

2025-2026 Degree Map- Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. The milestones listed to the right of each term are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. The Sample Schedule serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term. See course descriptions and prerequisites at <https://catalog.atu.edu/>

#Prerequisite Courses: ENGL 0303 _____ MATH 0803 _____ MATH 0903 _____

Possible Careers: Preschool Teacher, Childcare Worker, Teaching Assistant, Nanny, Headstart Programs

Sample Schedule

Semester 1	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 1
ENGL 1013-Comp I (ACTS=ENGL 1013)	3	#	Draft a résumé and upload it to Handshake	
Mathematics (MATH 1003, 1113, or higher)	3	#		
Science with Lab	4			
Social Sciences	3			
ECE 2113- Basic Child Growth and Development	3			
TECH 1001- Orientation to the University	1			
Total hours	17	GPA		

Semester 2	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 2
ENGL 1023- Comp II (ACTS= ENGL 1023)	3	#	Join a student organization or interest group	
Communication	3			
Science with Lab	4			
Social Sciences	3			
ECE 2313- Foundations and Theories in Early Childhood Education	3			
Total hours	16	GPA	APPLY FOR GRADUATION	

The Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) is designed to assist in planning the academic progress of students. This system contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. The Arkansas Course Transfer System can be accessed by searching keyword "ACTS" at <https://adhe.edu/>

Fine Arts and Humanities ART 2123 Experiencing Art (ACTS=ARTA1003) MUS 2003 Survey of Music History (ACTS=MUSC1003) TH 2273 Introduction to Theatre (ACTS=DRAM 1003) ENGL/JOUR 2173 Introduction to Film ENGL 2003 Introduction to World Literature (ACTS=ENGL2113) ENGL 2013 Intro. to American Literature (ACTS=ENGL2653) PHIL 2003 Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS=PHIL1103) PHIL 2053 Introduction to Critical Thinking (ACTS=PHIL 1003) 1013 from SPAN, FR, GER, or JPN 1023 from SPAN, FR, GER, JPN, or CHIN LEAD 2003 Ethics in Leadership	U.S. History & Government HIST 1903 Survey of American History HIST 2003 U.S. History to 1877 (ACTS=HIST2113) HIST 2013 U.S. History since 1877 (ACTS=HIST2123) POLS 2003 American Government (ACTS=PLSC2003) Science with Lab BIOL 1014- Intro. to Biological Science (ACTS= BIOL1004) BIOL/PHSC 1004- Principles of Environmental Science GEOL 1014- Physical Geology (ACTS= GEOL 1114) University Honors students should consult Course Catalog for appropriate Fine Arts/Humanities, US History/Government and Social Science options for University Honors Curriculum.
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Semester 3	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 3
Fine Arts & Humanities	3			
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ECE 2513- Curriculum for Early Childhood Education	3			
ECE 2613- Methods/Materials Using Developmentally Appropriate Practices and Activities for Young Children	3		Meet with faculty about career paths to determine if additional school is required	
Total hours	12	GPA		

Semester 4	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 4
U.S. History/Government	3		Finalize résumé, cover letter, and references	
ECE 2996- Practicum in Early Childhood Education	6			
NUR 2303- Nutrition	3		Graduation Requirements: No more than 4 PE activity hours Min. hours required:60 2.00+ GPA	
SPED 2023- Dev. Characteristics of Diverse Learners	3			
Total hours	15	GPA		

General Electives: 0

indicates a "C" or higher is required

Certificate of Proficiency in Early Childhood Education can be added with no additional courses

Social Sciences HIST 1503 World History to 1500 (ACTS=HIST1113) HIST 1513 World History since 1500 (ACTS=HIST1123) HIST 2003 U.S. History to 1877 (ACTS=HIST2113) HIST 2013 U.S. History since 1877 (ACTS=HIST2123) HIST 1903 Survey of American History POLS 2003 American Government (ACTS=PLSC2003) ECON 2003 Principles of Macroeconomics (ACTS=ECON2103) ECON 2013 Principles of Microeconomics (ACTS=ECON2203) SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology (ACTS=SOC11013) PSY 2003 General Psychology (ACTS=PSYC1103)	ANTH 1213 Intro. to Anthropology (ACTS=ANTH1013) ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthropology (ACTS=ANTH2013) GEOG 2013 Regional Geography of the World (ACTS=GEOG2103) AMST 2003 American Studies FIN 2013 Personal Finance LEAD 1003 Introduction to Leadership Communication Courses COMM 1003 Intro to Speech Comm COMM 2003 Public Speaking COMM 2173 Business and Professional Speaking
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*Variable credit available for documented early childhood training related to the principles and procedures which support the development and operation of an effective early childhood education program. Credit may also be awarded for portfolio development for the Child Development Associate assessment. Equivalencies for awarding credit will be determined by the advisor in accordance with guidelines of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Additional coursework approved by the advisor may be applied toward any balance of credit needed to complete the nine hours.