

WTAMU ADVISING SERVICES – 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide

**Major: Education – English Language Arts & Reading
(4-8) Certification (Education, B.S.)**

Major Code: 860 (BS.ED.4-8.ELAR)

Year 1: Fall		Year 1: Spring	
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	3	CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321	3
CORE 20 (Math) – MATH 1314 or 1324	3	CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – EDUC 1300	3	CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 2: Fall		Year 2: Spring	
CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Cltr.) – ENGL 2321, 2326 or 2331	3	EPSY 3341 Educational Psychology ²	3
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2306	3	EPSY 3350 Children with Special Needs (summer also)	3
CORE 80 (Soc. & Behav. Sci.) – See checklist for options ¹	3	ENGL 2341 Introduction to Literature	3
CORE 90 (Comp. Area Opt.) – See checklist for options ¹	3	ENGL 2343 Literature and Ideas	3
MATH 1350 Math for Teachers I	3	MATH 1351 Math for Teachers II	3
Apply to EPP (Educator Preparation Program)	0	NSCI 2371 Integrated Science: Earth Science	3
Total:	15	Total:	18
Year 3: Fall		Year 3: Spring	
EDRD 3302 Reading Skills I	3	EDRD 4302 Reading Skills II	3
EDEL 4371 Educational Methodology	3	EPSY 4341 Educator Readiness and Performance	3
MCOM 1336 Basic Video Production	3	EDPD 4378 Language Development	3
MCOM 2310 Media Design	3	EDPD 4388 English as a Second Lang. Teaching Methods	3
ENGL Advanced (3000-4000)	3	EDRD 3304 Structured Literacy I	3
NSCI 2372 Integrated Science: Biology (summer also)	3	ENGL Advanced (3000-4000)	3
Total:	18	Total:	18
Year 4: Fall		Year 4: Spring	
EDPD 4340 Classroom Management	3	EDPD 4398 Clinical Teaching – All Certificate Areas	3
EDPD 4348 Data-Informed Instruction and Assessment (summer also) or TX Reading Academies	3	EDEL 4341 Clinical Teaching – Elementary	3
EDEL 4372 Teaching Writing	3		
EDRD 4305 Structured Literacy II	3		
ENGL 4389 Instruction of English Capstone	3		
Total:	15	Total:	6

¹ **CORE:** Education – ELA & Reading 4-8 Certification majors are required to take specific courses for Core 20 and Core 40. For all other categories, they may select from any available options (see degree checklist). Apart from the major-specific core requirements, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

² **Requirements to take EPSY 3341:** Apply to the Educator Preparation Program; application submitted to Office of Teacher Preparation (Old Main 415); 2.75 GPA in overall WT/transfer hours combined or last 60 hours taken; 2.75 GPA in content field(s)/teaching field(s).

Identified Marketable Skills	Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities
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Additional notes:

- 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.

- At least 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (RELI) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.

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.