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- **All courses for the major must be completed with a grade of C or better. EDUC 350 and 364 must be completed with a grade of C+ or higher to be accepted to the CSUSM Teacher Credential Program.**
- **For CSUSM Teacher Credential Program EDUC 422 with a grade of C+ or higher is required as a prerequisite.**
- **Students must take an additional Diversity Equity global (Deg) course to meet University Wide requirements for graduation. See degree planner for options.**
- This curriculum meets requirements for the CSET I-III Waiver.
- For information and next steps to apply to a teacher credential program, please click here Credential Programs | School of Education | CSUSM.

Requirements	Units	Approved Courses	IP	MET
Introduction to Liberal Studies (3 units)				
An Introduction to Critical Education	3	LBST 100 OR 300 (Transfer Students will take LBST 300)		
Preparation for the Major & Lower-Division GE Requirements – (52-61 units)				
Oral Communication **(1C)**	3	GEO 102		
Written Communication (**1A)**	3	GEW 101B		
Physical Science **(5A)**	3	GES 105		
Life Science/Lab (Biology) **(5B/5C)**	4	GES 102		
Earth Science	3	ES 100 or GEOG 110		
Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I and II **(2)**	3	MATH 210		
	3	MATH 212 (prerequisite MATH 210 with C or higher)		
Intro to Interdisciplinary Arts (**3A)**	3	AMD 120		
Introduction to Literature **3B)**	3	LTWR 100		
Introduction to Linguistics **(1B)**	3	LING 101		
World Regional Geography	3	GEOG 201		
World History to 1500 **(3B)**	3	HIST 101		
U.S. History 1500-1877 **(4H)**	3	HIST 130		
U.S. & CA Government **(4C/G)**	3	PSCI 100 OR AIS 150		
Child Growth and Development	3	PSYC 210		
P.E. for Elementary Teachers	3	PE 203		
Ethnic Studies **(6)**	3	See Degree Planner for course options		
Language Proficiency	0-9	Intermediate (200 level) proficiency in language other than English		
Upper-Division Requirements - 30 units (40 upper-division units required for graduation)				
Math for K-8 Teachers	3	Math 311 (prerequisite MATH 212 with C or higher)		
Linguistics in the Classroom (DEu)	3	LING 300 (prerequisite LING 101 with C or higher)		
California History	3	GEOG 341^		
Learning Through the Arts	3	MUSC 350		
Integrative Studies**	3	Choose one: **BRS** 300^, 330^, 364^, 430^, 453^; **GEOG** 305^, 307^, 310, 311, 320^, 325, 330, 352, 365^; 390, 422, 460^; **ID** 340^, 410^; **LBST** 305^, 361, 362^; **LING** 305^, 331^, 341^, 355^, 360^, 371^, 381^		
Multicultural Studies **(UD 4)***	3	Choose one: BRS 300^, ID 340^, LING 341^, 355^ (DE-g), 371^,381^		
UDGE Math or Science **(UD 25)** *	3	PHYS 307		
UDGE Arts or Humanities **(UD 3)***	3	DNCE 350		
*Upper Division General Education courses (UD 25, 3, 4) must be taken after A1, A2, A3 and B4 completed ^ Courses require Junior or Senior standing for enrollment ** Courses taken to satisfy either Integrative or Multicultural Studies requirement can only count for one requirement.				
FIELD EXPERIENCE 6 UNITS (Must earn C+ or higher for admission to CSUSM Teacher Credential Program)				
Foundations of Teaching as a Profession	3	EDUC 350		
The Role of Cultural Diversity in Schooling	3	EDUC 364		
Note: EDUC 350, 364 and 422 are prerequisites to the CSUSM Teacher Credential Program. It is recommended that these courses be taken in order. Must be passed with a C+ or higher to count for CSUSM credential.				

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AREA OF FOCUS (CONCENTRATION) – 15-16 UNITS				
Choose **ONE** of the following modules for your Area of Focus. Declare your Area of Focus by your junior year. Courses may NOT double count with any other major requirement.				
SUBJECT AREA	**UNITS**	**REQUIRED COURSES**	**IP**	**MET**
Visual and Performing Arts (See Advisor for courses for Supplemental Authorization in Introductory Music)	3	Any five Upper Division arts course in any of the following disciplines:Art, Media, and Design (AMD), Dance Studies (DNCE), Music (MUSC), and Theatre Arts (TA) (check recommended preparation and requirements to ensure adequate skills)		
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Human Development*	3	PSYC 100: Intro to Psychology		
	3	EDUC 381: Differences, Not Disabilities: Educating All Students		
	3	GEOG 307: Children and the Environment^		
	3	KINE 310: Social and Emotional Health		
	3	PSYC 330 Dev Psych: Infancy & Child OR PSYC 348: Dev Psych: Adolescence		
Reading, Language, Literature (preparation for Supplemental Authorization in Introductory English upon credential completion)**	3	Choose one: LING 305^, 321^, 341^, 351^ (offered fall only), 355^, 361^(offered Fall only), 371, 381^, 391^^ (offered spring only)		
	3	Choose one: LING 321^, 351^ (fall only), 361^ (fall only), 391^^ (spring only)		
	3	LING 480 Field Methods for Linguistics^ (spring only)^^		
	3	LTWR 338: Children's Lit into Film (fall only)		
	3	LTWR 465: Theory and Practice in K-12 Writing Instruction (fall only)		
Math* (preparation for Supplemental Authorization in Introductory Math upon credential completion)**	3	MATH 242: Intro to Statistics		
	4	MATH 125: Pre-Calculus		
	5	MATH 160: Calculus with Applications I (prereq MATH 125)		
	3	MATH 330 History of Mathematics (fall only) OR MATH 448 Mathematical Models and Methods (fall even years only)		
	If equivalent courses taken elsewhere or through test credit have different unit counts, additional math courses must be taken to equal 15 units. See advisor for further information.			
Science (preparation for Supplemental Authorization in Introductory Science upon credential completion)**	3	ASTR 342: Elements of Astronomy		
	3	BIOL 328: Human Heredity OR BIOL 321: Human Physiology OR BIOL 323: Physiology of Nutrition and Disease		
	3	CHEM 311: Chemicals and the Environment OR CHEM 316: Chemistry of Chocolate		
	3	GEOG 310: Climate Change and Life in the Anthropocene (offered fall only) OR GEOG 311: Earth: The Habitable Planet (offered spring only)		
	3	LBST 361: The Social Construction of Science		
History and Social Science* (preparation for Supplemental Authorization in Introductory Social Science upon credential completion)**	3	HIST 131: U.S. History 1877 to Present OR HIST 347		
	3	ANTH 310: World Prehistory (offered Spring only) OR HIST 102: World Civilizations to Present		
	6	Choose two: BRS 300^, 330^, 364^, 453^; GEOG 305^, 320^, 325, 350, 352, 365^, 422, 460^; LING 305^, 371, 381^		
	3	Choose one: AIS 290, 348, HIST 332, 350; SOC 345, 347, 348, 349; WGSS 303		
Bilingual Spanish* (Note: CSET I-III Waiver does not apply to CSET Spanish LOTE)	3	SPAN 202: Intermediate Spanish II OR SPAN 250: Spanish for Heritage Spanish Speakers (if tested out of 202 or 250, substitute with additional upper division SPAN course)		
	3	SPAN 301A: Advanced Spanish for Non-Native Speakers^^ OR SPAN 301B: Advanced Spanish for Heritage Spanish Speakers^^		
	3	SPAN 302: Basic Theory and Practices of Composition^^		
	3	SPAN 303: Advanced Theory and Practice of Written Composition^^		
	3	SPAN 350A: Spanish Civ OR SPAN 350B: Spanish American Civ^^		
Physical Education	3	KINE 316: Stress Management		
	3	KINE 310: Social and Emotional Health		
	3	KINE 311: Movement Pedagogy		
	3	KINE 408: Physical Education for Diverse Populations		
	3	Three (3) Units Activity; Choose from any KINE 100-level course (same course may not be repeated) OR DNCE 203		

*Some classes for the Math, Human Development, History and Social Science, and Bilingual Concentrations are lower division. Take extra care with remaining elective units to ensure you reach 40 upper division (courses numbered 300 and higher) units to meet graduation requirements.
**For more information on Supplemental Authorization see School of Education (SOE) in the College of Education, Health and Human Services.
^ Courses require Junior or Senior standing for enrollment ^^Prerequisite or corequisite needed. See course description for details.