Merrimack

MACK MAJOR

Human Development: Elementary Education (1-6)

Merrimack College's School of Education offers dynamic, responsive, and focused programs that prepare and support individuals to be thoughtful, passionate, and competent teachers, educational leaders, community workers and engaged citizens. The Human Development major accommodates students with interests in a variety of human service studies, including but not limited to, Education and Psychology. The Human Development major is a perfect choice for students wishing to gain an understanding of development across the lifespan and provides a solid foundation for students interested in graduate programs and/or future careers in education, human services and social sciences. This major is strongly encouraged for those students interested in becoming early childhood or elementary education teachers. Human Development is truly an interdisciplinary major - - students will take courses in Education, Psychology, and courses across the Liberal Arts and Sciences.

All Human Development majors take a set of core courses: a series of Foundational courses, a series of courses in Approaches to Inquiry, and specific courses addressing Developmental Progressions and Processes in a variety of psychological domains. Additionally, all students choose an area of concentration in one of the following: (1) Psychology; (2) Elementary Education, (3) Elementary & Moderate Disabilities (4) Early Childhood Education and (5) School and Society. Finally, all students fulfill a capstone experience, either through their practicum (student-teaching), senior thesis, or field experience component. This program sheet outlines the requirements for the Human Development: Elementary option.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: ELEMENTARY (1-6) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Foundational

PSY 1000	Introduction to Psychology	4
EDU 2110	Foundations & Principles of Education	4
PSY 2300	Developmental Psychology **OR**	4
EDU 2210	Child & Adolescent Development	4

Approaches to Inquiry

PSY 1100W	Psychology Inquiry & Methodology	4
PSY 2110	Statistical Methods in Psychology (PSY/Math Content)	4

Teaching & Education

EDU 3210	Psychology of Learning & Assessment	4
EDU 3310	Teaching Reading & Language Arts	4
EDU 3340	Teaching Mathematics & Technology	4
EDU 3360	Teaching Science, Health & Phys Ed	4
EDU 4220	Diff Instruc for the Inclusive Classroom	2
EDU 4221	Classroom Management	2
EDU 4320	Teaching Social Studies	2
EDU 4340	Children's Literature	2
MTE 1410	Foundations in Mathematics I	4
MTH 1412	Foundations in Mathematics II	4
EDU 2500	Pre-Practicum	0
EDU 2510	Pre-Practicum	0

Developmental Progressions & Processes

Choose Two:

EDU 2230	Applied Adolescent Psychology	4
PSY 3380	Psychology of Aging **OR**	4
SOC 3850	Sociology of Aging	4
PSY 3340	Developmental Psychopathology	4
PSY 3310	Development of Intelligence/Thinking ***OR***	4
EDU 4500	Language Acquisition & Literacy Curriculum Development	4

Capstone:

EDU 4903	Practicum – Elementary Schools	12

Elective: Choose One

PSY 3250	Cultural Psychology	4
EDU 3620	Cultural Diversity in the Schools	4
SOC 3450	Sociology of the Family	4
EDU 3200	Language and Social Processes	4
EDU 4480	Critical Education: Theory, Literacy & Pedagogy	4

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HSC 1106	Human Biology	4

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must meet the College's General Education (formerly referred to as Institutional & Distributional) requirements by successfully completing approved courses on the Liberal Studies Core Curriculum Master List.

Additionally, students seeking DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) teacher licensure must complete DESE distribution requirements. With careful planning, students can choose courses that fulfill both Merrimack College General Education requirements and DESE licensure requirements. Please meet with your advisor to create a course schedule.

Please note that the former Institutional & Distributional requirements still apply to current students. The new General Education requirements apply only to incoming fall 2012 students and beyond (and all transfer students).

If you have questions or need more information, please contact the School of Education at **978-837-5452**.
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