CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

Child & Adolescent Studies Major Advisement Sheet
Elementary Education (CHAP)
Fall 2025

Student Name/CWID:
Advisor Name:
Date:

This advising packet provides comprehensive advice for all required coursework in the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Child and Adolescent Studies: Elementary Education Concentration (CHAP). Course information is organized into these categories:

1. General Education (GE) & American Government

GE Category	Recommendation	Class Taken	Notes
Lower-Division GE			
1 English Communication			
1A Written Communication			
1B Critical Thinking			
1C Oral Communication			
2 Math & Quant Reasoning			
2A Math & Quant Reasoning			
3 Arts & Humanities			
3A Intro to Arts			
3B Intro to Humanities			
4 Social & Behavioral Sciences			
4A Intro to Soc & Behav Sci	CAS 101		This course also counts as part of the CAS Core.
4B Am History, Inst & Values	AFAM/ASAM/ CHIC/HIST 190		These classes meet a prerequisite for CSUF teaching credential programs.
5 Physical & Biol Sciences			
5A Physical Science			
5B Biological Science			
5C Laboratory Experience			
6 Ethnic Studies			
American Gov Graduation Req			
Upper-Division GE			
2U Impli/Explore Math & Quant Reasoning			
3U Explore Arts or Humanities	ART 380, THTR 311 or ENGL 341		This course also counts as a Topical Development course.
4U Explor Soc & Behav Sci	EDEL 325		EDEL 325 is a required prerequisite for the multiple subject and Pk-3 credential programs. If you are seeking a SPED credential, see recommended classes at this link.
5U Impli/Explore Phys & Biol Sciences			You must take **either 2U or 5U.** You do not need to take both.
Z Cultural Diversity	EDEL 325		EDEL 325 (recommended in 4U) will also meet area Z.

- 3 GE classes must be upper-division (300+) classes taken at the CSU: 3U, 4U, and either 2U or 5U. These **GE Categories are listed in orange** above.
- Additional information is available at https://www.fullerton.edu/general-education/

2. CAS Core Courses (taken by all majors regardless of concentration)

CSUF CAS Class	Class Taken	Notes
CAS 100 Foundations for Success in CAS **OR** CAS 200 Thriving as a Transfer Student in CAS		CAS 100/200 should be taken in your first year at CSUF.
CAS 101 Intro to Child Devel		
CAS 201 Child, Family, & Comm		
SPED 371 Exceptional Individual		
CAS 300 Effective Prof Comm		
CAS 301 Inquiry & Method Devel		
CAS 302 Cultural Competence in Development		
CAS 325A Conception to Age 8		
CAS 325B Age 9 to Adolescence		
CAS 490T Topical Seminar		

CAS Core Sequence

CAS 100/200
➕
CAS 101
➕
CAS 201
➕
CAS 300
➕
CAS 301

CAS 302

CAS 100, CAS 101, and CAS 201 are prerequisites for CAS 302.
CAS 302 can be taken with
CAS 325A, CAS 325B, or CAS 490T.

CAS 325A

All classes in first column are prerequisites for CAS 325A

CAS 325B

CAS 325A is a prerequisite for CAS 325B.

CAS 490T
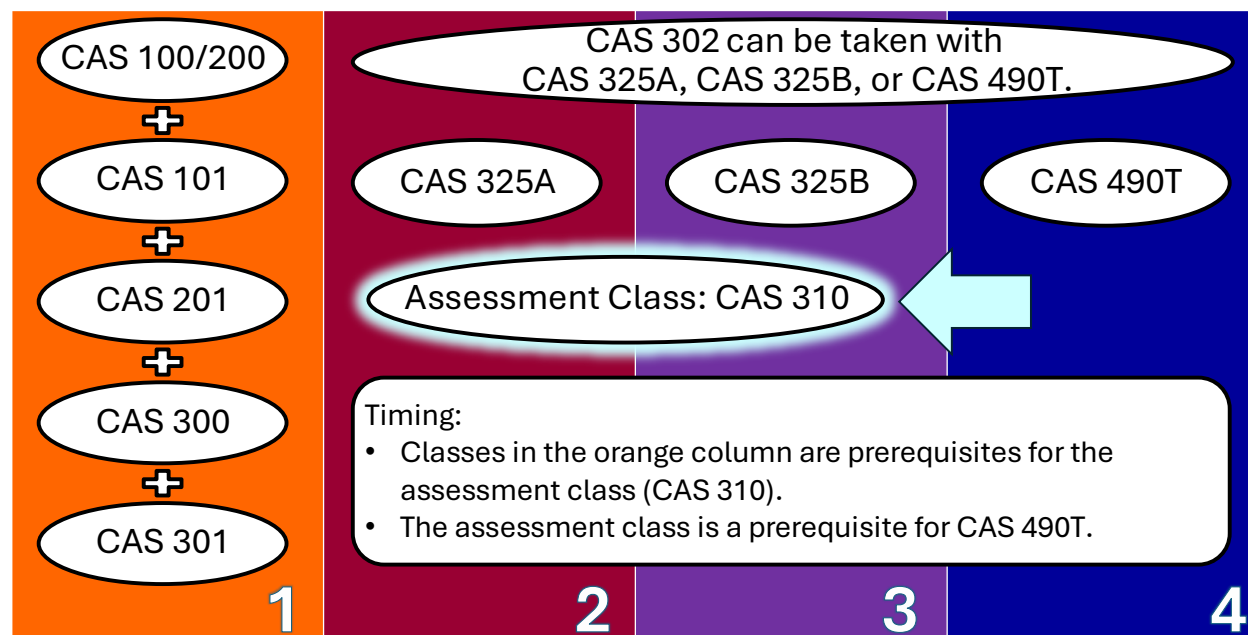
CAS 325B is a prerequisite for CAS 490T.

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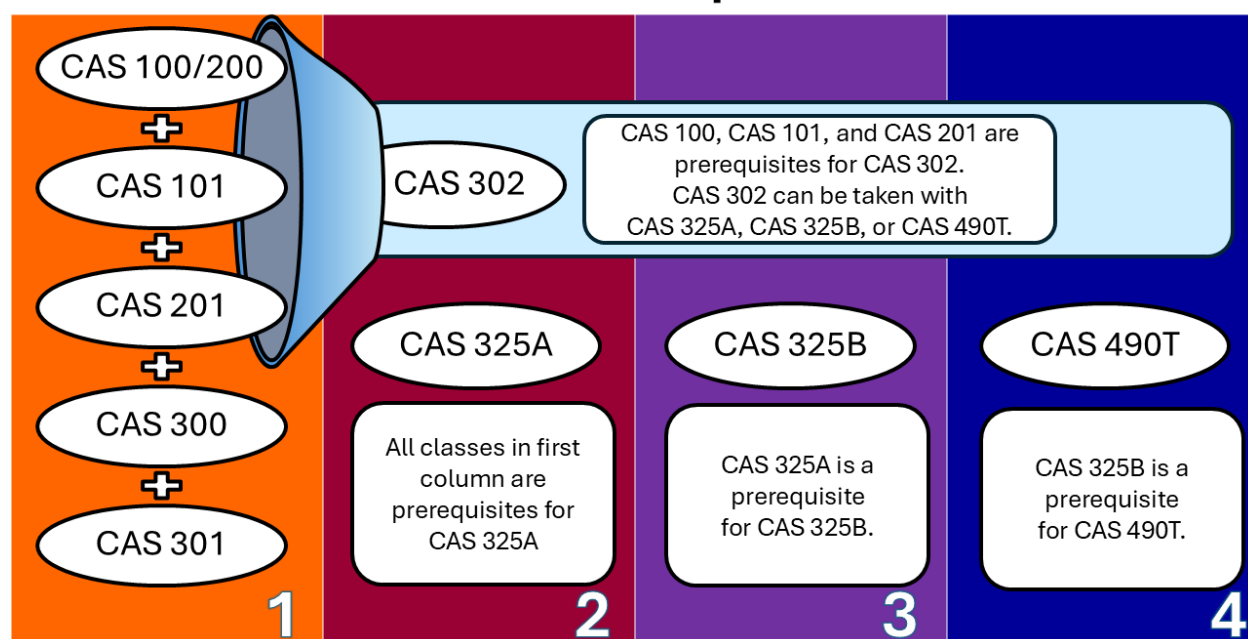
3. Elementary Education (CHAP) Concentration Requirements

Concentration-Specific Assessment Class

CSUF CAS Class	Class Taken	Notes
CAS 310 Assessment & Observation in Devel		

When to Take Assessment (CAS 310)

CAS 100/200

➕

CAS 101

➕

CAS 201

➕

CAS 300

➕

CAS 301

CAS 302 can be taken with
CAS 325A, CAS 325B, or CAS 490T.

CAS 325A   CAS 325B   CAS 490T

Assessment Class: CAS 310

Timing:
- Classes in the orange column are prerequisites for the assessment class (CAS 310).
- The assessment class is a prerequisite for CAS 490T.

1   **2**   **3**   **4**

Elementary Education Practicum Classes

CSUF CAS Class	Class Taken	Notes
CAS 394 Intro Practicum in CAS		
CAS 454 Practicum in Transitional EC **OR** CAS 474 Practicum in Early Care and Edu		

When to Take Introductory Practicum: CAS 394

CAS 100/200 ➕ CAS 101 ➕ CAS 201 ➕ CAS 300 ➕ CAS 301

CAS 394

CAS 101 and CAS 201 are prerequisites for CAS 394. CAS 394 can be taken anytime after those classes are completed.

CAS 325A   CAS 325B   CAS 490T

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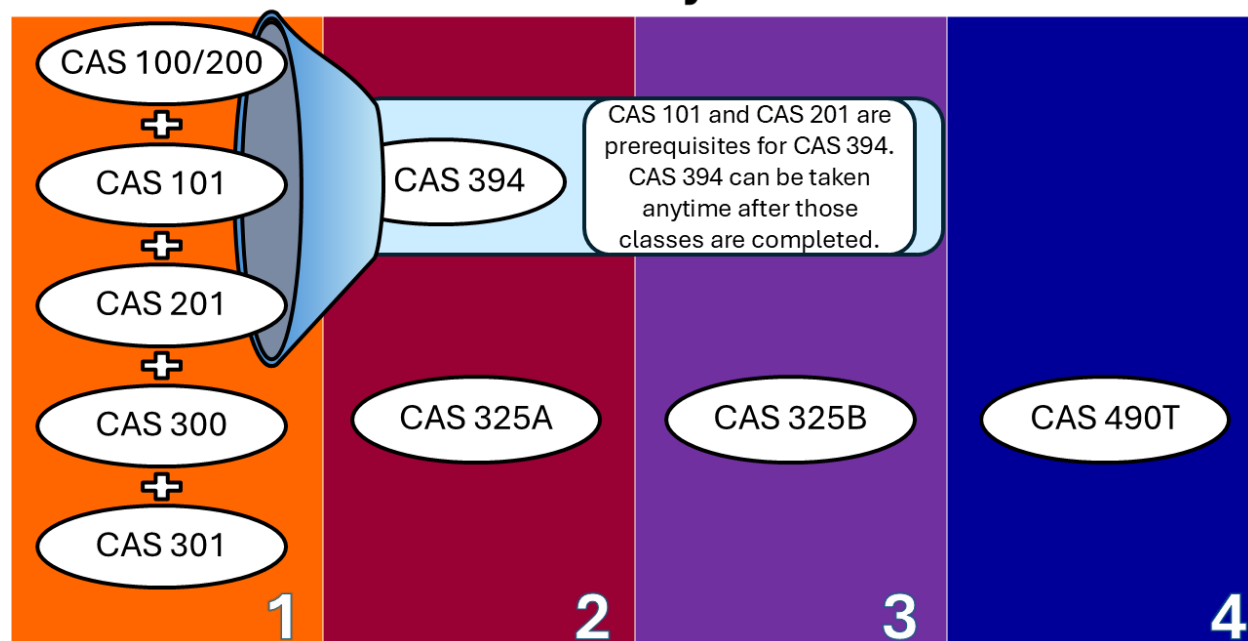
When to Take Advanced Practicum: CAS 454 or474

CAS 100/200 ➕ CAS 101 ➕ CAS 201 ➕ CAS 300 ➕ CAS 301

CAS 394 can be taken anytime after CAS 101 and 201.

CAS 454/474 can be taken after both CAS 325A and CAS 394 are complete.

CAS 325A   CAS 325B   CAS 490T

CAS 394 & CAS 325A are prerequisites for CAS 454/464.

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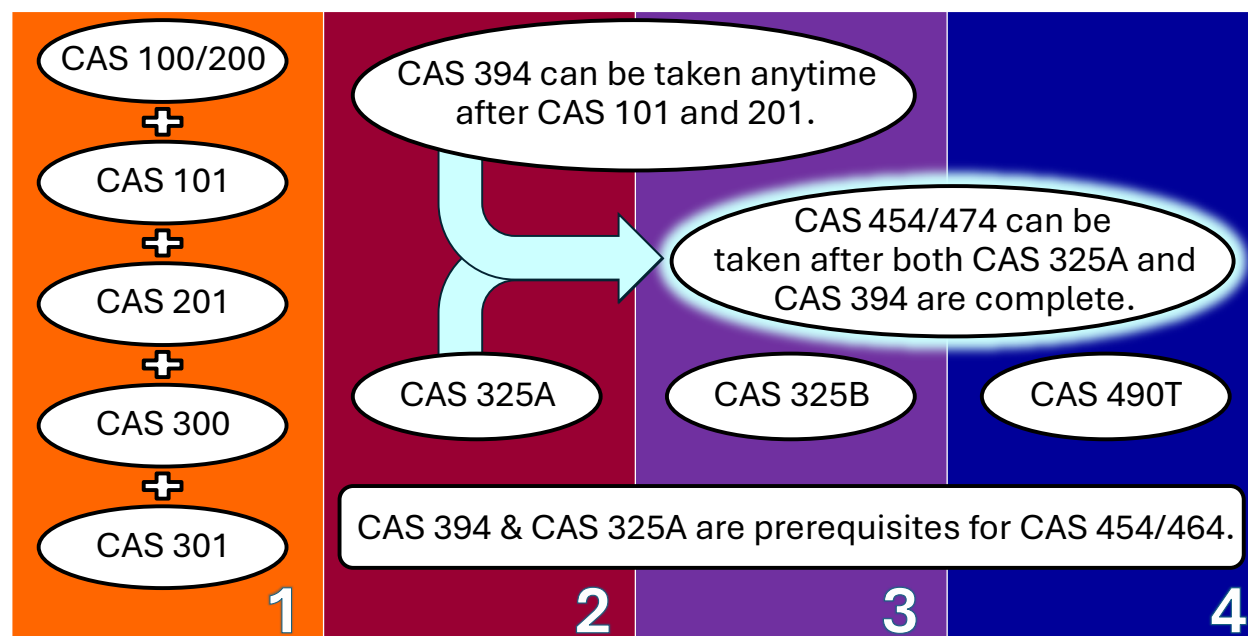
Elementary Education (CHAP) Topical Classes

To fulfill concentration requirements, CHAP majors select **SIX additional courses** from the following list. Every CAS major must take a CAS class on family. The other five topical courses for this concentration meet the multiple subject subject matter competency for credential programs.

Courses must meet these requirements:
- At least **ONE** course must be in the Family Context category.
- At least **THREE** courses must be upper-division (having a number 300 or higher).

See the next pages for our specific course recommendations for early childhood professionals working in preschool centers and family childcare. If you are interested in post-baccalaureate or credential programs, please see the advising guides for Pk-3rd credentials, Multiple Subject credentials, Special Education credentials, and graduate school.

Family Context (choose 1 class)
- CAS 340 Parenting Today
- CAS 341 Working with Parents of Young Children
- CAS 345 Devel in Div Family Contexts

Arts (choose 1 class)
- ART 380 Art & Child Development
- DANC 471 Creative Dance for Children
- MUS 433 Music in Childhood
- THTR 402A Drama for Children

Kinesiology/Physical Education (choose 1 class)
- KNES 386 Movement & the Child

Language Arts (choose 1 class)
- ENGL 341 Children's Literature
- THTR 311 Oral Interpretation of Children's Literature

Math (choose 1 class)
- MATH 303A Fundamentals of Elementary Math

Science (choose 1 class)
- BIOL 453 Life Science Concepts
- GEOL 410 Planet Earth for Educators

Recommended Topical Development Classes	Class Selected	Notes
Family Context (**choose one**)	1.	
Arts (**choose one**)	2.	
Kinesiology/Physical Ed (**choose one**)	3.	
Language Arts (**choose one**)	4.	
Math (**choose one**)	5.	
Science (**choose one**)	6.	

Important Reminders:
- At least 1 topical development class must be in each category.
- Community College equivalents may be accepted for up to 3 Topical Development Classes. The remaining 3 classes must be taken at CSUF.
- At least 3 Topical Development Courses must be upper division (course number of 300 or higher).

4.   Graduation Unit Requirements

Type of Course	Total	Notes
• **Transferred**		
• **Completed at CSUF**		
• **In progress**		
• **Enrolled for Future Semester**		
• **Left in major**		
• **Left in GE**		
• **Left in American Government**		
• **Required for next steps**		
• **General electives needed to reach 120**		
Minimum Units Needed for Graduation	**120**	