

**First Semester Blueprint
Department of Education**

When planning your first semester...

- Students should register for a minimum of 12 credits and no more than 16.
- All First-Year students are required to take First Year Seminar their first term. This is a required course, and each section focuses on a different topic for students to explore.
- Students who have earned AP, CLEP, or IB credit should refer to the information provided here: [AP, CLEP, IB Credit](#). If you are unsure if a particular course will fulfill the requirement, you can discuss this with your academic advisor when you arrive on campus.
- You can view the most up-to-date version of the schedule of classes by accessing [The View](#).
- The Education Department has provided an instructional YouTube video that explains the first-semester courses. Specific questions related to transfer classes can be fielded by your admissions counselor <https://youtu.be/-SSmHf7mI8k?si=HjC9sP3TcW6Prf6H>

The First Semester Blueprint is your guide to course registration in your first semester. Click on your major to view the recommended courses (developed by your faculty) for your first semester at Messiah:

[Education with Teaching Certification in Grades PreK-4 \(B.S.\)](#)

[Education with Teaching Certification in Grades 4-8 \(B.S.\)](#)

[Education with Dual Teaching Certification in Grades PreK-4 and Special Education N-12 \(B.S.\)](#)

[Education with Teaching Certification in Special Education N-12 \(B.S.\)](#)

Education with Teaching Certification in Grades PreK-4 (B.S.), Education with Dual Teaching Certification PreK-4 and Special Education N-12 (B.S.), Education with Teaching Certification in Special Education N-12 (B.S.)

Students MUST register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar AND	3
ONE of the following sets of courses:		
BIOL 106*	Life Sciences AND	3
BIOL 106L	Lab: Life Sciences	0
<i>*The Life Sciences labs on Thursdays are reserved for Education majors. Please select one of the Thursday meeting times for lab if you register for Life Sciences. The CRNs are 1036 (10:30 a.m. to 1:10 p.m.) or 1037 (1:20 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Follow registration instructions (page 6) to add courses to your schedule by CRN</i>		
OR		
PHSC 102	Foundations of Physical Science AND	3
PHSC 102L	Lab: Foundations of Physical Science	0
Students SHOULD register for ONE or BOTH of the following courses:		
COMM 105	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
AND/OR		
HIST 141	U.S. History AND	3
HIST 141S	Seminar: U.S. History	0
<u>Language Course</u> ___ (CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)		
Students may CONSIDER registering for:		
WELL 1xx**	24GE: Holistic Wellness	1

Select from the following General Education options to complete your schedule:		<u>Credits</u>
Mathematical Science**	24GE: Mathematics	3-4
ENGL 110	24GE: Written Communication	3
ENGL 160	Introduction to World Literature	3

Recommended total credits your first semester:	12-16 credits
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Specific major-related questions may be directed to Dr. Tina Keller, Department Chair Education, tkeller@messiah.edu, or 717-796-1800 ext. 7091.

Education with Teaching Certification in Grades 4-8 (B.S.)

Students MUST register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar AND	3
ONE of the following sets of courses:		
BIOL 106*	Life Sciences AND	3
BIOL 106L	Lab: Life Sciences	0
<i>*The Life Sciences labs on Thursdays are reserved for Education majors. Please select one of the Thursday meeting times for lab if you register for Life Sciences. The CRNs are 1036 (10:30 a.m. to 1:10 p.m.) or 1037 (1:20 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Follow registration instructions (page 6) to add courses to your schedule by CRN</i>		
OR		
PHSC 102	Foundations of Physical Science AND	3
PHSC 102L	Lab: Foundations of Physical Science	0
Students SHOULD register for the following courses:		
COMM 105	Fundamentals of Oral Communication AND	3
ONE of the following:		
ENGL 160	World Literature	3
EDUC 205	Cultural and Political Geography	3
HIST 141	U.S. History AND	3
HIST 141S	Seminar: U.S. History	0
ENGL 110	(24GE: Written Communication)	3
Students may CONSIDER registering for:		
WELL 1xx**	24GE: Holistic Wellness	1
Language Course	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3

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