

## 2026/27 Bachelor of Child Studies - Early Learning and Child Care - Advising Guide

Please use the **Bachelor of Child Studies - Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) - Advising Guide** in conjunction with the attached GNED and Elective Worksheets, [mruGradU8](#), the Academic Calendar, and MyMRU to create your schedules.

You can find registration tutorials [on our website](#). Use the [Registration Quick Links page](#) to learn more about registration or troubleshoot registration errors. All MRU course descriptions are available in the MRU Academic Calendar.

It is recommended that students follow this sequence, specifically for ELCC and CHST courses. These courses are typically offered only once a year. Completing these courses in any order other than what is listed in this guide will likely result in extending the length of the degree.

Students are encouraged to fit their General Education requirements and Electives where they can within their schedule. General Education courses and Electives can be taken in any semester. In total, students enrolled in the Bachelor of Child Studies are required to take 10 General Education and 5 Elective courses as part of their degree. Full-time student status is considered 9 credits or 3 courses at 3 credits each. A full course load is 5 courses per Fall and Winter semesters. This would include your core courses and General Education or Elective courses.

### Bachelor Of Child Studies - ELCC Core Requirements

First Year Bachelor of Child Studies - Early Learning and Child Care		Semester Offered
ELCC 1104	The Profession of Early Learning and Child Care	FALL
ELCC 1109	Child Development I	FALL
ELCC 1110	Learning Through Play I	FALL
ELCC 1180	Practicum I	FALL
GNED / Elective	Recommend Cluster 4 Foundation GNED 1401, 1403 or 1404 Please visit <a href="#">mruGradU8</a> to see your remaining GNED and Elective requirements	FALL, WINTER, SPRING OR SUMMER
ELCC 2209	Child Development II - Prerequisite(s): ELCC 1109.	WINTER
ELCC 2110	Learning Through Play II - Prerequisite(s): ELCC 1110	WINTER
ELCC 2213	Health, Safety, and Nutrition of Young Children	WINTER
ELCC 2282	Practicum II - Prerequisite(s): ELCC 1180 with a minimum grade of C, and ELCC 1109.	WINTER
GNED / Elective	Please visit your <a href="#">mruGradU8</a> audit to see your remaining GNED and Elective requirements	FALL, WINTER, SPRING OR SUMMER

<b>Second Year Bachelor of Child Studies - Early Learning and Child Care</b>		<b>Semester Offered</b>
ELCC 2211	<b>Child, Family and Community</b>	<b>FALL</b>
ELCC 2121	<b>The Educator's Role in Facilitating Play -</b> Prerequisite(s): ELCC 2110, ELCC 2209 and ELCC 2282. Corequisite(s): ELCC 2285.	<b>FALL</b>
ELCC 2285	<b>Practicum III</b> - Prerequisite(s): ELCC 2110, ELCC 2209 and ELCC 2282 with a minimum grade of C. Prerequisite(s) / Corequisite(s): ELCC 2121.	<b>FALL</b>
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ELCC 2215	<b>Differing Abilities and Inclusion</b>	<b>WINTER</b>
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<b>Third Year Bachelor of Child Studies - Early Learning and Child Care</b>		<b>Semester Offered</b>
CHST 3101	<b>Foundations of Interdisciplinary Practice</b> - Prerequisite(s): CYCC 1132 or ELCC 1104	<b>FALL</b>
CHST 3103	<b>Child Development and Plasticity</b>	<b>FALL</b>
CHST 3107	<b>Principles of Program Design</b> - Prerequisite(s): CYCC 2242 or ELCC 2285, with a minimum grade of C.	<b>FALL</b>
CHST 3204	<b>Leadership and Collaboration</b>	<b>FALL</b>
GNED / Elective	Please visit your <a href="#">mruGradU8</a> audit to see your remaining GNED and Elective requirements	<b>FALL, WINTER, SPRING OR SUMMER</b>
CHST 3105	<b>Child and Youth Human Rights</b>	<b>WINTER</b>
CHST 3202	<b>Community Based Research and Evaluation</b> - Prerequisite(s): CHST 3107.	<b>WINTER</b>
CHST 3206	<b>Practicum IV</b> - Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of C in either CYCC 2242 or ELCC 2285	<b>WINTER or SPRING</b>
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<b>Fourth Year Bachelor of Child Studies - Early Learning and Child Care</b>		<b>Semester Offered</b>
CHST 4103	<b>Mental Health Interventions</b> - Prerequisite(s): One of ELCC 1104, CYCC 1132, GNED 1202, GNED 1203 or GNED 1301	<b>FALL</b>
CHST 4105	<b>Studies in Systems and Social Policy</b> - Prerequisite(s): One of CYCC 1132, ELCC 1104, GNED 1202, GNED 1203, GNED 1301, GNED 1304	<b>FALL</b>
CHST 5101	<b>Capstone I</b> - Prerequisite(s): CHST 3202 and a grade of C or higher in CHST 3206.	<b>FALL</b>
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CHST 4204	<b>Contemporary Issues in Child Studies</b> - Prerequisite(s): One of CYCC 1132, ELCC 1104, GNED 1202, GNED 1203, GNED 1301, GNED 1304	<b>WINTER</b>
CHST 5202	<b>Capstone II</b> - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in CHST 5101.	<b>WINTER</b>
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## General Education Requirements

FOUNDATION (TIER 1)		Your Choice
Cluster 1	Choose 1 from GNED 1101, 1102 or 1103	GNED 11_____
Cluster 2	Choose 1 from GNED 1201, 1202 or 1203	GNED 12_____
Cluster 3	Choose 1 from GNED 1303 or 1304	GNED 13_____
Cluster 4	Choose 1 from GNED 1401, 1403 or 1404	GNED 14_____
<p>It is recommended that the Numeracy &amp; Scientific Literacy (Cluster 1) and Communication (Cluster 4) courses are taken within your first <b>10</b> courses at Mount Royal. It is recommended that the Values, Beliefs &amp; Identity (Cluster 2) and Community &amp; Society (Cluster 3) courses are taken within your first <b>20</b> courses.</p>		<b>Total of four courses.</b>

TIER 2 - PART 1		Your Choice
Course 1	Cluster 1	
TIER 2 - PART 2		Your Choice
Course 2	Cluster 2, 3 or 4*	
Course 3	Cluster 2, 3 or 4*	
<p>*Your <b>Tier 2 Part 2</b> courses must be selected from <b>different</b> clusters.</p> <p>When choosing <b>Tier 2</b> courses be careful not to exceed more than <b>16</b>, 1000 level courses <b>total</b> for your degree. This includes courses in your <b>Major, General Education, and Elective requirements</b></p>		<b>Total of three courses.</b>

TIER 3 - PART 1		
Course 1	Cluster 1, 2, 3 or 4*	
Course 2	Cluster 1, 2, 3 or 4*	
TIER 3 - PART II		Your Choice
Course 3	Cluster 1, 3, or 4	
<p>*Your <b>Tier 3 Part 1</b> courses must be selected from <b>different</b> clusters.</p> <p>Many Tier 3 courses have pre-requisites. It's recommended to plan ahead to meet pre-reqs using your Tier 2 or elective courses.</p>		<b>Total of three courses.</b>

## Elective Requirements

For the Bachelor of Social Work, you must complete a total of 4 Electives. An Elective is a 3-credit course which is not part of your major but counts towards an applied degree, diploma, or certificate. While academic advisors may recommend certain courses to fulfill elective requirements, students may freely choose their electives. This excerpt is from the Glossary of MRU Academic Calendar.

Electives		Your Choice
Course 1	Any 3-credit course	
Course 2	Any 3-credit course	
Course 3	Any 3-credit course	
Course 4	Any 3-credit course	
Course 5	Any 3-credit course	
When choosing <b>Elective</b> courses be careful not to exceed more than <b>16</b> , 1000 level courses <b>total</b> for your degree. This includes courses in your Major, General Education, and Elective requirements		<b>Total of five courses.</b>

<b><u>Transfer Equivalencies</u></b>	<p>Upon receipt of an application for admission and an official transcript from each current or previously attended post-secondary institution, transfer course equivalencies are assessed.</p> <p>To be considered for transfer equivalency, each course must have been completed at a recognized accredited post-secondary institution with a minimum passing grade.</p> <p>Regardless when a course was completed, normally it may be considered for a transfer equivalency. However, limitations do exist for time-sensitive courses, e.g. Computer Science, Midwifery, Nursing, and Science. Refer to Transfer Credit Assessment within individual program requirements.</p>
<b><u>Minors</u></b>	<p>If you are considering a Minor, please speak to the Academic Advisor. You can plan to overlap your minor requirements with your General Education requirements as much as possible. Anything that is not designated as a General Education course can be used in your Electives. If you want to declare a minor. It is recommended that you do so within your first two years of study so you have enough time to complete it.</p>

**\*\*Students are responsible for being aware of program continuance policies, pre/co-requisite, minimum grade requirements and meet appropriate academic standing. Please refer to the [MRU Academic Calendar](#)**