Program Overview

The Liberal Studies Elementary Education program prepares students to work toward a California Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential or Education Specialist Credential (Special Education). The courses in the LSEE major also satisfy the general education requirements for Humboldt State. A LSEE major has all the career opportunities of any Liberal Studies major, but in addition, is provided with the background knowledge and beginning clinical practice needed to be an excellent teacher. It also provides a strong foundation to pass the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) required to get into a Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential Program or a Education Specialist Teaching Credential Program.

The LSEE program is a four-year undergraduate program that provides students with knowledge of the subject matter they are required to teach in elementary schools. It is necessary for students to take a full academic load to complete the LSEE program in a timely fashion. Students follow the program approved for the academic year in which they entered the program, and they should work closely with the program advisor.

The LSEE program provides an array of courses that offer opportunities for students to confront educational issues that transcend the disciplines. The program philosophy is founded in the belief that education is essential for a strong democratic society and is the cornerstone of social justice and advocacy for children.

LSEE majors will gain highly-developed verbal and written communication skills, and will understand each subject of the elementary school curriculum with considerable breadth and depth. This approach is further enhanced by meaningful professional experiences in the elementary classroom through participating in a specially-designed sequence of fieldwork experiences and seminar classes. These classes foster and support effective teaching practices in the core disciplines and offer experiences in a variety of local K-6 classrooms.

Students are encouraged to participate in the Student Chapter of California Teachers Association.

The Multiple Subjects, Single Subject, and Education Specialist (Special Education) credentials are basic credentials. Although they are all K-12, the Multiple Subjects credential is generally used in a self-contained elementary classroom. The Education Specialist Credential (Special Education) is used in inclusion settings, special day classes and/or resource specialist classrooms. The Single Subject Credential is generally used for subject-specific classroom teaching, usually in middle or high school, and the typical preparation is a major in the content area (e.g., math).

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Bachelor of Arts
Liberal Studies with a concentration in Elementary Education

Related Careers
Elementary School Teaching  
Special Education  
School Administration  
Research  
Counseling

Some careers listed may require additional education. For more information about careers & employers, see the Philosophy Career Guide.

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