

# SECONDARY education

## Why choose **Secondary Education** at **WSU**?

- Preparation to be an effective educator
- Opportunities for continued professional development in the processes of teaching and student learning in a changing, global society
- Accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
- Low student/faculty ratio

## What kinds of **degrees** are available?

### **Bachelor of Science or Arts Degree (BS or BA)**

- **Teaching major/teaching minor**
- **Composite teaching major**
- **Teacher Licensure**

## What are the **employment opportunities**?

There is a high placement rate upon graduation depending on Teaching Major/Teaching Minor chosen. Our graduates are hired by local districts as well as districts throughout Utah and around the country. Graduates are licensed to teach in public and private junior high/middle schools and high schools sixth through twelfth grade.

## What are the **starting salaries** for graduates?

In Utah, starting salaries range from \$33,000 to \$38,000 depending on the district, with the potential of earning \$50,000 to \$55,000 with several years of service and additional education.

## What will I **learn** in the program?

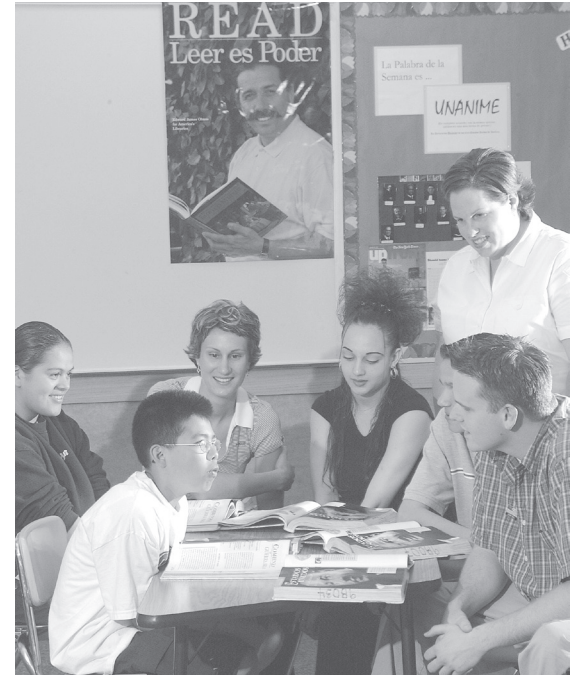
WSU teacher preparation programs are based on INTASC National and Utah State Office of Education state standards that address the content knowledge, teaching skills, and professional dispositions for beginning teachers. At the conclusion of your program, you will be able to: (1) demonstrate mastery of the subject matter that you teach; (2) use knowledge of child/adolescent development and diversity to teach all of today's children; (3) learn how to plan curriculum, use technology, and foster communication in on-going instructional planning; and (4) collaborate with others as you reflect upon your professional teacher preparation.

## Is there an **application deadline**?

Yes, the department processes applications twice a year. The fall deadline is in September and the spring deadline is in February.

## What **courses** will I take in this program?

The required courses are listed in this information sheet. All listed requirements are subject to change. Always consult an advisor for current requirements.



## Where can I **find out more** about the programs?

**Department of Teacher Education**  
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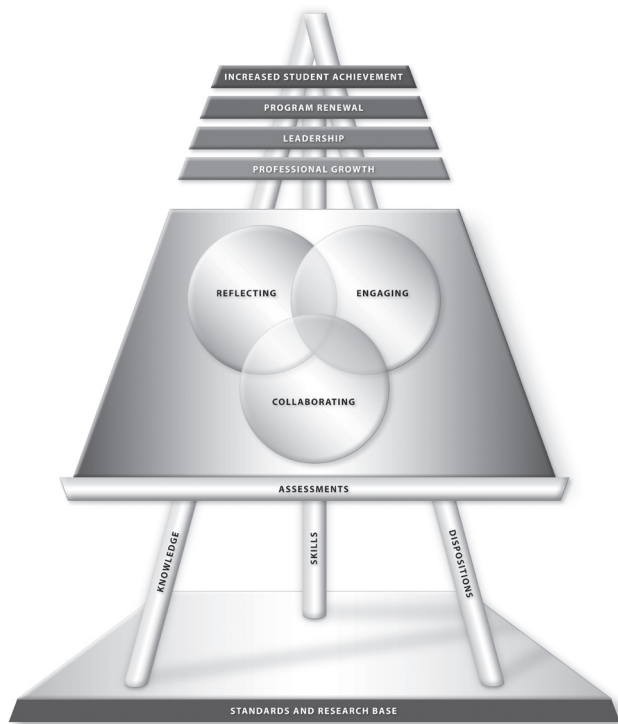
## SECONDARY EDUCATION LICENSURE

When you complete secondary education licensure, you are prepared to teach in sixth (middle school) through twelfth grade in both your teaching major and teaching minor subject areas or in your composite teaching major subject area.

You should be aware that some teaching majors/teaching minors are in more demand than others. In some situations your major/minor choices may be considered in “low demand” in terms of employment.

The Department of Teacher Education follows a Conceptual Framework: “Student Achievement: Teachers, Students, and Community Working Together.” This framework delineates the program’s purpose, process, outcomes and evaluation as you progress through the levels of the program.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER



## PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Select an academic teaching major and teaching minor or composite teaching major. (In many departments the teaching major and minor are different from the departmental major and minor.)
- Admission to the teacher education program is a separate process from WSU admission and is on a **provisional** basis until the semester you student teach.
- Submit your application to the Department of Teacher Education. (Admission into the teacher education program is a selective process.) Ask your teacher education advisor for a copy of the admission materials.
- *You must be fingerprinted and have a background clearance check before starting the professional education course work. If the background check reveals criminal misconduct that has not been cleared by the Utah Professional Practice Commission, admission will be revoked.*

## GRADE REQUIREMENTS

You must meet minimum grade requirements for major courses, maintain an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher in all college work and achieve at least a “B-” grade in each professional education course to continue in the program.

## CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of 120 credit hours is required for graduation
- A minimum of 24 credit hours is required within the secondary education licensure program.
- A minimum of 40 upper division credit hours is required (courses numbered 3000 and above).
- The academic teaching major and teaching minor must consist of not less than 30 and 16 credit hours respectively, or a composite major of at least 46 credit hours.
- The teaching major and teaching minor must be in subjects taught in Utah public secondary schools and those WSU is authorized to offer.
- Either the major or minor must be a subject which Utah secondary schools are required to teach (see the list of teaching majors and minors on the following page).

## ADVISEMENT

You should meet with an advisor in the Teacher Education Advisement Center, located in the Education Building, Room 230. Call 801-626-6636 for more information or to schedule an appointment. In addition, you should seek advisement from both your teaching major and your teaching minor program areas.

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

See bachelor’s degree requirements. The following courses required for the secondary education license program will also satisfy general education requirements: COMM HU1020 or HU 2110 and CHF SS1500.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Four areas of course work are required:

- (1) general education/degree requirements
- (2) support course requirements
- (3) teaching majors and teaching minors that WSU offers
- (4) professional education requirements (listed on the back of this sheet).

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

	BS	BA
Composition: ENGL 1010, ENGL 2010	6	6
Quantitative Literacy: MATH QL1030, QL1040, QL1050, QL1080 (Check with your content department to see which QL requirement you need)	Varies	
American Institutions: POLSC AI1100, HIST AI1700, ECON AI1740 (Select one)	3	3
Computer Literacy Successful completion of approved proficiency exam or approved course(s) for credit.	Varies	
Humanities/Creative Arts: COMM HU1020 or COMM HU2110 (recommended)	9	9
Social Sciences: CHF SS1500 recommended	6	6
Physical & Life Sciences:	9	9

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Science Requirement See Scientific Inquiry (SI) Requirement in WSU catalog	6	
Foreign Language		16
Diversity Requirement	3	3

**Note: CHF SS1500 and COMM HU1020 or COMM HU2110 may count as support courses as well as general education courses. The Diversity Requirement is satisfied by taking EDUC 3200 and EDUC 3260.**

## SUPPORT COURSE REQUIREMENTS

EDUC 1010	Exploring Teaching	3
One of the following: CHF SS 1500	Human Development (will also satisfy general education requirement)	3
or PSY 3140	Psychology of Adolescence	3
One of the following: COMM HU1020	Principles of Public Speaking	3
or COMM HU2110	Interpersonal Communication (will also satisfy general education requirement)	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>

## TEACHING MAJOR / MINOR OPTION REQUIREMENTS

**A teaching minor is recommended and may be required with a teaching major but generally not required with a composite teaching major (see specific program requirements).**

### Teaching Majors and Minors

Chemistry	German	Political Science**
Communication**	History	Psychology**
Dance	Mathematics	Sociology**
English	Physical Education	Spanish
French	Physics	Theatre Arts
Geography		

\*\* Utah secondary schools are not required to teach these subjects, and student teaching placement may be difficult.

### Minors Only

Art	Economics
Biology*	ESL
Business Education	Health Promotion
Business/Marketing Education	PE Teaching/Coaching
Computer Science	Special Education
Earth Science*	

\* It is recommended to be taken with Chemistry or Physics Teaching Major

### Composite Majors

In lieu of the major and minor, a candidate may elect a composite teaching major which consists of a minimum of 46 credit hours of subjects in closely related fields.

Art
Biological Science
Business Education
Earth Science
Music Education
Physical Science
Social Science

### Professional Education

Classes listed on back of this sheet

**Note: You will need a teaching major and possibly a teaching minor or a composite teaching major in order to become licensed in the state of Utah. If you have a bachelor's degree, you still need to satisfy the equivalent requirements for a teaching major/teaching minor or composite teaching major. You must take the method courses in specific subject areas to satisfy the teaching-major/teaching-minor requirements. Make sure you have completed these courses prior to student teaching.**

**HIST 4500 (Teaching Social Studies in Grades 5-12) is required for teaching majors and minors in geography, history, political science, psychology, sociology and social science.**

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

**All 3000 & 4000 level EDUC courses are open only to students who have been PROVISIONALLY ADMITTED TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM. (See teacher education admission requirements.)**

### Professional Education Courses Required (24 hours)

#### Secondary Teacher Education Core

EDUC	DV3200S	Foundations of Diversity: Culturally, Linguistically Responsive Teaching	3
EDUC	DV3260S	The Exceptional Student	3
EDUC	3900	Preparing, Teaching, and Assessing Instruction	3
EDUC	3930	Reading and Writing Across the Secondary Curriculum	3

**Please Note: You must take and pass the required Praxis II content exam(s) in your area(s) in order to become licensed. This must be taken the semester prior to student teaching and the specific test numbers can be found under helpful links on the advising website: [weber.edu/coe/tedadvise.html](http://weber.edu/coe/tedadvise.html)**

#### Secondary Teacher Education - Clinical Practice (Student Teaching)

EDUC	4940	Clinical Practice in Secondary Education	8
EDUC	4950	Integrated Secondary Clinical Practice Seminar	4
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>24</b>

The Professional Education component of the Secondary Education program requires two semesters to complete. Therefore, it is very important that candidates have completed the General Education requirements and most of the major and minor requirements prior to entering the program. Because of possible scheduling difficulties, failure to do so could mean spending an extra semester (or more) in completing the program.

**Please meet with your teaching major/teaching minor department(s) or composite teaching major department as soon as possible to determine what additional requirements you will need to complete in order to become licensed.**

