies; check the catalogue for more information about the minor.

**Note:** EDUC 366 “Children’s and Young Adult Literature” is highly recommended and will count as a literature course for MAT admission, though not for the CORE requirement.