

Youth and Community Studies

Major Requirements

120 semester credit hours is required. The youth and community studies major has two professional concentrations that can lead to secondary teacher certification after meeting additional state requirements: UT Austin Urban Teachers English language arts and reading and UT Austin Urban Teachers social studies. Youth and community studies majors in other professional concentrations are not entitled to receive a teaching certificate.

The curriculum for the major has the following components:

- University general education[†]
- major requirements
- curricular specialization
- professional concentration
- free electives

Students must complete the following:

Requirements	Hours
Core Curriculum	42
Major	
EDU 333 Children's Literature (or three hours in E or RHE*)	3
* Coursework used for this requirement may not also be used to satisfy the Humanities [Texas Core 040] requirement	
EDP 318T Selected Topics in Educational Psychology (Topic 5: Introduction to Career Planning)	3
EDP 320 Cognition, Human Learning, and Motivation	3
EDU 327 Sociocultural Influences on Learning	3
EDU 331 Restorative Practices	3
EDP 350G Adolescent Development	3
or EDU 321 Play in Early Childhood Development	
HED 329K Child and Adolescent Health	3
Three additional hours in KIN or HED	3
Three-hour entrepreneurship course (EDC 363 recommended)	3
Curricular Specialization	
Either a specialization in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education, a minor outside of education, a certificate, or a track in a second field of study which consists of a minimum of 15 hours of coursework, six of which must be upper-division. No more than six hours in the minor may also be counted toward other degree requirements.*	15
* See the College of Education "Degrees and Programs" page for specialization and track requirements.	
Professional Concentration	
Fifteen hours chosen from one of the following:*	15
Coaching	
EDC 364C Fieldwork in Youth and Community Studies	
12 hours chosen from:	

KIN 119	Topics in Movement Competence
KIN 226	Advanced Weight Training
KIN 310	Physiological Basis of Conditioning
KIN 311K	Sport Psychology
KIN 312	Topics in Kinesiology: Issues (Topic 2: Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries)
KIN 312	Topics in Kinesiology: Issues (Topic 3: Fundamentals of Coaching)
KIN 332	Techniques of Fitness Leadership
KIN 348	Psychological Aspects of Exercise
KIN 361	Coaching Theory and Principles I
KIN 362	Coaching Theory and Principles II
KIN 363	Theory and Practice in Strength Coaching

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Early Childhood

EDC 341C	Early Childhood Education
EDC 341D	Early Childhood Program Development
EDC 364C	Fieldwork in Youth and Community Studies

6 hours chosen from:

EDC 314	Children's Movement
EDU 321	Play in Early Childhood Development
HDF 304	Family Relationships
HDF 338	Developmentally Appropriate Practices with Young Children
HDF 342	Development of Psychopathology from Infancy through Adolescence
HDF 351	Infant Development and Attachment Relationships
HDF 378K	Topics in Advanced Child and Family Development
HDF 378L	Theories of Child and Family Development
M 316K	Foundations of Arithmetic
M 316L	Foundations of Geometry, Statistics, and Probability
MUS 303C	Fundamentals of Music: Classroom Instruments
PSY 304	Introduction to Child Psychology
SOC 321L	Sociology of Education
S W 360K	Current Social Work Topics
T D 302S	Arts Integrations for Multidisciplinary Connections
T D 326C	Theatre Studies: Creative Drama
T D 326D	Theatre Studies: Theatre for Young Audiences

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Educational Leadership and Policy

15 hours chosen from:

ELP 351L	Leadership for New Student Transition
ELP 351N	Sorority and Fraternity Leadership Issues
ELP 353N	Internship

ELP 354C	How Colleges Work
ELP 354D	Equity and Diversity Issues in Education
ELP 354E	College Students and Their Environments
ELP 354F	Foundations of Educational Policy
ELP 354K	Special Topics in Higher Education
ELP 354L	Introduction to Educational Leadership Studies
ELP 354P	Introduction to Educational Policy
ELP 354R	Introduction to Research in Higher Education
ELP 354S	Social Awareness and Critical Consciousness in Student Affairs
ELP 354T	Introduction to Student Affairs in Higher Education

Physical Education

EDC 364C	Fieldwork in Youth and Community Studies
12 hours chosen from:	
EDC 314	Children's Movement
KIN 335C	Motor Learning
KIN 352K	Topics in Human Movement Studies (Topic 30: Sport Pedagogy)
KIN 360	Programming for People with Disabilities
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Special Populations

EDC 364C	Fieldwork in Youth and Community Studies
12 hours chosen from:	
ASL 601D	American Sign Language I: Beginning
ASL 311D	American Sign Language III: Intermediate
CDI 355	Topics in Critical Disability Studies (Topic 1: Social Construction of Disability)
CDI 355	Topics in Critical Disability Studies (Topic 3: Aging and Disability)
CDI 355	Topics in Critical Disability Studies (Topic 7: Sexuality and Disability)
EDP 358D	Emotional and Behavioral Disorders
EDP 376T	Topics in Educational Psychology (Topic 3: Disability and Culture in Education)
HDF 378K	Topics in Advanced Child and Family Development
SED 303	Autism Spectrum Disorder: Truths and Consequences
SED 376	Foundations and Issues in Special Education
Any SLH course	
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UTeach Urban Teachers English language arts and reading*	
EDC 339F	Adolescent Literacy

EDC 651S	Topics in Secondary School Teaching Practicum (Topic 1: Secondary School Teaching Practicum: English)
EDC 370S	Topics in Secondary School Subjects (Topic 1: Advanced Methods in English, Language Arts, and Reading)
EDC 371S	Topics in Praxis for Student Teaching (Topic 1: Secondary English)

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UTeach Urban Teachers social studies*

EDC 350	Topics in Educational Studies (Topic 3: Teaching Secondary Social Studies)
EDC 651S	Topics in Secondary School Teaching Practicum (Topic 2: Secondary School Teaching Practicum: Social Studies)
EDC 370S	Topics in Secondary School Subjects (Topic 3: Advanced Methods in Social Studies)
EDC 371S	Topics in Praxis for Student Teaching (Topic 4: Secondary Social Studies)

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Youth and Social Services

EDC 364C	Fieldwork in Youth and Community Studies
12 hours chosen from:	
CMS 357	Family Communication
EDP 350G	Adolescent Development
EDP 350L	Human Sexuality
EDP 352D	Introduction to Individual Counseling and Psychotherapy
EDP 354G	Psychology of the African American Experience
EDP 354J	Psychology of Race and Racism
HDF 304	Family Relationships
HDF 371	Adolescent Development in Context
HED 335	Theories of Substance Use and Abuse
HED 360	Adolescent Health Risk Behavior
HED 361	Psychosocial Issues in Women's Health
HED 364	Strategic Health Communication
HED 365	Social Determinants of Health and Health Disparities
HED 366	Human Sexuality
HED 370K	Topics in Health Promotion: Seminar
SOC 307C	American Families Past and Present
SOC 307T	Punishment and Society
SOC 318	Juvenile Delinquency
SOC 321L	Sociology of Education

SOC 323	The Family
SOC 325K	Criminology
SOC 325L	Sociology of Criminal Justice
SOC 336P	Social Psychology and the Law
SOC 366	Deviance
WGS 303	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies
Any S W course	
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Free Electives	21
Additional coursework to fulfill all degree requirements and reach a total of 120 semester hours. All majors must complete at least 36 hours of upper-division coursework.	
Total Hours	120

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Core Component Areas: ⁰¹⁰ Communication; ⁰²⁰ Mathematics; ⁰³⁰ Natural Science and Technology, Part I; ⁰⁴⁰ Humanities; ⁰⁵⁰ Visual and Performing Arts; ⁰⁶⁰ U.S. History; ⁰⁷⁰ American and Texas Government; ⁰⁸⁰ Social and Behavioral Sciences; ⁰⁹⁰ First-Year Signature Course; ⁰⁹³ Natural Science and Technology, Part II

† Effective April 2025, UT Austin no longer requires Skills and Experience flags.