



## Prerequisite Information

The following three prerequisite courses must be successfully passed prior to the beginning of the program. Prerequisite courses can be “In Progress” at the application deadline. Below are the three courses and the accepted CSUF courses.

1. **Child or Human Development** (choose one: CAS 101, CAS 312, CAS 315, CAS 325A & CAS 325B, OR PSYC 361) or equivalent & Grade of “C” or better.
2. **Introduction to Elementary Classroom Teaching** (EDEL 315) or equivalent & Grade of “B-” or better.
3. **Cultural Pluralism in Elementary Schools** (EDEL 325) or equivalent & Grade of “B-” or better. Must be taken at a 4-year university.

Please note: EDEL 315 and EDEL 325 are not offered during intersession or summer sessions at CSUF.

Beginning Fall 2021, the CSUF College of Education is adding an Ethnic Studies requirement to our initial credential prerequisites. **Completion of an Ethnic Studies prerequisite is not required for Fall 2021 applicants**; however, priority will be given to students who take at least one course in Ethnic Studies. This means if a program does not have enough spots for all applicants, priority is given to those students who have completed this requirement. **Completion of an Ethnic Studies prerequisite will be required for those applying to the credential program in Spring 2022 or later.**

The Ethnic Studies course must meet the following requirements:

1. Cross-listed courses will not be accepted at this time. Students must take the course in an Ethnic Studies Department.
2. Students must pass with a “C-” or better.
3. The course must be taken within 10 years prior to admittance into the program.

Suggested CSUF courses:

- CH/AF/AS 190 – Survey of American History with Emphasis on Ethnic Minorities (also counts for the CSU US history requirement)
- AFAM 103 – Critical Race Theory
- AFAM 335 – History of Racism
- ASAM 201 – The History of Asian Pacific Americans
- ASAM 300 – Intro to Asian Pacific American Studies
- ASAM 308 – Asian American Women
- CHIC 325 – Chicana and Chicano Education
- CHIC 331 – The Chicano Child
- CHIC 332 – The Chicano Adolescent



## Course Equivalency

If you completed one or more of the prerequisite courses at another college or university, please check the course equivalency chart on the website to determine if the courses have already been approved for equivalency. If your course is listed and you took it within the required timeframe (5 years prior to the term you are admitted to the program for Human Development, Introduction to Elementary Classroom Teaching, and Cultural Pluralism; 10 years for Ethnic Studies), you do not need to submit a petition.

Applicants must submit petitions for prerequisite courses if either of the following situations applies:

1. If a course is not listed on the course equivalency chart and you believe that it meets the course requirements, or
2. The course has expired (5 years prior to the term you are admitted to the program for Human Development, Introduction to Elementary Classroom Teaching, and Cultural Pluralism; 10 years prior to the term you are admitted to the program for Ethnic Studies)

Petition forms are located on the website under the “Prerequisites” section.

### Summary of Prerequisites for the Multiple Subject Credential & Combined Programs

<i>Prerequisite</i>	<i>CSUF Course</i>	<i>Required Grade</i>	<i>Expiration</i>	<i>Additional Information</i>
Human Development	CAS 101, CAS 312, CAS 315, CAS 325A & CAS 325B, OR PSYC 361	C or better	5 years prior to the term you are admitted to the program	Can be taken at a community college
Introduction to Elementary Classroom Teaching	EDEL 315	B- or better	5 years prior to the term you are admitted to the program	Can be taken at a community college. 45 hours of fieldwork required to be completed in conjunction with the course.
Cultural Pluralism	EDEL 325	B- or better	5 years prior to the term you are admitted to the program	Must be taken at a 4-year university.
Ethnic Studies	CH/AF/AS 190, AFAM 103, AFAM 335, ASAM 201, ASAM 300, ASAM 308, CHIC 325, CHIC 331, OR CHIC 332	C- or better	10 years prior to the term you are admitted to the program	Cross-listed courses will not be accepted at this time. Students must take the course in an Ethnic Studies Department. Optional for Fall 2021 applicants and required for Spring 2022 and later applicants.



## Cal State Apply Tips To take Prerequisites for Multiple Subject Credential Programs

- When creating your profile, you must choose the appropriate **Degree Goal**:
  - If you intend to apply to the **Credential Only** program after taking the prerequisites, you must select “Teaching Credential Only (e.g. Single or Multiple Subject, PPS, Librarian, Admin, CalStateTEACH)”. Our program is the “**Multiple Subject Credential**” program.
  - If you intend to apply to the **Combined Master’s and Credential** program after taking the prerequisites, you must select “Graduate (e.g. Master’s, Doctoral) or Professional’s Degree”. Our program is the “**Education – Combined Elementary Curriculum and Instruction and Credential**” program.
  - If you are an undergraduate, you need to take prerequisites as an undergraduate unless you do not have space and it would extend your graduation.
- There are four quadrants that must be complete before you submit the application to take prerequisites:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Personal Information (Q1)</b></p> <p>Complete all areas and answer all questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release Statement</li> <li>• Biographic Information</li> <li>• Contact Information</li> <li>• Citizenship/Residency Information</li> <li>• Race &amp; Ethnicity</li> <li>• Other Information</li> <li>• Financial and Parental Information</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Academic History (Q2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colleges Attended: Enter every higher education institution attended, and dates attended.</li> <li>• GPA Entries: Enter cumulative GPA for each institution. Credit Hours = Units</li> <li>• Standardized Tests: Click “I Am Not Adding Any Standardized Tests”</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Supporting Information (Q3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiences: Click “I Am Not Adding Any Experiences”</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Program Materials (Q4)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read posted instructions carefully</b></li> <li>• Documents: Nothing to upload at this time except <b>official transcripts</b> from each college or university attended. However, if you have any of the documents listed on the application checklist that are listed in this section, you are welcome to upload them.</li> <li>• Recommendations: Click “I Am Not Adding Any Recommendations”</li> <li>• Answer all questions marked “Required”. Answer any optional questions for which you have the information. Otherwise, leave blank.</li> </ul>

- If you plan to begin the credential program **the following term**, you **must** return to the Cal State Apply Application that you submitted for the pre-requisites to upload the required application documents and add recommendation requests. **DO NOT** start a new application for the term you intend to begin the program **unless** you were not enrolled in courses the immediate previous semester. Once all documents are uploaded (completing the program application), email [mscpadmissions@fullerton.edu](mailto:mscpadmissions@fullerton.edu).
- No recommendations are required for the prerequisite application, and two recommendations are required to apply to the program. If you will be rolling over your prerequisite application to apply to the program, you will be still able to add recommendation requests after your application has already been submitted, even if you select “I Am Not Adding Any Recommendations” prior to submitting your application.