

# SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR

The secondary education major prepares qualified candidates with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to teach secondary students and to evidence Christian values in their personal and professional practice while respecting the exercise of individual moral decisions. The program provides candidates with a thorough understanding of current teaching methodologies.

All secondary education majors must choose at least one additional major: biology, English, history, or mathematics. Secondary education graduates who successfully complete the major and second major in a content area are eligible for an Illinois Professional Educator License, high school level (grades 9-12). An endorsement in middle grades (5-8) may be added with additional requirements; contact the Division of Education for information.

## Program outcomes:

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education will:

- display thorough content knowledge to teach in their respective fields
- be able to plan, deliver and assess effective instructional experiences that align with learning standards, educational theory, and knowledge of student development
- exhibit appropriate professional dispositions that reflect the personal, professional, and practical components of teaching
- evidence Christian values in their personal and professional practice, while respecting the exercise of individual moral decisions
- address the differing needs of a diverse student population with professional competence, respect, and fairness.

## Additional Licensure Requirements

Candidates must pass the appropriate content area test(s) and the teacher performance assessment (edTPA) in order to complete their program. Candidates are required to comply with all state requirements that are in place at the time of application for licensure. Consult the Division of Education for specific information.

## Optional Additional Endorsement

A candidate may earn the Learning Behavior Specialist 1 (LBS1) endorsement (an addition to the teaching license) by completing ED 330, ED 352, ED 353, and ED 354, and passing the appropriate Illinois Licensure Testing System exam. Earning this additional endorsement may be a good investment of elective credit hours for interested candidates since special education is currently a teaching shortage area throughout Illinois.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
ED 101	Introduction to Teaching	1
ED 103	Professional Skills for Teachers	1
ED 124	Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Education	3
ED 260X	Educational Psychology/Human Development <sup>1</sup>	3
ED 306	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum	3
ED 309	Foundations of Teaching English as a Second Language	3
ED 310	General Teaching Methods <sup>1</sup>	2
ED 311	General Teaching Methods Pre-Clinical Experience	1
ED 330	Introduction to Special Education	3
Select one:		3
ED 362	Teaching English in the Secondary School (required for those also majoring in English)	
ED 363	Teaching History in the Secondary School (required for those also majoring in history)	
ED 364	Teaching Mathematics in the Secondary School (required for those also majoring in mathematics)	
ED 368	Secondary Methods Pre-clinical Experience	2
ED 380	Diversity in Education	1
ED 381	Diversity Pre-clinical Experience	1
ED 413	Clinical Practice in the Secondary School	12
ED 421	Classroom Management	1
ED 422	Advanced Seminar in Education	2
ED 430	Educational Research and Assessment	2
PSY 337	Psychology of Adolescence	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>47</b>

<sup>1</sup> May be used to fulfill a general education requirement.