Elementary Education, B.A.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in elementary education requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 78 s.h. of credit for the major. Students must complete all requirements for the elementary education major and the Teacher Education Program (TEP), including student teaching. Students also must complete the General Education Program.

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The B.A. with a major in elementary education requires the following work.

Foundation Courses

Students may complete the foundation courses before being admitted to the major in elementary education, but the courses are not prerequisite to admission to the major.

EDTL:3122 Creativity, Imagination, Play, and Human Development through the Arts 3
EDTL:4900 Foundations of Special Education 3
EPLS:3000 Foundations of Education 3
PSQF:1075 Educational Psychology and Measurement 3

Courses for the Major

First Semester

All of these:
EDTL:3002 Technology in the Classroom 2
EDTL:3103 Assessment for Instructional Planning and Practice 3
EDTL:3123 Reading and Responding to Children's Literature 3
EDTL:3127 Methods and Materials: Physical Education, Health, and Wellness 2
EDTL:3190 Orientation to Elementary Education 2
MATH:1140 Mathematical Basis of Elementary Geometry 3
or EDTL:3142 Elementary School Mathematics: Geometry and Measurement

Second Semester

All of these:
EDTL:3120 Methods and Materials: Music for the Classroom Teacher 2
EDTL:3160 Literacy Learning and Teaching I 3
EDTL:3161 Social Studies for the Elementary Classroom Teacher 3
EDTL:3164 Literacy Learning and Teaching II 3
EDTL:3165 Elementary Science Methods I 3

Third Semester

All of these:
EDTL:3163 Methods: Elementary School Mathematics 3
EDTL:3166 Elementary Science Methods II 3
EDTL:3170 Elementary Classroom Management 2
EDTL:3174 Elementary Math Practicum 1
EPLS:4180 Human Relations for the Classroom Teacher 3

Fourth Semester

All of these:
EDTL:3172 Elementary Reading Practicum 4
EDTL:4171 Diversity and Exceptionalities in Literacy Instruction 3
MATH:1120 Logic of Arithmetic 3-4
or EDTL:3141 Elementary School Mathematics: Number and Operations
STAT:1010 Statistics and Society 3
or EDTL:3146 Elementary School Mathematics: Data/Probability and Algebra

Student Teaching

Students seeking initial licensure must complete the following.

EDTL:4187 Effective Teaching Strategies for the Elementary Teacher: Student Teaching Seminar 3
EDTL:4190 Supervised Teaching in the Elementary School: Interactive Phase 6
EDTL:4191 Supervised Teaching in the Elementary School: Pre- and Post-Active Phase 6

Endorsements

Students have the option of completing an endorsement in one of the following areas: art, English, English as a Second Language (ESL), mathematics, middle school, music, reading, science, social studies, and special education (Instructional Strategist I: Mild/Moderate). Courses in the endorsement area may be taken pass/nonpass if they are offered with the pass/nonpass option. Requirement lists for each endorsement area are available from the Department of Teaching and Learning.

The University of Iowa also offers an added endorsement in talented and gifted education.

Transfer Students

Before they student teach, transfer students must complete the following courses at the University of Iowa.
The College of Education offers the Teacher Education Program in secondary education for undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Students must complete all requirements for graduation from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, including the General Education Program and the requirements for their majors (see College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in the Catalog). They also must complete all requirements of the College of Education’s Teacher Education Program.

Licensure/certification requires a major of at least 30 s.h. of course work in one of the secondary school subject areas listed below. Licensure/certification course requirements for each major are available from the Department of Teaching and Learning. Candidates for secondary school teaching licensure/certification also may receive approval to teach in additional subject areas by completing an approved program of 12-24 s.h. or more of course work in those areas.

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The College of Education offers secondary school teacher preparation programs in the following areas.

Art
*Coaching
English
*English as a second language
*Hearing impaired
*Journalism
Mathematics
*Middle school
Music
*Reading

Science, including biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, and 9-12 all science
Social science, including anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology
*All social sciences
*Talented and gifted
World languages—Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Spanish

*Available as an additional approval area only; a major in one of the other areas is required for licensure.

An Iowa secondary teaching license qualifies holders to teach in grades 5-12. Students planning to teach art or music typically complete a program that prepares them for both elementary- and secondary-level licensure.

Secondary teacher preparation programs in mathematics and foreign language also offer a program that leads to licensure/certification as a subject matter specialist in grades K-8. This K-8 licensure/certification is available only in the same subject area as the secondary certification.

For more information and the name of an advisor, contact the Department of Teaching and Learning.

Requirements

Undergraduates working toward licensure/certification to teach in secondary schools must complete the following requirements in addition to the requirements of their major. All course work must be completed before student teaching.

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One introduction and practicum course in the major field

One or more methods of teaching courses in the major field

One college-level mathematics course, except MATH:0100, MATH:0300, and MATH:1005

Student teaching

For initial licensure in all subject areas, student teaching must be an all-day, full-semester experience. Most students are placed in a district within a 60-mile radius of Iowa City. Placements outside this area require special approval and are considered on an individual basis. Special programs provide experience in districts with diverse populations, including Aldine, Texas (Houston area); Adams County, Colorado (Denver area); Rialto, California; and Clark County, Nevada (Las Vegas area). In most program areas, students also may
apply to student teach at international sites for the second half of the semester.

Additional information about options for student teaching and application procedures is available from the Office of Student Services. Applications for student teaching must be submitted during the calendar year before the student teaching semester. The deadline is November 15 for students planning to student teach the following fall semester and February 15 for students planning to student teach the following spring semester.

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Appropriate methods courses
A practicum at the University of Iowa
All course work in the major

Transfer students must follow the normal application procedures. In addition, they are asked to complete a disclosure statement describing all practicum experiences they have taken at other institutions and a release statement allowing the College of Education Office of Student Services to contact all institutions where they have done professional preparatory work.

**Career Advancement**

The B.A. program prepares students to teach kindergarten through grade 6. In Iowa, the elementary specialization areas are designated as kindergarten through grade 8.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.