
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

College of Education

SECONDARY EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES APPROVED MAJORS AND MINORS FOR

SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

A Secondary Provisional Certificate can be valid for teaching in your **subject areas (major and minor) in grades 6 – 12.**

You must choose at least one of the following majors and one of the following minors. You should meet with both the major and minor advisors. Some of the majors and minors listed have requirements which must be met before you will be allowed to proceed in the area of study.

ARTS & SCIENCES MAJORS

(At least 30 semester hours-Choose one)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- English
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Political Science
- Social Studies – *This major requires one of the following minors:*
 - History
 - Political Science
 - Geography
- Spanish

APPROVED MINORS

(At least 20 semester hours-Choose one)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Communication Arts & Sciences
(Available with English major only)
- Earth Science
- English
- French
- Geography
- German
- Health Education
- History
- Industrial Technology
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Political Science
- Russian
- Spanish

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PRE-EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
STUDENTS PURSUING A

SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

All undergraduate students who declare a preference for a curriculum leading to a teaching certificate will be assigned to the pre-education program at the time of admission. The primary purpose of this pre-program designation is to identify students who intend to enter the teaching profession. This permits the College of Education's Office of Admissions and Advising to monitor each student's progress toward certification.

Students with a **secondary education major in the College of Arts & Sciences** must complete the following requirements to be admitted to the *Professional Secondary Education Program*:

- 35 credit hours
- All WMU Intellectual Skills Development courses **if required** ~See *College of Education advisor*~
- An approved college-level writing course
- **ES 2000**, Introduction to American Education, or an approved equivalent course, with a grade of "C" or better
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better
- Passing scores on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) - Basic Skills section
- A livescan criminal background check
- Submit a College of Education admissions application

**ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND ADVISING,
2504 SANGREN HALL, or ON-LINE AT
<http://www.wmich.edu/coe/admissions/admission-requirements.htm>**