

## Elementary Teacher Preparation – Liberal Studies Major Fast Track: Sample 4-year plan



*Note to students and advisors: Remember that this is a SAMPLE. Your schedule, for many reasons, will probably not end up looking exactly like this. What's shown is a "fast-track" schedule. Be aware that you also have the option of completing the Liberal Studies major over a four-year period, with a fifth year reserved for your teaching credential. Your acceptance into Westmont does not automatically entitle you to admission into the Credential Program. In order to enter the Credential Program, you will need to apply separately during your final year of regular study. Among other conditions, you will need to have earned a 2.75 GPA and a passing score on the CSET. See the college catalog for details on admission to the program.*

	Fall	units	Spring	units
<b>First Year</b>	GE Common Context (see options below*)	4	GE Common Context	4
	ENG 2: Comp. (GE Common Skill: Writing)	4	ENG 6: Stu. in Lit. (GE Common Inquiry: Ima. Lit)	4
	HIS 7: US to 1877 (GE Common Inquiry: His.)	4	LS 12: Life Science (GE Common Inq: Life Sci)	4
	PHS 11: Phy Sci. (GE Common Inq: Phy Sci.)	4	Concentration elective	4
	PE 32: Fitness for Life (GE Common Skill: PE)	1	PEA (GE Common Skill: PE)	1
	Total Units	17		17
<b>May Term or Summer First, Second, or Third Year:</b> GE Common Skill: Foreign Language (3-4 units)				
<b>Second Year</b>	GE Common Context	4	GE Common Context	4
	MA 160: Fund. of Math (GE Com. Inq: Rea. Abs)	4	MA 165: Fund. of Math II (GE Common Skill)	2
	ED 105: Cultural Div. (GE Common Inq: Global)	4	ED 172: Children's Literature	4
	Concentration Elective	4	ENG 104: Modern Grammar and Composition	4
	ED 160: Technology for the Classroom Teacher	2	ART 180: Art for Children (GE Com Inq: Art)	4
PEA (GE Common Skill: PE)	1			
	Total Units	19 overload		18
<b>Third Year</b>	GE Common Context	4	HIS 178: CA History (GE Common Inq: History)	4
	PHS 114: Earth Science	4	ED 100: Explorations in Teaching	4
	PSY 115: Child Development	4	ENG 106: Language Acquisition	4
	Concentration elective	4	MU 184: Music for Children	4
	KNS 156: Health Education	2	KNS 155: Fundamentals of Movement	2
	Total Units	18		19 overload
<b>Fourth Year</b>	ED 110: Educational Psychology	4	ED 190: Student Teaching	12
	ED 120: Social Studies/Science Instruction	4	ED 195: Student Teaching Seminar	3
	ED 150: Math Instruction	4		
	ED 170: Reading and Language Arts Instruction	4		
	ED 130: Special Education	2		
	Total Units	18		15

- Students who choose not to complete the teacher preparation program as a part of their four-year program, or who have not been admitted to the credential program, will replace the education courses listed in the fourth year with elective units.
- Based on the "fast-track" schedule above, you would need to take a minimum of 2 elective units in May Term or summer school, or bring into Westmont 2+ units of AP credit.
- As noted previously, you must apply separately to enter the Credential Program. Among other conditions, you need to have a 2.75 GPA and a passing score on the CSET exams.
- Students who choose the "fast-track" option must complete ALL requirements for graduation by December of their Senior year. Otherwise, they do not qualify for the tuition discount the Spring semester of student teaching. It is not possible to complete the Liberal Studies major in December with "deficient" units.

*Common Context (CC)
RS 1: Old Testament
RS 10: New Testament
RS 20: Christian Doctrine
PHI 6: Philosophical Reflections
HIS 9: World Civilization to 1750 (Liberal Studies students fulfill this CC differently than students in other majors)



## Milestones:

Steps toward earning a  
Preliminary Elementary (Multiple Subject) Teaching Credential  
on a fast-track at Westmont\*

<b>First Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___ Make sure, if you don't have one, that you have an advisor from the Education Department. Complete, if necessary, the "Change of Advisor" form available from the Records Office.</li> <li>___ Read the Liberal Studies Handbook carefully (see Program Assistant or access it online via the Westmont Education website).</li> <li>___ Begin saving electronic or paper versions of written work, or other major projects, for your Liberal Studies portfolio (ED 109 assignment). Eventually, you should have significant work samples from each of the seven areas (CA. State Multiple Subject Preparation): English, History, Science, Math, Arts, Health and PE, and Human Development.</li> </ul>
<b>Second Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___ Complete an official "Declaration of Major" form available from the Records Office. Circle "Liberal Studies."</li> <li>___ Work out a four-year program of study with your advisor, especially if you're thinking of spending a semester in an off-campus program.</li> <li>___ Continue saving electronic or paper versions of written work or other major projects for your portfolio.</li> </ul>
<b>Third Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___ Maintain a 2.75 GPA if you plan to apply to Westmont's Credential Program.</li> <li>___ Enroll in ED 109 (Liberal Studies Seminar) for the Spring semester (assuming you are a fast-track student).</li> <li>___ <b>During the fall, register for all three sections of Multiple Subject CSETs. CSETs need to be taken by February 15.</b></li> <li>___ <b>Fulfill the Basic Skills requirement</b> (For options see: <a href="http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl667.pdf">www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl667.pdf</a>)</li> <li>___ By February 15, complete an application for Westmont's Credential Program.</li> <li>___ When making housing plans for your senior year, remember you need to live off-campus during the Spring semester, if you wish to be eligible for the 55% tuition scholarship. (Note: Ocean View counts as "off-campus" even though it's college-owned). Given the difficulty of moving over Christmas break, most seniors in the Credential program live off campus the entire year.</li> <li>___ Schedule a time to take the Westmont-administered US Constitution exam (see Program Assistant for details).</li> <li>___ Plan to take an in-person CPR course for infants, children, and adolescents.</li> </ul>
<b>Fourth Year*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___ Make sure, as a fast-track student, that you've completed ALL requirements to receive your BA in December and thus become eligible for the tuition discount during the Spring semester of student teaching. You may not graduate deficient in December.</li> <li>___ For students in Westmont's credential program, stay in close touch with the Program Assistant and review once again the "Stepping Stones towards a Teaching Credential" for completing a professional teaching credential.</li> <li>___ For students who plan to graduate with a Liberal Studies major only, this is the time to be applying to a credential program – either at Westmont, as a fifth year student, or another program of your choice. The application deadline for Westmont's Credential Program is February 15.</li> </ul>

These milestones are set up for fast-track students (students are who completing both the Liberal Studies Major and the Teacher Credential Program in four years). Students who wish to do a fifth-year Teacher Credential Program, either at Westmont or elsewhere, will complete most of the items listed her under "Third Year" during their fourth year.