

**West Texas A&M University**  
**Advising Services**  
**Degree Checklist**  
**2025-2026**

(For assistance completing this form, contact Advising Services at 806-651-5300)

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WT ID:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applied Arts and Sciences—Education Emphasis**  
**(Elementary Education)**  
**Education Department**  
**Old Main, Room 415 806-651-2668**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦	HRS	
Communication (Core 10)		
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
Mathematics (Core 20)		
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Core 90)	3	
Life and Physical Sciences (Core 30)		
Take two courses from (extra lab hours move to Core 90): ♦ ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1308, 1407* or 1309*, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1305* or 1411*, 1412*; ENVR 1407*; GEOL 1301 or 1403, 1302, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1311, 1312, 1371, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307 - BIOL 1406, 1407, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1411, 1412; GEOL 1403, 1404; PHYS 1401, 1402, 2425, 2426: 4 <sup>th</sup> hr. moves to Core 90	6	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Core 40)		
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/***, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 Choose 1	3	
Creative Arts (Core 50)		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307 (for music majors), MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 Choose 1	3	
American History (Core 60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 Choose 2	6	
Government/Political Science (Core 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)		
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 Choose 1	3	
Component Area Option (Core 90)		
Take six hours from: ♦ AGRI 2300; BUSI 1301, 1304; CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; EDUC 1300; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2311*; HSCI 2300; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours); PHIL 2303; SES 1120;  Also, extra 4 <sup>th</sup> -hour credits from Core 20 and Core 30 (MATH, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, PHYS)	6	
<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORE: EDUCATION (ELEMENTARY EDUCATION)</b>		<b>18 HOURS</b>
A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses listed below.		
EPSY 3342 Psychology of Education	3	
EDRD 3302 Reading Skills	3	
EDPD 4348 Data-Informed Instruction and Assessment	3	
EDPD 4350 Management & Organization for Inst. Settings	3	
EDEL 4382 Instructional Delivery – Element. ELA/SS	3	
EDEL 4383 Instructional Delivery – Element. Math/Science	3	

**Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Degree**  
**BAAS.ED (837)**

ADVANCED ELECTIVES: 18 HOURS (TO TOTAL 36 ADVANCED HOURS EARNED AT WTAMU)		
ADVANCED ELECTIVES (See NOTES II, III and IV below.)	18	
<b>BAAS block transfer of technical/vocational credits, up to a maximum of 48 hours.</b>		
ELECTIVES—ANY LEVEL (to total 120 hours)	42	
<b>MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE</b>	<b>120</b>	

**NOTATIONS:**

- ♦ The core curriculum must total **exactly 42 hours**; excess hours must be moved to the major as an elective or a major requirement and stay within the 120-hour requirement or approved total submitted to the Coordinating Board for degree requirements. Some majors specify particular courses to meet core curriculum requirements when options are available.
- \* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.
- \*\* While MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 will fulfill core math requirements, they will NOT prepare students for higher-level math courses such as Plane Trigonometry (MATH 1316) or Pre-Calculus (MATH 2412).
- \*\*\* Or an equivalent course (second year, second semester) in a foreign language.

**NOTE I:** This degree assumes completion of an associate of applied science degree at a community college or completion of an appropriate occupational certificate prior to starting work on the B.A.A.S. degree at WTAMU. Included in this credit must be a block of transfer of technical-vocational credits, up to a maximum of 48 hours. Additional hours of academic credit may be transferred.

**NOTE II:** A minimum of 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of 60 hours in one academic discipline may count toward this degree. An academic discipline is designated by a course prefix, such as ENGL for English or POSC for political science. Education courses (whether EDEC, EDEL, EDPD, EDRD, EDSE, EDSP, EDT, or EPSY) are counted as one academic discipline. Music courses (whether MUAP, MUEN, MUMI, or MUSI) are counted as one academic discipline. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (RELI) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses may count toward a baccalaureate degree. A maximum of 30 semester hours in business courses (ACCT, BUSI, CIDM, ECON, FIN, MGT, MKT), including 6 semester hours in the Core Curriculum, may count toward this degree.

**NOTE III:** For the *PACE Application Guide* and *PACE Certification Steps*, visit the PACE website ([wtamu.edu/pace](http://wtamu.edu/pace)) and then the PACE Certification Steps page. Refer to the *Content Hour Requirements Per Certification Area (PDF)* link under *Step 1* for help choosing Advanced and Any-Level Electives coursework to meet admission requirements into the PACE program.

**NOTE IV:** During the second semester of their first year, students should contact the Office of Educator Preparation (Old Main, Room 415) for more information on program requirements.

**NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. All undergraduate students must request an official degree plan from their academic dean's office by the time they have completed 30 credit hours.**

**WTAMU ADVISING SERVICES – 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide**

**Major: Elementary Education, B.A.A.S.**

**Major Code: 837**

<b>Year 1: Fall</b>		<b>Year 1: Spring</b>	
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	3	CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3	CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3	CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3
CORE 90 (Comp. Area Option) – EDUC 1300 (recommended)	3	CORE 90 (Comp. Area Opt.) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Year 2: Fall</b>		<b>Year 2: Spring</b>	
CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3	CORE 70 (Govt./Pol. Sci) – POSC 2306	3
CORE 70 (Govt./Pol. Sci) – POSC 2305	3	CORE 80 (Social & Behav. Sci.) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3
Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3
BAAS Block/Electives (1000-4000 level)	3	BAAS Block/Electives (1000-4000 level)	3
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Year 3: Fall</b>		<b>Year 3: Spring</b>	
PDC: EDRD 3302	3	PDC: EDPD 4348	3
PDC: EPSY 3342	3	PDC: EDPD 4350	3
Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3
BAAS Block/Electives (1000-4000 level)	3	BAAS Block/Electives (1000-4000 level)	3
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Year 4: Fall</b>		<b>Year 4: Spring</b>	
PDC: EDEL 4382	3	PDC: EDEL 4383	3
Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3
BAAS Block/Electives (1000-4000 level)	3	BAAS Block/Electives (1000-4000 level)	3
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> **CORE:** For this program, there are no major-specific course requirements for the core areas. Students may select from any available options (see degree checklist), and there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

It is recommended to use Any Level Electives and Advanced Electives areas to complete courses related to your content area for teaching.

**PDC** – Professional Development Core

<b>Identified Marketable Skills</b>	<b>Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities</b>
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**DISCLAIMER:** This curriculum guide should be used in conjunction with the corresponding degree checklist for general planning purposes only. The degree checklist (later a student’s official degree plan) should be referred to as the comprehensive list of all courses required for the degree. An official degree plan is required after completing 30 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.