

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM & LEARNING

2020-2021 ADVISING  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**I have declared my major as Pre-Elementary Education but would like to change to Pre- Elementary Bilingual Education - how can I switch?**

You may change your major by visiting MySCSU → Records → Select change program or degree. Please know that changing your major during the 4 weeks of advising (approx. midterm) may impact the way you and your advisor negotiate your planned program. In other words, if you attend an advising session, plan your program for your program and then change programs, you will need to recreate a planned program.

**Why do I have two majors as a Pre-EDU student, e.g. Collaborative and Liberal Studies (LBS).**

As an Education student in one of our four programs, you will learn about pedagogy, educational theories and their implications, methodologies, and effective practices for *all* learners. Additionally, you will engage with a deeper study of the world in which we live through the social sciences (history and psychology) and humanities (languages and literacies). A significant portion of any early childhood and elementary education curricula is dedicated to language, literacy development and an exploration of communities, both historically and present day. You may have noticed that each education major has a pre-assigned corresponding Liberal Studies major that is divided into two concentrations, essentially minors.

• EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE)	→	• Psychology & Children, Families & Communities
• ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (EE)	→	• English (Language, Literature & Writing) & <b>History</b>
• ELEMENTARY BILINGUAL EDUCATION (EBE)	→	• English (Language, Literature & Writing) & Spanish
• COLLABORATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION/ELEMENTARY EDUCATION	→	• English (Language, Literature & Writing) & <b>History</b>

**Can I change my LBS major to a different area of study than that of the pre-selected concentration?**

These areas of study have been chosen based upon the funds of knowledge that both school curricula and SCSU faculty privilege and believe apprenticing teachers should cultivate in order to become highly effective. For students in the Elementary Education or Collaborative Programs, you may swap out the history concentration with any of the following 13 *pre-approved* concentrations: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Social Science, Environmental Studies, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Geography, Math, Physics, Political Science, Anthropology, Sociology and Economics. Considerable thought has been dedicated to the creation of LBS concentrations. They have been chosen with your best interests in mind so that, together, we can explore ways you can provide the highest levels of instruction to future students. Please note that swapping out History for another concentration will directly influence your shared three, i.e. you may have to take one or two additional courses. Other concentrations that allow the “share three” are Social Science and Latin American & Caribbean Studies.

## When and how do I go about applying to my program of choice within the Department of Curriculum & Learning?

In order to apply to your program – change from a Pre-Education student to an Education student – you must have completed all four prerequisite courses: EDU 206 for Early Childhood majors and EDU 200 for all other Pre-education students, ENG 112, SED 225 or SED 481, and MAT 105. The exception is for students with junior status and transfer students with 60+ credits who are currently completing these requirements. Contact your program coordinator to confirm eligibility if you are a junior or a transfer student with 60+ credits.

## What else do I need to complete my application to the Education program of my choice?

Please refer to the document titled "[C&L Application Checklist](#)," for more information. You will need to create a free TK20 account at [tk20.southernct.edu](http://tk20.southernct.edu). You will also need to submit basic test scores in reading, writing, and math. One option for doing this is to take the Praxis Core. Another option is to use SAT or ACT scores to waive this requirement. More information is available on the document entitled "[Basic Skills Testing Requirement](#)." A final significant feature of your application will be your essay. Again, please refer to the C&L Application Checklist and TK20 for further details.

## For Elementary and Collaborative (Special Ed/Elem) majors only: How can I request a change from my HIS concentration to one of the 13 pre-approved concentrations (Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Studies, Geography, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Mathematics, Physics, Political Science, *Social Science, Sociology, Economics, Anthropology*)?

1. Banner Web
2. Select Selection of Degree/Change Major or Minor
3. Or go straight to: <https://apps.southernct.edu/owls/sop/main>
4. At this page, log in again.
5. Then Select to change your MAJOR.
6. Select "this is to replace my previous degree Program":
7. Fill out the remainder of the form, as follows (see screen shot)
  - a. Liberal Studies, ENTER NAME OF CONCENTRATION you are changing
  - b. Select that your new major is "Liberal Studies, B.S. (second major for Education students)"
  - c. Then select the TWO concentrations you want (NOTE: discuss acceptable concentrations with your advisor).

Replace Previous Major

Liberal Studies NAME OF |concentration

Enter the Major you would like to replace.

Major

Liberal Studies, B.S. (second major for Education students only)

Select the major you would like to add.

Please meet with an assigned academic advisor prior to declaring the B.A. or B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies or Liberal Studies. Visit the [list of advisors](#).

Select the Concentrations for the Interdisciplinary and Liberal Studies majors.

Concentration 1

Concentration in Social Science

Concentration 2

Concentration in English - Language, Literature, and Writing

Submit Request Cancel

8. Your Selection of Degree will then be sent to the Chair of Curriculum and Learning for approval. The process can take a few weeks.