

Degrees and Programs

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General Requirements

- All College of Education students seeking teacher certification must complete the entire Professional Development Sequence of coursework in residence. Residence credit includes only courses taken at the University; it does not include credit by examination, courses taken by extension or correspondence, or courses taken at another institution.
- State of Texas teacher certification requirements are governed by the Texas Education Agency and are subject to change. Students must adhere to current teacher certification requirements, even if they differ from those listed in the University catalogs.
- Except as otherwise indicated, credit by examination is treated like any other earned credit in meeting degree requirements.
- With the exception of credit earned by examination, each course counted toward the degree or toward certification requirements must be taken on the letter-grade basis, unless the course is offered only on the pass/fail basis.
- To graduate, all students must have a University grade point average of at least 2.00.

Applicability of Certain Courses

Physical Activity Courses

Physical activity (PED) courses are offered by the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education. Up to three semester hours of physical activity coursework may be counted as electives toward any College of Education degree. All physical activity courses are counted among courses for which the student is enrolled, and the grades are included in the grade point average.

ROTC Courses

A maximum of 12 semester hours of credit in air force science, military science, or naval science may be used as free electives in any degree plan of the College of Education.

Concurrent Enrollment and University Extension Courses

In the semester they plan to graduate, students may not take any course to be counted toward the degree at another institution or through University Extension; students who plan to graduate at the end of the summer session may request approval to take transfer work only in the first summer term.

Curriculum and Instruction Coursework

Admission to the Professional Development Sequence of upper-division courses for teacher certification requires formal acceptance. Information about admission requirements is available from the Office of the Dean, George I. Sánchez Building 2.110.

Teacher Certification

Please see the [Preparation for Teacher Certification](#).

UTeach-Urban Teachers

UTeach-Urban Teachers is a teacher preparation program for students seeking secondary teacher certification in English language arts and reading or social studies. UTeach-Urban Teachers offers a three-

semester program for undergraduate students, beginning the summer before their senior year, for students working towards a bachelor's degree in English, history, geography, government, economics, or other humanities disciplines. UTeach-Urban Teachers also offers a Masters of Education degree program with teacher certification for students seeking teacher certification while pursuing a masters. These programs are designed to help English language arts and reading and social studies teacher candidates develop knowledge, skills, and dispositions to support teaching and learning in linguistically and culturally diverse urban settings. Program advising is housed in the College of Education. Information is available on the [UTeach-Urban Teachers website](#) and from the College of Education advising office.

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For students seeking secondary teacher certification in English language arts and reading:

Requirements		Hours
EDC 339E	Secondary School Literacy across the Disciplines	3
ALD 327	Sociocultural Influences on Learning	3
EDC 370S	Secondary School Subjects (Topic 1: Advanced Methods in English, Language Arts, and Reading)	3
EDC 351S	Secondary School Teaching Practicum	3
EDC 651S	Secondary School Teaching Practicum	6

For students seeking secondary teacher certification in social studies:

Requirements		Hours
EDC 339E	Secondary School Literacy across the Disciplines	3
ALD 327	Sociocultural Influences on Learning	3
EDC 370S	Secondary School Subjects (Topic 3: Advanced Methods in Social Studies)	3
EDC 351S	Secondary School Teaching Practicum	3
EDC 651S	Secondary School Teaching Practicum	6