

**Undergraduate Secondary Education Major (Grades 7-12) for Certification in Biology,
Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Social Studies, or Spanish (K-12)
2025-2026 Program Checklist**

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____ Certification Area:

I. Liberal Arts Curriculum (LAC) Requirements (44 credits total)

Some areas may be satisfied by the major course requirements.

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE: 4 credits (Traditional Four-Year Students Only)

*Students must take EDU103 Fall of their first year

_____ FYS 1XX First-Year Seminar – 3 credits

_____ CCC 101 College Life - .5 credits

_____ CCC 102 Exploring Your Future - .5 credits

WRITING: 6 credits total

_____ WRI 100 College Writing – 3 credits (WRI-1)

XXX WRI-2 satisfied in major with SPE 241 The Exceptional Child: Special Education Process

MATHEMATICS & LOGIC: 6 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE: 6 credits (in separate disciplines)

ETHICS: 3 credits

ARTS: 6 credits

HUMANITIES: 6 credits (in separate disciplines)

_____ ENG 120 American Literature **OR** ENG 101/2: British Literature – 3 credits

***NOTE: Spanish certification students must also take ENG 303 Linguistics & Development – 3 credits*

NATURAL SCIENCE: 7 or 8 credits (one course **MUST** be lab-based)

GLOBAL STUDIES: 3 credits

II. Required Education Courses (40 credits total)

- _____ EDU 100 Foundations of American Education – 3 credits
- _____ EDU 103 Educational Psychology - 3 credits
- _____ EDU 151 Field Experience I - 1 credit
- _____ EDU 214 Reading in the Content Areas - 3 credits
- _____ EDU 215 Field Experience III Secondary - 1 credit (EDU 214 & EDU 215 taken together)
- _____ EDU 350 Field Experience IV Secondary - 1 credit (EDU 350 taken with methods course)
- _____ EDU 359 Teaching the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Student - 3 credits
- _____ SPE 220 Evidence-Based Approaches - 3 credits
- _____ SPE 241 The Exceptional Child: Special Education Process 3 credits (WRI-2 LAC)
- _____ SPE 245 Field Experience II -1 credit (SPE 241 & SPE 245 taken together)
- _____ SPE 344 Adaptations, Modifications, and Assistive Technology – 3 credits **OR**
- _____ SPE 250 Subject Area Content Access – 3 credits

One of the following based on the secondary content area:

- _____ EDU 346 Curriculum, Assessment, and Learning Experiences for Secondary Science & Math – 3 credits **OR**
- _____ EDU 347 Curriculum, Assessment, and Learning Experiences for Secondary Social Studies – 3 credits **OR**
- _____ EDU 348 Curriculum, Assessment, and Learning Experiences for Secondary English – 3 credits **OR**
- _____ EDU 349 Curriculum, Assessment, and Learning Experiences for K-12 World Language – 3 credits

Student Teaching

- _____ EDU 373 Student Teaching: Secondary Education – 9 credits
- _____ EDU 374 Professional Educational Seminar – 3 credits

TOTAL CREDITS FOR EDUCATION MAJOR & TEACHER CERTIFICATION = 120

Please Note:

- Students must complete the above courses with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 including no grade below a C-, as well as meet all other requirements as outlined in the handbook.
- Students must formally declare the education major to be eligible to take 300-level education coursework. Students may declare their major after earning 48 credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, and successfully meeting the PDE basic skills testing requirements in reading, writing, and mathematics, when applicable. Basic skills testing requirements are currently waived for all students who formally declare the education major through July 8, 2025. Requirements may be subject to change by PDE at any time.
- Students may not be enrolled in any other course(s) during the student teaching semester.
- Students who are not proficient in oral/written communication in the English language as determined by classroom performance and the evaluation of cooperating mentor teachers in Field Experiences may be required to take additional courses to meet basic competencies in English communication.