

LANGUAGE ARTS

Few things can empower a person like the ability to read, write and communicate.

Do you dream of helping children learn to read, write, speak and listen? Our bachelor's degree program in Language Arts thoroughly prepares you for teaching and motivating young readers and writers in diverse classrooms. Pair your studies with elementary teacher certification and you'll be qualified to teach all subjects in grades K-5 with the option to become certified to teach language arts in grades 6-8 upon meeting the endorsement requirements. Either way, you'll be part of a well-rounded program that combines academic studies, professional training and multiple field experiences in local schools.

With successful completion of the program, you will earn both a bachelor's degree and faculty recommendation for the Michigan Elementary Standard Certificate.

Dearborn Discovery Core

Please see the Dearborn Discovery Core (General Education) (<https://umdearborn.edu/faculty-staff/academic-program-and-course-development/dearborn-discovery-core-general-education/>) webpage or additional information.

Foundational Studies

Written and Oral Communication (GEWO) – 6 Credits

Upper-Level Writing Intensive (GEWI) – 3 Credits

Quantitative Thinking and Problem Solving (GEQT) – 3 Credits

Critical and Creative Thinking (GECC) – 3 Credits

Areas of Inquiry

Natural Science (GENS) – 7 Credits

- Lecture/Lab Science Course
- Additional Science Course

Social and Behavioral Analysis (GESB) – 9 Credits

Humanities and the Arts (GEHA) – 6 Credits

Intersections (GEIN) – 6 Credits

Capstone

Capstone (GECE) – 3 Credits

Core Course Requirements

Core courses are generally completed in the freshman and sophomore year.

Selections must be from courses numbered 100-200 unless otherwise stated.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
COMP 105	Writing & Rhetoric I	3
EXPS 220	Science in the Elem School	3
EXPS 282	History & Civics Elem Schools	3
EXPS 283	Geography & Econ Elem Schools	3

EXPS 298	Exp Writing-Comm Learn&Tch	3
EXPS 420	Science Capstone	3
Required for Early Childhood and Special Education Majors		
LING 280	Introduction to Linguistics	3
LIBR 465	Literature for Children	3
MATH 385	Math for Elemen Teachers I	3
MATH 386	Math for Elem Teachers II	3
MATH 387	Math for Elem Teachers III	3
NSCI 231	Inquiry: Physical Science ¹	3
NSCI 232	Inquiry:Earth/Planet Science ¹	3
NSCI 233	Inquiry: Life Science ¹	3
Total Credit Hours		42

¹ Two of the three NSCI core courses may be transferred to UM-Dearborn. A) an introductory physical science will satisfy NSCI 231, B) an introductory earth/planetary science will satisfy NSCI 232, and C) an introductory life science course will satisfy NSCI 233. BIOL 240/BIOL 242 and NSCI 120/NSCI 121 cannot be used for science credit.

Pre-Professional Requirements

Pre-professional courses are generally completed in the freshman and sophomore year.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
EDA 205	Introduction to Education	3
EDA 419	Early Literacy/Language Devel	3
Required for Early Childhood and Special Education Majors only		
EDC 240	Psych of Child Development	3
EDC 241	Psych: Child Devel Practicum	1
EDF 450	Hlth, Nutr, & PE/Clsrm Tchrs	2
EDT 211	Design Tech-Based Learn Solutn	3
EXPS 250	Elem Ed Vis & Perf Arts	3
EXPS 407	Inquiry-based Math and Science	3
Required for Early Childhood Majors only		
Total Credit Hours		21

Major Requirements

A minimum of 37 semester hours from the following:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
COMP 105	Writing & Rhetoric I	3
EDA 419	Early Literacy/Language Devel	3
EDC 476	Literacy Assessmt for Instr	4
EDD 447	Tchng English as Second Lang	3
EDD 448	Pract: Tchng Engl Secnd Lang (Optional)	1
ENGL 461	Modern English Grammar	3
EXPS 298	Exp Writing-Comm Learn&Tch	3
LIBR 475	Issues Lit Child/Yng People	3
LIBR 465	Literature for Children	3
LING 280	Introduction to Linguistics	3

LING 475 or LING 477	Lang Diversity: Arab Amer Comm African American English	3
Select two of the following:		6
ENGL 223	Intro to Creative Writing	
ENGL 327	Advanced Exposition	
ENGL 482	History of the English Lang	
LING 475	Lang Diversity: Arab Amer Comm	
LING 477	African American English	
Total Credit Hours		38

Program Notes:

1. Minimum GPA's are required for program completion: 2.75 cumulative, 2.75 in major, 2.75 in optional minor(s), and 2.75 in Professional Studies.
2. Advising Policy: The student is responsible for complying with requirements described in the Undergraduate Catalog as well as on the Four Phase Checklist. Students are expected to meet with their College of Education, Health, and Human Services advisor at least once per year and in the term prior to graduation.
3. Courses taken on a PASS/FAIL basis will NOT be accepted toward program completion.
4. The minimum number of semester hours required to graduate is 128.
5. CEHHS recommends successful program completers for State of Michigan Certification, however, it is ultimately up to the State of Michigan to issue certificates. Certain offenses on a criminal record can keep individuals from obtaining teacher certification. Please refer to The Revised School Code, Act 451 of 1976, section 380.1539b.
6. Students must meet Dearborn Discovery Core requirements. See <http://umdearborn.edu/696973/> for details

Minor Requirements

A minimum of 24 semester hours from the following:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
COMP 105	Writing & Rhetoric I ¹	3
EDA 419	Early Literacy/Language Devel	3
EDD 447	Tchng English as Second Lang	3
EDD 448	Pract: Tchng Engl Secnd Lang ²	1
ENGL 461	Modern English Grammar	3
EXPS 298	Exp Writing-Comm Learn&Tch ¹	3
LIBR 475	Issues Lit Child/Yng People	3
LIBR 465	Literature for Children ¹	3
LING 280	Introduction to Linguistics ¹	3
Total Credit Hours		25

¹ Core courses included in minor semester hours.

² Practicum is optional in the minor.

Program Notes:

1. A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required for a minor.
2. Advising Policy: The student is responsible for complying with requirements described in the Undergraduate Catalog as well as on the Four Phase Checklist. Students are expected to meet with their College of Education, Health, and Human Services advisor at least once a year and in the term prior to graduation.

3. Courses taken on a PASS/FAIL basis will NOT be accepted toward program completion.
4. In order to be recommended for endorsements, students must pass the appropriate MTTC exam in addition to completing the coursework.
5. MTTC test scores must be reported by electronic delivery or direct mail from Pearson Evaluation Systems to the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Education, Health, and Human Services. No hand carried scores will be accepted.