

KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (B.ED.) (120 CREDITS)

Offered by: Integrated Studies in Ed (Faculty of Education)

Degree: Bachelor of Education

Program credit weight: 120 credits

Program Requirements

The Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) - Kindergarten and Elementary Education program requires 120 credits and leads to teacher certification. Students who have not completed Quebec CEGEP, French Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate, or at least one year of university studies prior to commencing the B.Ed. must also complete a minimum of 30 credits of Freshman courses (in addition to the 120-credit program) for a total of 150 credits.

The Kindergarten and Elementary Education program leads to certification to teach children between the ages of 5 and 11 years (kindergarten and elementary school). The program consists of academic and professional courses, as well as studies in pedagogy and educational foundations. Each year of the program provides a school-based practicum.

Please note that graduates of teacher education programs are recommended by the University to the Quebec Ministry of Education for Quebec teacher certification. For more information about teacher certification in Quebec, please refer to the Faculty of Education section under "Overview of Faculty Programs," "Undergraduate Education Programs," and "Quebec Teacher Certification."

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Freshman Program

Students normally complete 30 credits in their Freshman (U0) year.

The Freshman year is the time to take introductory-level courses in the subjects taught in elementary school, as well as to explore areas that are not normally taken as "teachable" subject area courses within B.Ed. programs (e.g. Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, etc.). Students should also investigate the possibility of taking one of the First Year Seminar courses offered by the Faculty of Arts or the Faculty of Science.

In addition, in consultation with the Program Adviser, students may select courses from the recommended course list below or other courses. Included in the list are several French Second Language (FRSL) courses for which placement tests are required to determine the appropriate level. Also recommended are any 100- or 200-level courses with the subject codes of ANTH (Anthropology), ENGL (English), GEOG (Geography), HIST (History), MUAR (Music-Arts Faculty), POLI (Political Science), PSYC (Psychology), RELG (Religious Studies), and SOCI (Sociology). For 200-level courses, information about any required prerequisites is found in the Minerva Class

Schedule by "clicking on" the course CRN for registration. Check prerequisites before registering.

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEE 325	Children's Literature.	3
EDEM 220	Contemporary Issues in Education.	3
EDES 366	Literature for Young Adults.	3
FRSL 101	Beginners French 1.	3
FRSL 102	Beginners French 2.	3
FRSL 207D1	Elementary French 01.	3
FRSL 207D2	Elementary French 01.	3
FRSL 211D1	Oral and Written French 1.	3
FRSL 211D2	Oral and Written French 1.	3
MATH 111	Mathematics for Education Students.	3
RELG 207	Introduction to the Study of Religions.	3
WCOM 250	Research Essay and Rhetoric.	3

Required Courses (84 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 201	First Year Professional Seminar.	1
EDEC 203	Communication in Education.	3
EDEC 215	English Exam for Teacher Certification.	0
EDEC 233	Indigenous Education.	3
EDEC 247	Policy Issues in Quebec and Indigenous Education.	3
EDEC 253	Second Professional Seminar (Kindergarten/Elementary).	1
EDEC 260	Philosophical Foundations.	3
EDEC 262	Media, Technology and Education.	3
EDEC 405	Fourth Year Professional Seminar (K/Elem).	3
EDEE 223	Language Arts.	3
EDEE 230	Elementary School Mathematics 1.	3
EDEE 253	Kindergarten Classroom Pedagogy.	3
EDEE 260	Reading Methods - Kindergarten/Elementary.	3
EDEE 270	Elementary School Science.	3
EDEE 273	Elementary School Science 2.	3
EDEE 280	Geography, History and Citizenship Education.	3
EDEE 283	Social Studies Pedagogy.	3
EDEE 332	Teaching Elementary Mathematics 2.	3
EDEE 353	Third Year Professional Seminar (Kindergarten/Elementary).	3
EDEE 355	Classroom-based Evaluation.	3
EDER 360	Culture and Citizenship in Quebec Context (K/Elem).	2
EDFE 200	First Field Experience (K/Elem and Secondary).	2
EDFE 256	Second Field Experience (Kindergarten/Elementary).	3

EDFE 306	Third Field Experience (Kindergarten/Elementary).	8
EDFE 406	Fourth Field Experience (K/Elem).	7
EDPE 300	Educational Psychology.	3
EDPI 309	Diverse Learners.	3
EDPI 341	Instruction in Inclusive Schools.	3

Complementary Courses (12 credits)

12 credits of courses selected as described below:

Equity Education

3 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 248	Equity and Education.	3
EDEC 249	Global Education and Social Justice.	3

Culture and Citizenship in Quebec

3 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDER 309	The Search for World Views.	3
EDER 536	Critical and Ethical Dimensions of Sexualities Education.	3
QCST 200	Introduction to the Study of Quebec.	0-3
QCST 300	Quebec Culture and Society.	3
QCST 440	Contemporary Issues in Quebec.	3

Kindergarten and Elementary Teaching Methods - Art, Drama, or Music

3-6 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEA 332	Art Curriculum and Instruction - Elementary.	3
EDEA 342	Curriculum and Instruction in Drama Education.	3
EDEA 345	Music Curriculum and Instruction for Generalists.	3
EDER 530	Methods in Comprehensive Sexualities Education.	3

Kindergarten & Elementary Teaching Methods - Physical Education or English Second Language

0-3 credits from:

Students may select both their Methods courses from the list above for Art, Drama, or Music.

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Course	Title	Credits
EDKP 332	Physical Education Curriculum and Instruction.	3
EDSL 447	Methods in TESL 1.	3

¹ Note: EDSL 447 Methods in TESL 1. has EDSL 350 Essentials of English Grammar. as a prerequisite.

Kindergarten & Elementary Education - Subject Areas (18 credits)

18 credits selected in consultation with the Program Adviser as follows:

9 credits in "teachable" subject area courses of the elementary school curriculum from the lists below for Art, English, Ethics and Religious Culture, French, Mathematics, Music, Natural Sciences, Physical Education, and Social Studies.

And

9 credits, 3 credits from each of any three subject areas not chosen above.

No more than 9 credits may be selected from any single course list.

Note: In all subject areas, other relevant courses can be chosen with adviser's permission.

Art

Students may select up to 9 credits from this list and from Art History (ARTH) courses.

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEA 204	Drawing.	3
EDEA 205	Painting 2.	3
EDEA 241	Basic Art Media for Classroom.	3
EDEA 296	Basic Design.	3
EDEA 304	Painting 3.	3
EDEA 307	Drawing 2.	3
EDEA 410	Aesthetics and Art for the Classroom.	3
EDEA 496	Sculpture 1.	3

English

Students may select up to 9 credits from this list.

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Course	Title	Credits
CLAS 203	Greek Mythology.	3
COMS 200	History of Communication.	3
COMS 210	Introduction to Communication Studies.	3
COMS 300	Media and Modernity in the 20th Century.	3
COMS 310	Media and Feminist Studies.	3
COMS 320	Media and Empire.	3
COMS 330	Media in Cultural Life.	3

EDEE 325	Children's Literature.	3
EDES 366	Literature for Young Adults.	3
EDSL 350	Essentials of English Grammar.	3
ENGL 200	Survey of English Literature 1.	3
ENGL 201	Survey of English Literature 2.	3
ENGL 215	Introduction to Shakespeare.	3
ENGL 225	American Literature 1.	3
ENGL 226	American Literature 2.	3
ENGL 227	American Literature 3.	3
ENGL 228	Canadian Literature 1.	3
ENGL 229	Canadian Literature 2.	3
ENGL 230	Introduction to Theatre Studies.	3
ENGL 237	Introduction to Study of a Literary Form.	3
ENGL 279	Introduction to Film History.	3
ENGL 280	Introduction to Film as Mass Medium.	3
ENGL 314	20th Century Drama.	3
ENGL 345	Literature and Society.	3
ENGL 347	Great Writings of Europe 1.	3
ENGL 349	English Literature and Folklore 1.	3
ENGL 388	Studies in Popular Culture.	3
LING 200	Introduction to the Study of Language.	3
LING 201	Introduction to Linguistics.	3

Culture and Citizenship in Quebec

Students may select up to 9 credits from this list. Students may also choose other Religious Studies (RELG) courses with the permission of the Program Adviser.

Culture

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Course	Title	Credits
CANS 413	Canada and Quebec Seminar.	3
CANS 415	Black Canada.	3
QCST 200	Introduction to the Study of Quebec.	0-3
QCST 300	Quebec Culture and Society.	3
QCST 440	Contemporary Issues in Quebec.	3

Citizenship

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 374	Education and the Environment.	3
EDER 252	Understanding and Teaching Jewish Life.	3
EDER 536	Critical and Ethical Dimensions of Sexualities Education.	3
ENVR 201	Society, Environment and Sustainability.	3
ENVR 203	Knowledge, Ethics and Environment.	3
JWST 211	Jewish Studies 1: Biblical Period.	3
JWST 240	The Holocaust.	3
JWST 382	Jews, Judaism and Social Justice.	3

RELG 203	Bible and Western Culture.	3
RELG 204	Judaism, Christianity and Islam.	3
RELG 207	Introduction to the Study of Religions.	3
RELG 252	Hinduism and Buddhism.	3
RELG 253	Religions of East Asia.	3
RELG 270	Religious Ethics and the Environment.	3
RELG 271	Religion and Sexuality.	3
RELG 309	World Religions and Cultures They Create..	3
RELG 341	Introduction: Philosophy of Religion.	3

Note ENVR courses have limited enrolment.

Ethics and Philosophy

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Course	Title	Credits
EDER 395	Moral Values and Human Action.	3
EDER 461	Society and Change.	3
EDER 494	Human Rights and Ethics in Practice.	3
GSFS 200	Feminist and Social Justice Studies.	3
PHIL 200	Introduction to Philosophy 1.	3
PHIL 230	Introduction to Moral Philosophy 1.	3
PHIL 237	Contemporary Moral Issues.	3

French

Students may choose up to 9 credits of French as a Second Language (FRSL) courses and/or French (FREN) courses and/or:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDSL 341	Littératie et littérature jeunesse en FLS.	3

Mathematics

Students may choose up to 9 credits of Mathematics (MATH) courses at the 200 level or higher.

Note: Students admitted with CEGEP mathematics (or equivalent) may not take MATH 111 Mathematics for Education Students. for credit. MATH 111 Mathematics for Education Students. is a recommended course for Freshman students.

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Course	Title	Credits
MATH 111	Mathematics for Education Students.	3

Music

Students may choose up to 9 credits from this list. Students may also select any Music course with the MUGT, MUHL, MUIT, or MUCT subject codes.

With the permission of the Program Adviser, students without a formal music background may choose courses with the MUAR subject code.

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEA 341	Listening for Learning.	3
MUJZ 160	Jazz Materials 1. ¹	3
MUJZ 161	Jazz Materials 2. ¹	3

¹ Requires permission from the Schulich School of Music to register.

Natural Sciences

Students may choose up to 9 credits from this list.

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Course	Title	Credits
ATOC 181	Introduction to Atmospheric Science.	3
ATOC 182	Introduction to Oceanic Sciences.	3
ATOC 184	Science of Storms.	3
ATOC 185	Natural Disasters.	3
BIOL 115	Essential Biology.	3
CHEM 180	World of Chemistry: Environment.	3
CHEM 181	World of Chemistry: Food.	3
CHEM 182	World of Chemistry: Technology.	3
CHEM 183	World of Chemistry: Drugs.	3
EDEC 374	Education and the Environment.	3
EDEE 473	Ecological Studies.	3
EPSC 180	The Terrestrial Planets.	3
EPSC 181	Environmental Geology.	3
EPSC 185	Natural Disasters.	3
EPSC 201	Understanding Planet Earth.	3
PHYS 180	Space, Time and Matter.	3
PHYS 181	Everyday Physics.	3
PHYS 182	Our Evolving Universe.	3
PHYS 183	The Milky Way Inside and Out.	3

Physical Education

Students may take up to 9 credits of Physical Education (EDKP) courses from the list with the permission of the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education.

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Course	Title	Credits
EDKP 204	Health Education.	3
EDKP 208	Biomechanics and Motor Learning.	3
EDKP 261	Motor Development.	3
EDKP 292	Nutrition and Wellness. ¹	3
EDKP 498	Sport Psychology.	3

¹ Note: EDKP 292 Nutrition and Wellness. is available as an academic Physical Education course. All other EDKP courses are restricted.

Social Studies

Students may take up to 9 credits from this list below which represents a balance of History (HIST), Geography (GEOG), and Citizenship

courses offered by several departments. Anthropology (ANTH) and Sociology (SOCL) courses not on the list below may not be counted as Social Studies courses in the program requirements. Students may take them as electives only.

Students may select additional History courses as follows:

Any 3 credits in European History

Any 3 credits in Asian, African, or Latin American History

Any 3 credits in any topic or field of history

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Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 202	Socio-Cultural Anthropology.	3
CANS 200	Understanding Canada.	3
CANS 310	Canadian Cultures: Context and Issues.	3
GEOG 200	Geographical Perspectives: World Environmental Problems.	3
GEOG 205	Global Change: Past, Present and Future.	3
GEOG 210	Global Places and Peoples.	3
GEOG 217	Cities in the Modern World.	3
GSFS 200	Feminist and Social Justice Studies. ¹	3
HIST 202	Survey: Canada to 1867.	3
HIST 203	Survey: Canada since 1867.	3
JWST 240	The Holocaust. ¹	3
POLI 221	Government of Canada.	3
POLI 222	Political Process and Behaviour in Canada.	3

¹ May be used as Ethics and Religious Culture or Social Studies courses.

Electives (6 credits)

6 credits at the undergraduate level.