





Elementary Education // MAJOR MAP

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science

Focus Areas: Early Childhood, Art, Physical Education, Spanish, Middle School Education



Southwest Baptist
UNIVERSITY

	FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
 <i>Grow</i> ACADEMICALLY	<p>Investigate introductory courses like ENG 1113 English Composition I, ENG 2213 English Composition II, and other general education courses.</p> <p>Familiarize yourself with your department by getting to know the professors and other students within your major.</p>	<p>Explore career goals with your advisor and prepare for the General Education Assessment (MoGEA). Students with an ACT score of 20 or higher are not required to take it.</p> <p>Discover more about your major by engaging in courses like EDU 2113 Educational Psychology and EDU 2313 Foundations of Education.</p>	<p>Continue engaging in your Professional Educational Coursework through Junior Block classes EDU 3311 Field Experience Level 2 in Lower Elementary and EDU 3321 Field Experience Level 2 in Upper Elementary.</p>	<p>EDU 4929 Student Teaching, EDU 4691 Seminar, EDU 4623 Teaching Diverse Learners, and EDU 4951 Communication in Education will bring your academic experiences together and prepare you for your desired career path upon graduation.</p>
 <i>Pursue</i> SERVANT LEADERSHIP	<p>Participate in student organizations and professional associations like Student Missouri State Teachers Association (SMSTA).</p>	<p>Take more responsibility in your extra-curricular activities. Engage in your student organization and consider a leadership role within SMSTA.</p> <p>Consider tutoring with SBU's Run2Win program or in an area school.</p>	<p>Demonstrate servant-leadership by making new members feel welcome and pursuing project leader/officer positions in your organization.</p>	<p>Spread the word about what clubs/organizations/events you have enjoyed and help others to get connected on campus.</p> <p>Consider substitute teaching during your non-student teaching semester.</p>
 <i>Embrace</i> OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY	<p>Visit SBU's Center for Global Connections to learn about global service opportunities.</p> <p>Participate in service opportunities with SMSTA throughout the year.</p>	<p>Consider how you can utilize your skills through tutoring or volunteering in a school classroom.</p> <p>Are you interested in studying abroad? Ask your advisor or Career Services about study abroad opportunities.</p>	<p>Explore another culture or improve your language skills by taking a class or being involved with the Center for Global Connections.</p>	<p>Assess what opportunities, locally and globally, are available upon graduation. Investigate opportunities to teach abroad.</p>
 <i>Plan for</i> YOUR FUTURE	<p>Discuss your career interests with an advisor and identify your goals.</p> <p>Gather information on careers you are interested in pursuing. Use the Occupational Outlook Handbook to discover information and job projections for any career path.</p>	<p>Use your field experience to make professional connections and build your career network.</p> <p>Schedule an appointment with Career Services for information on building your résumé and cover letter.</p>	<p>Explore graduate schools if you desire to continue your education. Consider SBU's Master's degrees in Education.</p> <p>Prepare for the Missouri Content Assessment.</p>	<p>Identify and ask individuals if they will write your letters of reference/recommendation.</p> <p>Finalize your résumé and cover letter.</p> <p>Plan a time to meet with the Career Services Director to practice a mock interview.</p>

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Public School Teacher
- Private School Teacher
- Military School Teacher
- Media Center Specialist
- International School Teacher
- School Counselor
- Curriculum Director
- Grade-Level Lead Teacher
- Instructional Coach
- Principal
- Superintendent
- Educational Trainer
- Missionary
- Librarian