

TOPS University Associate of Science: Teaching Grades 1-5
Postsecondary Partner: River Parishes Community College

Overview

The Associate of Science in Teaching is a 60-credit hour program for students who wish to teach elementary grade students, grades 1-5. The AST degree is fully transferable to four-year colleges of education in Louisiana, and successful completion of the degree enables recipients to enter a four-year college of education program with half of their certification requirements complete and all general education requirements met. In addition to general education courses, students will complete two professional education courses that include associated fieldwork experience, and they must pass two parts of the PRAXIS, or teacher certification exam, before graduation.

Capstone Credentials

Regional (Emerging)	Basic	Advanced	Fast Forward Advanced Plus
			-Associate of Science in Teaching Grades 1-5

*Core Academic Course
 **Jump Start CTE Course

Grade 9	
Semester 1	Semester 2
*English I 120331	*English II 120332
*Algebra I 160321	*Geometry 160323
*Civics 220501/220504	*Biology I 150301
*Physical Education I 190105	*½ Physical Education II 190106 ½ Health Education 190500

Grade 10	
Semester 1	Semester 2
*Algebra II 160322	*English III 120333
*U.S. History 220403	*World History 220401
*Physical Science 150802	*Chemistry I 150401
*Foreign Language I	*Foreign Language II

Additional and/or equivalent TOPS core aligned courses can be found in Bulletin 741.

Grade 11			
Semester 1		Semester 2	
Postsecondary Course	LDOE Course/Code	Postsecondary Course	LDOE Course/Code
*English Composition I ENGL 1010	*English III: DE-CENL 1013 English Composition I 120601	*English Composition II ENGL 1020	*English IV: DE-CENL 1023 English Composition II 120607
*College Algebra MATH 1100	*Algebra III: DE-CMAT 1213 College Algebra 160500	Geometry: Elementary & Middle School Teaching MATH 1168	TBD
*General Biology I BIOL 1010/Lab BIOL 1010L	*Biology I: DE-CBIO 1013 General Biology I 150321	*General Biology II BIOL 1020	*Biology II: DE-CBIO 1013 General Biology II 150325
*History of Western Civilization II HIST 1020	*Western Civilization: DE-CHIS 1023 Western Civilization II 220447	*American History HIST 2010	*U.S. History: DE-CHIS American History I 220407
		*Art Elective: Intro to Visual Arts ARTS 1010, Music Appreciation MUSC 1010, or Intro to Theater THTR 1020	*TBD by course selected (must meet TOPS requirements)

Grade 12			
Semester 1		Semester 2	
Postsecondary Course	LDOE Course/Code	Postsecondary Course	LDOE Course/Code
*American Literature II ENGL 2620	*English III: DE-CENL 2163 American Literature II 120604	*British Literature II ENGL 2520	*English IV: DE-CENL 2113 British Literature II 120609
Elementary Number Structure MATH 1167	TBD	*Introduction to Statistics MATH 2140	*Probability & Statistics: DE-CMAT 1303 Introductory Statistics 160356
*Physical Science I PHSC 1010/Lab PHSC 1010L	*Physical Science: DE- CPHY 1023 Physical Science I 150915	Physical Science II PHSC 1020/Lab PHSC 1020L	TBD
*Cultural Geography GEOG 2030	*World Geography: DE- CGRG 2113 World Regional Geography 220312	*American Government POLI 1100	*Government: DE- CPOL 2013 Introduction to American Government 220514
Teaching & Learning in Diverse Setting I TEAC 2010	DE Foundations of Education 100678	Teaching & Learning in Diverse Settings II TEAC 2030	DE Multicultural Learning Communities 100677

This pathway framework is an outline of how the approved courses can be implemented. Schools may opt to rearrange the order of course sequencing in order to meet local scheduling requirements. Additionally, Fast Forward pathways are dynamic and the Jump Start Review Panel will consider course equivalents on an as needed basis.