

## SECONDARY TEACHING CURRICULUM

As a student in Secondary Education you must complete a total of 45 general education, subject area, and professional education core requirements.

- General education coursework consists of 14 academic courses, covering a variety of subject areas, including communications, math, sciences, humanities, and history. You may not use Freshman Seminars taken in WCAS to fulfill general education coursework. You may not use a WCAS distribution course that is approved for one area, for a different area, unless the course has been designated as fulfilling two (2) or more WCAS distribution areas. \*
- Subject area coursework usually consists of a defined distribution of 12 – 16 courses in your teaching subject and related fields. \*
- Professional education core coursework consists of 11 units of credit, four (4) of which are for the full-time student teaching experience that takes place during your senior year.

• SESP 201	Childhood and Adolescence
• TEACH ED 302	Social Contexts
• TEACH ED 304	Introduction to Schooling in Communities
• TEACH ED 322	Teaching Reading in the Content Area
• TEACH ED 327	Educating the Exceptional Child
• TEACH ED 354-359	Methods and Techniques
• TEACH ED 378-379	Practicum Seminar
• TEACH ED 388-389	Student Teaching and Seminar (4 credits)

Foreign Language endorsements are for grades K-12, and so candidates must take additional course-work covering middle grades pedagogy. In addition to the courses above are Teach Ed 329: Early Adolescent Development and Intervention and Teach Ed 328: Dynamics of Middle School Curriculum. English Language Arts candidates take Teach Ed 324: Foundations of Reading and Language Acquisition in lieu of Teach Ed 322 listed above and also take Teach Ed 325: Foundations of Writing.

*\* Some double counting is possible between general education and subject area categories.*

You may obtain information about the specifics of coursework requirements by contacting the certification advisor in the Office of Student Affairs at the School of Education and Social Policy. Because careful planning is necessary to meet all program requirements, you should meet with the certification advisor **each quarter**. Coursework requirements are determined by the Illinois State Board of Education and Northwestern University.