

Woodring College of Education

Secondary Education Department

Undergraduate and Post Baccalaureate Certification

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This program is designed for those who wish to earn Washington Residency certification to teach middle and/or high school. Candidates are required to complete a major in a state-approved endorsable major, the secondary professional education course sequence outlined below, and a full semester internship.

All academic departments require content methods courses; many departments require additional coursework beyond the baccalaureate degree. **Western undergraduate** students complete the academic major as prescribed in the University Bulletin. **Post-baccalaureate** students receive endorsement program approval from Western's academic departments. Students are strongly encouraged to contact an academic department education advisor prior to accepting admission to this program to determine what additional academic courses may be required.

Admission

Admission to both Western Washington University and Secondary Education is required before a student may begin taking courses in education. Post-baccalaureate students must apply to WWU and Secondary Education for the same quarter. Requirements include:

- completion of a minimum of 75 credits for undergraduates or a bachelor's degree in their academic major for post-baccalaureates
- cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher overall or for the last 45 credits
- WEST-B test scores. This test is offered 6 or 7 times a year at various sites in the State. For details on registration and fees refer to the WEST-B website www.west.nesinc.com.
- two letters of recommendation addressing your potential for success in teacher education. One letter must be from someone who can attest to your academic ability and knowledge in your academic major.
- completion of an English composition course with a grade of B or higher
- completion of all General University Requirements recommended

Meeting the above criteria makes the applicant eligible, but does not guarantee admission. Applications are reviewed by 1) designated academic department advisors; and 2) secondary education faculty. Most academic departments require applicants to have completed major coursework at Western before recommending admission. Transfer students are advised to concentrate on major endorsement courses the first quarter and NOT apply to Woodring until they have met with a major adviser to determine the best time to apply. For further information, visit Teacher Education Admissions, Miller Hall 250, 360/650-3313.

Consideration in admission will be given to applicants with endorsements in academic areas of current critical need.

Advisement

Each student will be assigned an education adviser when admitted to the Secondary Education. Students must attend an orientation prior to beginning the first quarter in the program.

Academic Majors - Secondary education students must earn a qualifying endorsement by completing a state-approved program. WWU academic majors designed to prepare students to teach at secondary and at all levels are listed below.

Secondary Level (Middle and High School)		All Levels (P-12)
English-Literature Emphasis Mathematics-Secondary Social Studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology/Social Studies • Economics/Social Studies • Geography/Social Studies • History/Social Studies • Political Science/Social Studies • Sociology/Social Studies 	Sciences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry • Chemistry/Biology-Secondary • Chemistry/Mathematics-Secondary • Chemistry/Physics-Secondary • Earth Science-Secondary • Earth Science/Science-Secondary • Physics/Mathematics-Secondary • General Science-Secondary (Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Space Science, or Physics; and Science) 	Art – P-12 Specialist BA or BFA in Dance French with Teaching Endorsement German with Teaching Endorsement Music Education – P-12 (choral, general or instrumental) Physical Education & Health – P-12 Spanish with Teaching Endorsement Special Education – P-12 Theatre Arts – P-12

Secondary Education Program Requirements

The professional course sequence includes 44-45 credits of coursework and a 24-credit internship (68-69 credits total). **This is a minimum three-quarter program (excluding summer) due to sequencing of courses. Please note prerequisites.** If you have difficulty with the program sequence, please contact a Secondary Education adviser prior to beginning the program.

Retention in the program requires continuous demonstration of competence in standard oral and written English in all course work. Retention also requires maintenance of a 2.75 quarterly GPA for each quarter once admitted to the Woodring College. The State of Washington requires students to earn a "C" or better in all major endorsement and education sequence courses.

Upon admission to Secondary Education, students are required to meet with their endorsement (major) advisor to obtain an endorsement evaluation courses. This is provided to their education advisor who assists them in developing a course plan that includes both endorsement and the education sequence courses listed below.

Quarter 1 – REQUIRED

- Sec 410 The Dynamics of Teaching (2)
- Sec 430 Secondary School Methods I: Instructional Strategies, Daily Planning & Standards (4)
Prereq: Admission to Secondary Education; coreq with Sec 410

Quarter 1 – Strongly Recommended

- Educ 301 Educational Psychology I: Development & Individual Differences (4)
(quarter 1 or 2)
- Educ 310 The Teacher & the Social Order (4)
- IT 344 Basic Instruction Technology Skills (1) or Portfolio of Competencies

Remaining Education Sequence Courses

- Educ 302 Educational Psychology II: Learning, Motivation, & Assessment (4)
(quarter 2 or 3)
- Sec 425 Developmental Reading, Writing & Learning in Secondary Schools (4)
- Sec 431 Secondary School Methods II: Assessment and long Term Planning (4)
Prereq: Sec 410, 430, Educ 301; concurrent with Sec 435
- Sec 435 Middle Level Practicum (1)
Prereq: Concurrent with Sec 431
- IT 444 Classroom Use of Instructional Technology (3)
Prereq: IT 344 or portfolio of competencies (concurrent or prior to Sec 431)
- Sec 432 Secondary School Methods III: Management, Motivation and Discipline (4)
Prereq: Sec 430 and 431; concurrent with Sec 436, 433
- Sec 436 Secondary School Practicum (1)
Concurrent with Sec 432
- Sec 433 Peer Teaching Laboratory (1)
Prereq: Sec 431; concurrent with Sec 432
- Sec 411 Philosophical Foundations of Education (4)
Prereq: Educ 310
- SpEd 363 Secondary Students with Special Needs (4)

Academic Content Methods Courses

Academic content methods courses are required for all major endorsements. For specific course number(s) and scheduling information, students should contact their academic major endorsement adviser.

Internship – one complete semester

- Sec 495 Internship – Secondary (24)

Middle School Humanities Endorsement

This additional endorsement program in Middle Level Humanities consists of: 1) the professional preparation program in Secondary Education (with adjustments noted below); 2) completion of a first endorsement in either English Language Arts or Social Studies, and 3) coursework in the supporting component. This endorsement authorizes assignment to these core subjects and an integrated language arts/social studies core block classroom in the middle and junior high school. Further information on this program can be obtained from the Secondary Education Department – Miller Hall 173 or department website at www.wce.wvu.edu/depts/sec.

- Sec 450 Introduction to Middle Schools - 4 cr. (additional course)*
- Sec 452 Intensive Middle School Practicum - 3 cr. (replaces Sec 435)*