



M. Ed. / Initial Licensure in K-6 Elementary Education Prerequisite List

What are prerequisites?

Prerequisites are foundational courses required in specific content areas for licensure. Candidates are required to hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution with appropriate liberal arts/general education coursework and meet the prerequisites below. Prerequisite courses must have a minimum C- grade. Coursework may be taken at any accredited liberal arts college/university (including community colleges or online), and you must earn a C- or better in each. It is preferred that the **yellow highlighted courses** be completed at the U of MN; however, we are open to reviewing courses from other institutions.

When do prerequisites need to be completed?

All coursework must be completed prior to starting the program with the exception of the two Math for Elementary Teachers courses which can be completed during the summer semester. Any in-progress coursework would be counted as complete if proof of enrollment is provided at the time of application. Please check with your program area adviser before registering for any prerequisite coursework.

Requirement	U of M Course Options
College algebra	MATH 1031 or CI 1806
Math for elementary teachers I & II	MTHE 3101 + 3102 (take consecutively)
Biological science w/ lab	BIOL 1001, 1009, or CI 1512
Earth science w/ lab	AST 1001, or SOIL 1125
Physical science w/ lab	PHYS 1001w, 1101w, 1201w, 1301w, 3071w, or CI 1563
History	Any historical perspectives course
Child psychology	CPSY 5301
Social science (not psychology)	Course in government, politics, anthropology, sociology, economics, indigenous peoples studies, gender/women's studies, African American studies, Asian American studies, or Chican@/Latin@ studies
Linguistics	CI 3610 (preferred), ENGL 3601, or LING 3001
Children's literature	CI 3401w
Foundations of reading + field-based practicum	CI 5413 + 5414 (take concurrently)
Performing arts	CI 1032 or MUED 3011
Visual arts	CI 1032 or CI 3001
Teaching physical education	KIN 3327