

3. Completed the following core skills courses for freshmen with a grade of “C” or higher: ENG 101: Effective Writing I; ENG 102: Effective Writing II; ES 105: Wellness; MATH 105 and 115: Math Theory/Computations I and II; MATH 107: Quantitative Reasoning or MATH 110: College Algebra; and COMM 100: Oral Communication.
4. Successfully passed PRAXIS I and II.
5. Completed the Child Abuse module as required by the VDOE.
6. Successfully passed the Virginia Reading Assessment (only elementary and special education licensure applicants).
7. Successfully passed the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA).
8. Completed all requirements for the B.S. or the B.A. degree.
9. Maintained an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher.

### Technology Competencies

Students seeking certification to teach are required to meet all minimum technology competencies identified by the Virginia Department of Education. All courses in the Education Department emphasize the use of instructional technology in preparing teachers for today’s schools. Students must satisfy these competencies by placing out of CIS 103 or completing CIS 103 with a grade of “C” or higher, or by scoring satisfactorily on the VFIC TEK.XAM.

### Elementary Education (PreK-6) or Special Education (K-12)

Students seeking licensure to teach in the elementary schools or in special education are encouraged to choose the Liberal Studies major. This will ensure that the student has met the state competencies as listed in the Virginia Licensure Regulations for School Personnel. Knowledge in the core content areas of the

Virginia Standards of Learning and the ability to teach these areas is required for today’s elementary and special education teachers.

### LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Since the Liberal Studies major is linked to teacher licensure, all requirements (major and education courses) must be met prior to graduation. A student cannot graduate with this major and then return to complete student teaching. This major is available in either a B.A. or B.S. degree.

*The following courses are required for the Liberal Studies Major.*

See course description in appropriate department listings:

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| ENG 275  | Grammar, Style, and Editing<br>OR     |
| ENG 300  | Linguistics                           |
| ENG 310  | Professional Writing<br>OR            |
| ENG 315  | Teaching Writing                      |
| ENG 345  | Literature for Children               |
| MATH 105 | Math Theory and Computation I         |
| MATH 115 | Math Theory and Computation II        |
| MATH 200 | Introduction to Statistics            |
| HIST 201 | History of the United States to 1877  |
| HIST 302 | The American Experience, 1877-Present |
| GEOG 340 | Regional Geography                    |
| BIOL 100 | The Nature of the Biological World    |
| PHYS 110 | Introductory Astronomy<br>OR          |
| PHYS 125 | Concepts of Physics                   |
| CHEM 125 | Fundamentals of Inorganic Chemistry   |
| FCS 400  | Child Growth and Development<br>OR    |
| FCS 408  | Parent and Child Relationships (3)    |

### General Education Program

In order to meet all state licensure requirements, the following is the General Education Program