

The University of Alabama

College of Education

Elementary and Early Childhood Dual Certification

The elementary education program at The University of Alabama leads to dual certification to teach from prekindergarten through sixth grade. The final four semesters are taught in blocks. This four semester sequence can currently be started in the fall or the spring. In order to begin block one by fall of your third year you will need to complete the following courses during your first two years:

- Six hours of EN 101 and EN 102.
- Twelve hours of Literature, Humanities, and Fine Arts. This twelve hours will consist of at least one 200 level literature, one fine arts class, and public speaking (COM 123). Public Speaking is required.
- Twelve hours of math above Math 100. This math requirement will include at least one core math (Math 110 or Math 112), and then nine hours of additional math courses. We recommend checking with a UA advisor to ensure that the math classes you take at the junior college will count toward the requirement.
- Twelve hours of natural science. We recommend checking with a UA advisor to ensure that the science classes you take at the junior college have natural science core designation here at UA.
- Twelve hours of history and social behavioral sciences. We recommend checking with a UA advisor to ensure that the social behavioral sciences you complete at the junior college will meet Alabama State Department of Education requirements for the core curriculum. All students in this major will be required to complete HD 101 or PY 101, and it is permissible to take both in order to complete the social behavioral sciences.
- A sequence in history or literature is required as you are completing core requirements.
- A foreign language sequence or a computer sequence is required. If needed, these classes can be delayed past block one. If you complete the first part of a foreign language sequence at your current school, then you should complete the second part of that sequence before you transfer. (The Foreign Language department at UA does not currently allow a student with transfer credit for 101 to enroll in 102.) If you are completing a computer sequence, then you are encouraged to take an equivalent of CS 102 prior to transferring.
- MUE 107 or an equivalent is required before block one. We offer a music proficiency exam if you have already completed voice and piano lessons. Please contact the Music Education Office for more information regarding this exam. (jwestbrook@ua.edu)
- If a student is planning to begin block one during a fall semester, they should plan on attending UA during the summer prior to that semester. During that summer you will need to complete SPE 300, EDU 200, MUE 107 (if needed), and BEP 305 or BEF 362. With the exception of MUE 107, these courses must be taken at UA.
- If a student is planning to transfer in the spring semester, they may begin block one providing they have already completed an equivalent of MUE 107 and do not have more than 13 hours of general studies classes to take during that next summer.
- Students can only transfer a total of 60 hours applicable to a degree program from a junior college.

Things to remember:

- You will need an overall and UA GPA of 2.75 in order to begin block one.
- Students in the College of Education must be fingerprinted for a background check by the FBI and the ABI. The fingerprinting is processed through 3M Cogent.
- Talk to UA Admissions officers about scholarship availability and deadlines.
- You are always welcome to contact an advisor at 205-348-6073 if you have any questions.
- You are also welcome to consult the transfer articulation chart available online at Registrar.UA.Edu. https://ssb.ua.edu/pls/PROD/rtstreq.P_Searchtype