

Elementary Teacher Preparation Programs at Sonoma State University

This information sheet is for Sonoma State University undergraduate students who wish to become elementary school teachers. In California, elementary teachers teach across the entire curriculum and receive a Multiple Subject Credential.

What major should you choose if you want to be an Elementary School teacher?

At Sonoma State University, we recommend two options for becoming an elementary school teacher. They are:

Hutchins Blended Program *

When completing this option, candidates will receive:

- a. Subject Matter Preparation
- b. Bachelor's degree
- c. CSET: Multiple Subjects exam preparation
- d. Multiple Subject Credential

Apply to the Credential Program during sophomore year.

The Credential Program **begins midway through the B.A. program** and candidate receives a, b, c and d simultaneously.

*Only first semester freshmen are eligible.

Subject Matter Preparation Programs

When completing this option, candidates will receive:

- a. Subject Matter Preparation
- b. Bachelor's degree
- c. CSET: Multiple Subjects exam preparation

Apply to the Credential program **and to the University** as a "postbac" student during senior year.

The Credential Program **begins after the B.A. is completed or nearly completed.**

OR

Why should you choose one of these options?

The State of California requires that anyone pursuing a teaching credential meet "subject matter competence". This means that you must prove to the state that you know the subject area(s) that you will be teaching. When pursuing a Multiple Subject (Elementary) teaching credential, you must meet subject matter competence by taking and passing the CSET: Multiple Subjects exam. Choosing a major with either option mentioned above will provide you with preparation for this required exam and will also give you a strong background in the subjects that are taught in the elementary school.

Which is the better option for you?

Students who choose the **Hutchins Blended** option mentioned above are those who decide during their high school education that a teaching credential is what they want to pursue. Only first semester freshmen are eligible for Blended. The Blended program is a rigorous program that moves a candidate through the B.A. degree and teaching credential within 4 years.

Students who choose the **Subject Matter Preparation** option mentioned above are those who are seriously considering going into the teaching field. This option focuses on the major and subject matter preparation but does not include any teaching credential coursework. Candidates completing this option will take teaching credential coursework as post baccalaureate students (after the B.A.) and thus obtain their B.A. and teaching credential in 5 years. They may take pre-requisite credential courses as undergraduates for upper division GE credit or as electives.

There are several undergraduate majors that offer one or both of the options mentioned above. You can view the options on page 2 and contact the major advisors for more information. *If you need help choosing a major, contact Ms. Donna Garbesi (contact information is on page 3).*

Major <i>click on name to visit Catalog and degree pathways</i>	Advisor(s)	Program Options
<u>American Multicultural Studies (AMCS)</u>	Department Chair: Elenita Strobel, strobel@sonoma.edu 707-664-2826 Nichols 214 Teaching Pathways Advisor: Christina Baker, christina.baker@sonoma.edu , 707-664-2928 Nichols 210	Subject Matter Preparation
<u>Chicano and Latino Studies (CALS)</u>	Elizabeth Martinez, elizabeth.martinez@sonoma.edu , 707-664-3161, Nichols 212 Patricia Kim-Rajal, patricia.kim-rajal@sonoma.edu , 707-664-3294, Nichols 208	Subject Matter Preparation
<u>Environmental Studies (ENSP)</u>	Rocky Rohwedder Carson 26, 707-664-2249 rocky.rohwedder@sonoma.edu	Subject Matter Preparation
<u>Hutchins School of Liberal Studies</u>	Donna Garbesi Carson 44, 707-664-2492 donna.garbesi@sonoma.edu	Blended or Subject Matter Preparation

If you choose a major other than those listed above:

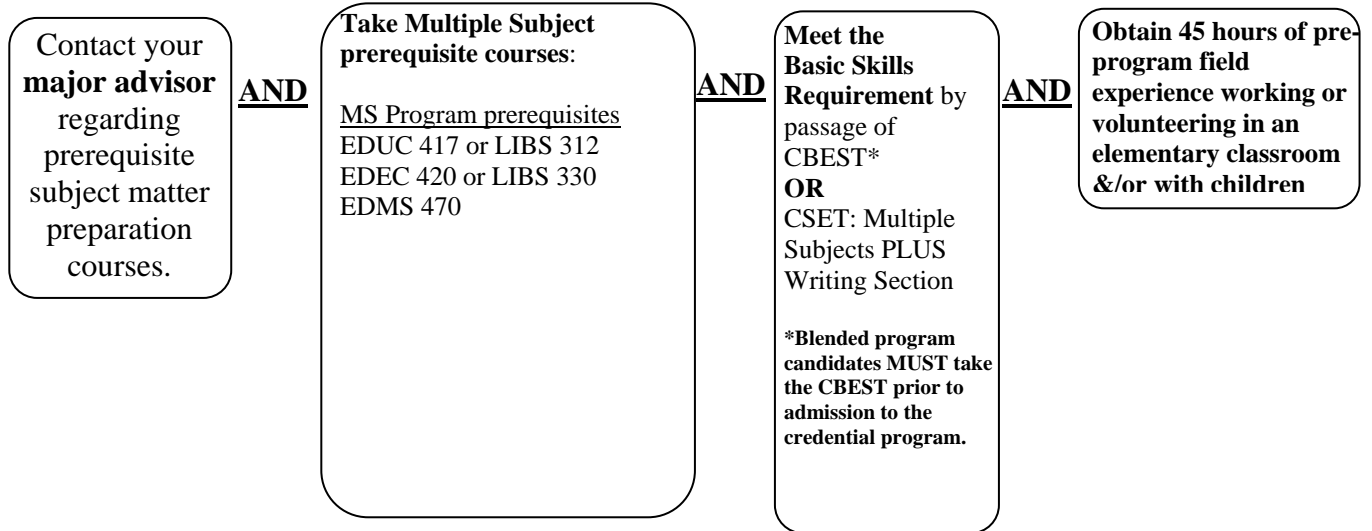
Major	Advisor
Seek subject preparation for the CSET: Multiple Subjects Examination	Speak to the appropriate advisor for your selected major

Follow the steps listed here if you are interested in obtaining a Multiple Subject Credential at SSU:

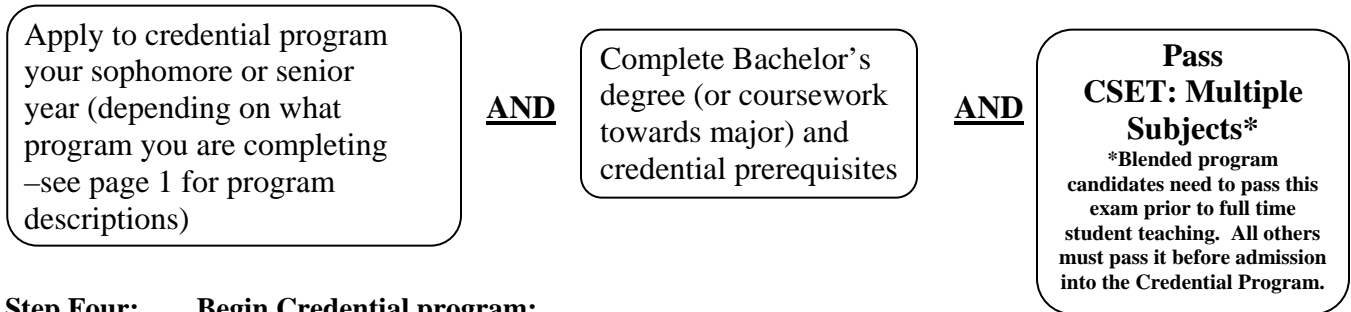
Step One: Choose a credential objective and declare one of the following majors as your subject matter preparation program or integrated/blended program (see above for major advisors).

Multiple Subject Credential	AND	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">American Multicultural Studies</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><u>OR</u></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">Chicano/Latino Studies</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><u>OR</u></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">Environmental Studies</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><u>OR</u></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">Hutchins School of Liberal Studies</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><u>OR</u></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Select another major and seek preparation for the CSET: Multiple Subjects Examination</div>
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Step Two: Complete all of the following:



Step Three:



Step Four: Begin Credential program:



School of Education Multiple Subject Advisor

At the beginning of the credential program, or if you need help choosing a major, meet with one of the following advisors.

Credential Program <i>click on name to visit Catalog and credential pathways</i>	Advisor	Office	Phone	Email
Multiple Subject	Donna Garbesi	STEV 1078	707-664-2081	donna.garbesi@sonoma.edu

School of Education Credentials Office

For information on applying to the credential program, please contact the Credentials Office, Stevenson 1078, 707-664-2832 or www.sonoma.edu/education.