

**New Jersey Coastal Communiversy
Georgian Court University / Brookdale Community College**

**Additions to Degree Plan for Students in Bachelor’s Degree
Elementary Education Program who wish to qualify for Teacher of a Specific Subject Grades 5-8
endorsement**

To be eligible for the elementary school with teacher of a specific subject grades 5-8 endorsement, the state of New Jersey requires that the student

1. hold an elementary school endorsement or certificate .
2. complete study in the characteristics of young adolescents. This can be satisfied by taking BCC’s PSYC-206 or equivalent course(s) in child and adolescent psychology/development.
3. complete at least 15 semester hours in any one of the following fields (Table 1) **and** pass the corresponding state-required test (note: test requirement information is accurate as of February 15, 2011 – students are advised to visit <http://www.ets.org> to verify current test requirements):

Table 1. Praxis Test necessary for Teacher of a Specific Subject Grades 5-8 endorsement in Subject Fields.

| Subject Field | Praxis Test |
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| English Language Arts Literacy | Middle School English Language Arts Test #0049 Session 1 |
| Mathematics | Middle School Mathematics Test #0069 Session 2 |
| Science | Middle School Science Test #0439 Session 1 |
| Social Studies | Middle School Social Studies Test #0089 Session 2 |

The 15 semester hours of courses must appear on a 4-year college transcript. Therefore, students in a Bachelor’s Degree Elementary Education program should take all of the courses they need BEFORE completing their bachelor’s degree program.

The above requirements are in addition to the requirements for K-5 certification. In other words, Praxis tests for Teacher of a Specific Subject Grades 5-8 are not a substitute for Praxis tests for K-5.

It is strongly recommended that students review the content of the state-required tests (see <http://www.ets.org>) when selecting their college courses to ensure that they choose courses that will prepare them to be successful on the test and in the classroom.

Students will be better able to attain a teaching position if they have a teacher of a specific subject grades 5-8 endorsement in more than one area (e.g., mathematics AND science rather than mathematics OR science) and if they take more than the required 15 hours minimum in each subject field.

Students following a NJ Coastal Communiversy Brookdale Community College - Georgian Court University Bachelor’s Degree Elementary Education Degree Plan can earn the credit hours required for subject matter specialization as indicated in Tables 2-5. All of the courses in these tables transfer to Georgian Court University.

Table 2. Teacher of a Specific Subject Grades 5-8 **English Language Arts Literacy endorsement**

| Courses already part of the degree plan (12 hours) | Recommended additional courses (at least 3 more hours required) |
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| 1. ENGL121 Engl Comp 2. ENGL122 Engl Comp 3. ENGL235 or 236 World Lit I or II 4. ENGL245 or 246 Am Lit I or Am Lit II | 1. ENGL155 Short Story 2. ENGL156 Intro Poetry 3. ENGL158 Intro Literature or ENGL206 Approaches to Literary Studies 4. ENGL231 Brit Lit I or ENGL232 Brit Lit II or ENGL275 Shakespeare's Plays |

Table 3. Teacher of a Specific Subject Grades 5-8 **Mathematics endorsement**

| Courses already part of the degree plan (7-8 hours) | Recommended additional courses (at least 7-8 more hours required) |
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| 1. MATH136 Math for the Lib Arts (3 cr) or MATH146 Adv Topics in Math for Lib Arts (4 cr) 2. MATH145 Algebraic Modeling (4 cr) | 1. MATH131 Statistics (4 cr) 2. MATH152 Trigonometry (3 cr) 3. MATH153 Pre-Calculus (4 cr) 4. MATH161 Technical Math I (4 cr) NOTE: Content of MATH136, 146 and 161 is similar. Student is advised not to take more than one course from among MATH136, 146 and 161. Georgian Court will transfer only one of the three if the student took more than one. |

Table 4. Teacher of a Specific Subject Grades 5-8 **Science endorsement**

| Courses already part of the degree plan (8 hours): 2 of the following: | Recommended additional courses (at least 8 more hours required). Choose from different disciplines than those already taken. Student ideally will have at least one course total in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology and Meteorology. |
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| BIOL101 (or 105), 102, 111, 112, 215; CHEM100, 101, 102, 116; PHYS105 (or 108), 111, 112, 121, 122 | 1. One or two laboratory courses in BIOL, CHEM or PHYS (whichever one or two disciplines was not taken previously) (4 or 8 cr) 2. ENVR125 Meteorology (3 cr) 3. GEOL101 Physical Geol (4 cr) or GEOL102 Historical Geol (4 cr) |

Table 5. Teacher of a Specific Subject Grades 5-8 **Social Studies endorsement**

| Courses already part of the degree plan (6 hours)** | Recommended additional courses (at least 9 more hours required) |
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| 1. HIST135 or 136 Am Civ I or II 2. HGEO105 Human Geogr | 1. HIST105 or 106 World Civ I or II 2. ECON105 or 106 or 107 Macro Econ, Micro Econ, or Economics (ECON107 is preferred) 3. POLI101 or POLI105 Intro Poli Sci or Am Nat'l Govt |

Although HIST202 Hist of NJ is part of the K-5 degree plan and counts as a social studies course for K-8 Social Studies endorsement, students are **strongly advised to take at least 3 hours from each of the 3 subject areas in the Recommended Additional Courses column to be prepared to teach grades 6-8 subject matter and to do well on the Praxis exam.

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