



## SECONDARY EDUCATION TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

**In order to successfully complete the teacher certification program, students must complete / meet the following requirements:**

The Maryland State Department of Education requires a grade of “C” or better in all courses applied toward certification.

The Washington College Department of Education requires a grade of “B-” or better in EDU 405.

(Maryland holds reciprocity agreements with most states, so completing this program is the first step to applying for certification in those states. Visit your home state’s certification website for details or ask one of the Education professors).

### Coursework<sup>1</sup>

- EDU 216: Secondary Field Experience
- EDU 217: Secondary Field Experience
- EDU 251: Principles of Education
- EDU 252: Educational Psychology
- EDU 307: Literacy in the Content Field
- EDU 330: Diversity and Inclusion
- EDU 404: Secondary Teaching Internship (1<sup>st</sup> semester / Spring) (2 credits)

The “Ed Block” Full-Time Teaching Semester:

- EDU 401: Principles of Teaching
- EDU 403: Special Methods of Teaching (in the Content Area)
- EDU 405: Secondary Teaching Internship (2<sup>nd</sup> semester / Fall) (8 credits)

### **Additional Requirements: English**

- EDU 315: Traditional and Modern Grammar<sup>2</sup>
- EDU 354/ENG 342 Children’s and YA Literature

### **Additional Requirements: SS**

- Courses at the 200-level or above in each
  - Pre-1860 U.S. History
  - Post-1860 U.S. History
  - Early European History
  - Modern European History, and
  - African American History
- ECN 111: Intro to Macroeconomics
- POL 102: American Government and Politics
- EDU 311: Human Geography<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Students who meet these coursework requirements also meet those of the secondary education studies minor and should consider declaring the minor.

<sup>2</sup> Offered Spring odd years only

### Non-course Requirements

- An academic degree with the appropriate major
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- GPA of at least 3.0 in the teaching field / major
- One of the following Maryland-required scores<sup>4</sup>:
  - SAT composite: Math and Verbal
  - ACT composite
  - Praxis Core scores
    - Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading **and**
    - Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing **and**
    - Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics
  - GRE composite
- Maryland-required passing scores on required Praxis II exams:
  - Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12 (all subjects)
  - Content-specific Maryland Praxis II exam
- An exit interview and / or survey with the program certification administrator and / or program coordinator

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<sup>3</sup> Offered Spring even years only

<sup>4</sup> See the ETS “Praxis” website for specific up-to-date test score requirements for Maryland.

The Department of Education recommends the course sequence below but can work with students who do not begin their first year.

Courses are available either semester unless otherwise specified.

First Year

EDU 216

Sophomore Year

EDU 217

EDU 251

EDU 252

Junior Year

EDU 330 (offered Fall only)

**(Apply for the certification program Fall Semester)**

EDU 307 (offered Spring only)

EDU 404 (offered Spring only) (2 credits)

Senior Year Fall (“Ed Block”)

Full-time teaching internship. Includes

EDU 401

EDU 403

EDU 405 (8 credits)