

Social Science & Education (SSE) Division Advising Nuances

SSE Areas of Study with Multiple Degree Types

Education

- **Early Childhood Education Technical Certificate** (8 ECED courses – no placement scores required)
- **Teaching, A.S.T. - Early Childhood Education (Pre K-3) (TTP)** (Pre K – 3rd grade teaching license pathway)
- **Teaching, A.S.T. - Elementary Education (K-5) (TTP)** (Kindergarten – 5th grade teaching license pathway)
- **Teaching, A.S.T. - Secondary Education (English) (TTP)** (Middle or high school teaching license pathway)
- **Teaching, A.S.T. - Secondary Education (Math) (TTP)** (Middle or high school teaching license pathway)
- **Teaching, A.S.T. - Secondary Education (Social Studies) (TTP)** (Middle or high school teaching license pathway)
- **University Parallel, A.S. - Secondary Education** (Middle or high school teaching license pathway)
- **University Parallel, A.S. - Special Education (TTP)**

Education Advising Tips:

A bachelors degree in Education is required to become a licensed classroom teacher in Tennessee.

Teaching, A.S.T. degrees require a 2.75 minimum graduation GPA. A and B grades are important from the beginning. **Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education** majors should take MATH 0105/1005 as their first math courses.

University Parallel, A.S. - Secondary Education is a broad starting place for middle/high school education tracks and will require selecting a subject specialty (Math, English, Biology, etc.) and grade range at the bachelors level.

Teaching Degrees require *observation hours*. EDU, EDUC, ECED courses require 10 hours of field observation hours in each course. This is observing, not “student teaching”. These courses can be taken in any order or combination but may have limited semester availability.

Background Checks are required for all student planning to be licensed for PreK to 12 credentials. If you are unable to pass a background check, please meet with your assigned advisor to discuss other career options.

Praxis / ACT: All degrees in teaching require either an ACT of 21, OR pass all three sections of the Praxis CORE exam. Minimum Praxis CORE scores are Writing=162, Reading=156, Mathematics=150. Schedule an appointment for the exam at <http://www.ets.org/praxis> using the following test code: Combined test (5752). If retesting is necessary, use the individual test code(s): Reading (5713), Writing (5723), and Mathematics (5733).

Criminal Justice

- **Correctional Officer Technical Certificate** (5 CRMJ courses – *can be* embedded in CRMJ AAS with CRMJ 1325 & 1341 as AAS electives)
- **Criminal Justice Technical Certificate** (5 CRMJ courses – embedded in CRMJ AAS)
- **Criminal Justice, A.A.S.** (Not a transfer pathway – requires 1 Gen. Ed. Math **or** 1 Gen. Ed. Science)
- **University Parallel, A.A. - Criminal Justice (TTP)**
- **University Parallel, A.S. - Criminal Justice (TTP)**

Criminal Justice Advising Tips:

CRMJ can be taken in any order or combination.

Background Checks are required for all student planning to go into the field of Criminal Justice. If you are unable to pass a background check, please meet with your assigned advisor to discuss other career options.

Exercise Science AS TTP

BIOL 2010: It is required that students have an *ACT composite* of 19 or higher. If the student does not meet the ACT requirement they are required to complete BIOL 1030 or CHEM 1030 prior to taking this course.

SSE Areas of Study Learning Support Math Requirements

MATH 0105 and 1005

(Prerequisite to take MATH 1130, 1410, 1530, 1630, and higher)

- Teaching, A.S.T. - Early Childhood Education (Pre K-3)
(TTP)
- Teaching, A.S.T. - Elementary Education (K-5) (TTP)
- Teaching, A.S.T. - Secondary Education (Math) (TTP)
- University Parallel, A.A./A.S. - Economics (TTP)
- University Parallel, A.S. - Special Education (TTP)

MATH 0153 and 1530

(Only satisfies prerequisite to take MATH 1530, or MATH 1010 in a future term)

- University Parallel, A.A. - International Affairs (TTP)
- University Parallel, A.A./A.S. - Political Science (TTP)
- University Parallel, A.A./A.S. - Psychology (TTP)
- University Parallel, A.S. – Social Work (TTP)
- University Parallel, A.A./A.S. - Sociology (TTP)
- University Parallel, A.S. - Sports and Leisure
Management (TTP)

MATH 0101 and 1010

(Only satisfies prerequisite to take MATH 1010, or MATH 1530 in a future term)

- Criminal Justice, A.A.S.
- Teaching, A.S.T. - Secondary Education (English)
(TTP)
- Teaching, A.S.T. - Secondary Education (Social
Studies) (TTP)
- University Parallel, A.A./A.S. - Criminal Justice (TTP)
- University Parallel, A.A./A.S. - History (TTP)
- University Parallel, A.S. - Exercise Science (TTP)
- University Parallel, A.S. - Health, Physical Education,
and Sports Medicine
- University Parallel, A.S. - Human Services – No new
students, discontinued Spring 2026
- University Parallel, A.S. - Secondary Education
- University Parallel, A.S. - Social Science and
Education