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Academic Advisement Handbook

This handbook provides information on academic advisement. Please read carefully and consult your advisor each semester.

Program Goals

1. The pre-service teacher will develop knowledge of K-8 learners' development to create inclusive, learner-centered environments that respond to individual differences, diverse cultures and communities grounded in an anti-bias education framework building empathy, respect, understanding and connection.
2. The pre-service teacher will demonstrate a deep understanding of content knowledge and how concepts connect to engage learners in inquiry, critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem-solving.
3. The pre-service teacher will apply proficient pedagogical content knowledge, evidence-based instructional practices, and learners' progress data to implement culturally and linguistically responsive learning experiences that are accessible, meaningful, and rigorous for all learners.
4. The pre-service teacher will develop a critically conscious lens to reflect on and transform teacher-decision making to improve practice, engage with communities and families, and serve as an advocate for social justice to ensure learner growth and to advance the profession.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The following course requirements are for students who enter the University of Delaware during the 2026-2027 school year seeking a Bachelor of Science in Education. Students take the following:

- University Requirements
- General Studies Course Requirements
- Professional Studies Course Requirements
- Concentration-Specific Requirements—Dual Certifications
 - Dual Concentration:
 - Elementary/Multilingual Learners
 - Elementary/Special Education
 - Elementary/Middle School English
 - Elementary/Middle School Math
 - Elementary/Middle School Science
 - Elementary/Middle School Social Studies
- Concentration-Specific Requirements—Single Certifications
 - Single Concentration:
 - Single concentration Elementary Education
 - Single concentration Middle School ELA
 - Single concentration Middle School Math
 - Single concentration Middle School Science
 - Single concentration Middle School Social Studies

Students must have a C- or better in all courses. The total number of credits for this major that leads to a Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED) is 123 credits.

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

*** University Breadth Requirements:** All students must fulfill the University Breadth Requirements in the four areas of Creative Arts and Humanities (Group A); History and Cultural Change (Group B); Social and Behavioral Sciences (Group C); and Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology (Group D). **Group B, C, and D are automatically met with required courses. Group A can be met by some Fine Arts classes, some ENGL classes or GEOG 203, so you must choose your Group A breadth requirement carefully.** It is important to reach out to your advisor for Group A breadth choice, to avoid needing to take an extra course.

The courses that satisfy the University Breadth Requirements are listed online at <https://sites.udel.edu/gened/gened-home/university-breadth-requirement/>

These are all covered in your other requirements below – **General Studies, Professional Studies, and Concentration Areas.** ***They are NOT extra*** courses you need to take. **For example.** ENGL 110 is part of your **General Studies** requirements; Discovery Learning Experience is part of your **Professional Studies** Requirements – EDUC 400.

- ENGL 110 - First-Year Writing (C- minimum)
- First Year Seminar (FYS) (met by EDUC 100)
- Discovery Learning Experience (DLE) (met by EDUC 400)
- Multicultural Requirement (met to EDUC 258)
- University Breadth Requirements (C- minimum):
 - Creative Arts and Humanities (can be met by Fine Arts, ENGL or GEOG 203)
 - Choose this course wisely.
 - History and Cultural Change (met by HIST 103, 104, 105 or 106)
 - Social and Behavioral Sciences (met by UAPP 102)
 - Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Technology (met by SCEN 101)
- Capstone Experience (met by EDUC 400)

GENERAL STUDIES COURSE REQUIREMENTS

English (6 credits)

- ENGL 110 -First-Year Writing
- ENGL 204 (students in the middle school English concentration) **OR** any ENGL course at the 200-level or higher (students not in the middle level English concentration)

Fine Arts (3 credits)

- Any 3-credit ART, ARTH, DANC, MUED, MUSC, **OR** THEA course. This course should satisfy the Creative Arts and Humanities category for the University Breadth Requirements* unless this category is satisfied by another course (e.g., an ENGL course at the 200-level or higher that satisfies the Creative Arts and Humanities category).

Mathematics (9 credits)

- MATH 251 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Numbers & Operations
- MATH 252 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers & Probability MATH
- MATH 253 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra and Measurement

Students in single concentration middle school English or Social Studies are strongly encouraged to complete the above sequence OR consult your advisor prior to electing 9 math credits from Group D **Mathematics**, Natural Science & Technology (approved list).

Science (12 credits)

- BISC 103/113 **OR** 207 - Principles in Biology OR Introductory Biology
- GEOL 113 - Earth Science (fall only)
- SCEN 101 - Physical Science

Students in non-science single concentration middle school are strongly encouraged to complete the above science courses OR consult your advisor prior to electing 12 science credits (one with lab) from Group D **Mathematics: Natural Science & Technology** (approved list).

Social Studies (9 credits)

- UAPP 102 - Civics & Economics for Teachers
- GEOG 101, 102, 103, 120, 152, 203, 235, 236, 310, 311, 315, 320, 346 or 352 (approved list)
- HIST 103, 104, 105, **OR** 106 - World History OR U.S. History

Students in single concentration middle school mathematics, science, or English are strongly encouraged to complete the above social studies courses OR consult your advisor prior to electing 9 credits from Group B **History & Cultural Change**.

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS

EDUC 100	Introduction to Elementary and Middle School Education (fall only)
EDUC 205	Human Development
EDUC 210	Beginning Literacy Instruction
EDUC 230	Introduction to Exceptional Children
EDUC 240	Law and Ethics in Education
OR	
EDUC 247	History of Education in America
EDUC 258	Cultural Diversity, Schooling, and the Teacher
EDUC 310	Reading & Writing in Elementary School
EDUC 335	Elementary Curriculum: Math
EDUC 341	Elementary Curriculum: Science
EDUC 346	Elementary Curriculum: Social Studies
EDUC 387	Integrating Technology Education
EDUC 390	Classroom Management for Social and Emotional Learning
EDUC 400	Student Teaching
EDUC 428	Critical Reflection of Teacher Decision Making
EDUC 433	Student Teaching Seminar
EDUC 436	Differentiated Literacy Instruction
OR	
EDUC 437	Diagnosis and Instruction: Literacy Problems (Special Education concentration)
EDUC 440	Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners
EDUC 451	Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers
EDUC 420	Reading in the Content Areas (Middle School single certification: Math, Science or Social Studies Concentrations Only)

Choosing a Concentration Area

All undergraduate students take the two-credit course EDUC 100: Introduction to Elementary and Middle School Education in the fall of their freshman year. This course will help students choose their concentration. The course is considered a First-Year Seminar course by the University and is required for the major.

Students will select their concentration near the end of EDUC 100. After your concentration area has been approved at the end of the first semester, students must go to UDSIS and declare their concentration so that it appears on their transcript and on UDSIS. This can be done by changing your major from Elementary and Middle School teacher education only to Elementary and Middle School teacher education with a concentration. Alternatively, you may choose a single concentration.

Dual Concentration Options

- Elementary & Multilingual Learner Concentration
- Elementary & Middle School English Concentration
- Elementary & Middle School Mathematics Concentration
- Elementary & Middle School Science Concentration
- Elementary & Middle School Social Studies Concentration
- Elementary & Special Education Concentration

Single Concentration Options

- Elementary Education Concentration
- Middle School English Concentration
- Middle School Math Concentration
- Middle School Science Concentration
- Middle School Social Studies Concentration

CONCENTRATION-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

DUAL CONCENTRATIONS

Dual Concentration: Students may select a second concentration area along with elementary. This leads to dual certification.

Multilingual Learner Education (MLLE) Concentration

Pre-service teachers (PSTs) will develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to create a culturally and linguistically responsive and inclusive learning environment that supports the linguistic and academic needs of their multilingual learners (MLs). This includes understanding the linguistic, cognitive, and social processes underlying language acquisition and implementing evidence-based instructional strategies that integrate language instruction into content areas. PSTs will differentiate instruction for MLs based on their language proficiency levels and use appropriate assessments to monitor and measure their language development. Additionally, PSTs will develop cultural competence by appreciating and valuing the diversity of their students, identifying and addressing biases, and promoting equity for all.

- EDUC 400 Student Teaching
- EDUC 401 Language Development in the Classroom (spring only)
- EDUC 447 Policy and Practice for Teachers of Multilingual Learners (fall only)
- EDUC 453 Assessment of Linguistically Diverse Learners
- EDUC 459 Urban Schools in Urban Landscapes
- EDUC 472 Teaching English as a Second Language (fall only)
- LING 101 Introduction to Linguistics
- LING 477 The Structure of English (fall only)
- Free elective (3 credits)

Middle School English Concentration

Pre-service teachers will apply their knowledge of English Language Arts/Literacy content, disciplinary and interdisciplinary skills, and evidence-based strategies to plan, implement, assess, and critically reflect on developmentally and culturally responsive instruction to meet the learning needs of young adolescents.

- EDUC 320 Reading and Writing in the Middle Grades
- EDUC 403 Literature for Adolescents: Multimedia Texts
- EDUC 400 Student Teaching
- ENGL 206 British Literature II
- ENGL 207, 208, 209 or 210 (choose one genre course))

- ENGL 294 Diverse English Languages: Grammar and Use
- ENGL 396 Teaching Composition in Secondary School (spring)
- ENGL Writing course (choose one from approved list)
- ENGL Diverse Literature course (choose one from approved list)

A list of approved writing and diverse literature courses are available online at www.education.udel.edu/ete/middle-school-english/.

Middle School Mathematics Concentration

Pre-service teachers will apply their knowledge of mathematical content, disciplinary and interdisciplinary skills, and evidence-based strategies to plan, implement, assess, and critically reflect on developmentally and culturally responsive instruction to meet the learning needs of young adolescents.

- EDUC 400 Student Teaching
- EDUC 406 Teaching Math in the Middle School (fall only)
- MATH 217 Algebra for Middle Level Teachers (fall only)
- MATH 240 Geometry & Measurement for Middle Level Teachers (spring only)
- MATH 308 Historical Development of Mathematical Concepts and Ideas (spring only)
- STAT 200 Basic Statistical Practice
- Free elective (3 credits)

One of the following paired sequences:

- MATH 115 Pre-Calculus
- MATH 221 Calculus I

OR

- MATH 231 Integrated Calculus IA
- MATH 232 Integrated Calculus IB

OR

- MATH 241 Analytic Geometry & Calculus A
- MATH 242 Analytic Geometry & Calculus B

Middle School Science Concentration

Pre-service teachers will apply their knowledge of science and engineering content, disciplinary and interdisciplinary skills, and evidence-based strategies to plan, implement, assess, and critically reflect on developmentally and culturally responsive instruction to meet the learning needs of young adolescents.

- Six credits of Biology courses from the approved list of courses.
- Six credits of Physical science courses from the approved list of courses.
- Three credits of an Earth science course from the approved list of courses.
- Three credits of an Environmental science course from the approved list of courses.
- EDUC 400 - Student Teaching
- SCEN 650 - Scientific Inquiry for Current and Future Teachers
- EDUC 441 - Teaching Science in the Middle School

OR

- EDUC 641 - Teaching Science in the Middle School

A list of approved science courses is available online at www.education.udel.edu/ete/middle-school-science/.

Middle School Social Studies Concentration

Pre-service teachers will apply their knowledge of social studies content, disciplinary and interdisciplinary skills, and evidence-based strategies to plan, implement, assess, and critically reflect on developmentally and culturally responsive instruction to meet the learning needs of young adolescents.

- Three-credit ECON course, excluding cross-lists
- Three-credit GEOG course, excluding cross-lists
- Three-credit HIST course from the approved list of courses
- HIST 315 History of Education

One of the following courses in the area different from the course taken for General Studies so that students have taken one World History and one U.S. History course

- HIST 103 World History to 1400 **OR**
- HIST 104 World History since 1400 **OR**
- HIST 105 U.S. History to 1865 **OR**
- HIST 106 U.S. History Since 1865

One of the following which was not taken for General Studies

- POSC 150 Introduction to American Politics **OR**
- POSC 270 Introduction to Comparative Politics

- EDUC 348 Investigating Social Studies in Middle School Communities
- EDUC 400 Student Teaching
- Social Studies three-credit elective (See advisor)

Special Education Concentration

Pre-service teachers will plan, implement, and evaluate individualized, evidence-based academic and social-emotional supports to meet the needs of students with disabilities in a variety of instructional settings in collaboration with families and other professionals.

- EDUC 400 Student Teaching
- EDUC 410 Assistive Technology
- EDUC 431 Applied Behavior Analysis
- EDUC 432 Curriculum for School-Aged Exceptional Children
- EDUC 435 Educational Evaluation for Exceptional Children

*After required courses are completed, enough elective credits must be taken to meet the minimum credits required for the BSED degree (123 credits).

CONCENTRATION-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

SINGLE CONCENTRATION

Elementary Education Single Concentration

Students who select this option will complete all program requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED) with no concentration requirements. Enough elective credits must be taken to meet the minimum credits required for the BSED degree (123 credits).

- Any official university minor is strongly recommended!
- A minor will provide a focus area for your undergraduate degree which may be helpful if pursuing a graduate degree.
- Students can take any approved minor except for Educational Studies. Minors range from 12-21 credits. The School of Education offers a minor in Educational Technology, Race, Culture, and Equity in Education, and Disabilities Studies. You may explore other minor options.

Single concentration in Elementary Education may limit your marketability and job options as school districts will often give preference to those candidates who are dually certified. You may want to consider applying to one of the Master 4+1 programs.

COURSEWORK REQUIRED: See all General Studies, Professional Studies, and University Requirements.

Middle School Education Single Concentration

Students who select this option will complete all program requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED) with no concentration requirements. Enough elective credits must be taken to meet the minimum credits required for the BSED degree (123 credits).

- Any official university minor is strongly recommended!
- A minor will provide a focus area for your undergraduate degree which may be helpful if pursuing a graduate degree.
- Students can take any approved minor except for Educational Studies. Minors range from 12-21 credits. The School of Education offers a minor in Educational Technology, Race, Culture, and Equity in Education, and Disabilities Studies. You may explore other minor options.
- See specific single concentration requirements

Single concentration in Middle School Education (any one concentration) may limit your marketability and job options as school districts will often give preference to those candidates who are dually certified. In addition, all states do not award a middle school only certificate. You may want to consider applying to one of the Master 4+1 programs.

Middle School English Single Concentration

- EDUC 310 Reading and Writing in Elementary School
- EDUC 320 Reading and Writing in the Middle Grades
- EDUC 403 Literature for Adolescents: Multimedia Texts
- ENGL 206 British Literature II
- ENGL 207, 208, 209 or 210 (choose one genre course)
- ENGL 294 Diverse English Languages: Grammar and Use
- ENGL 396 Teaching Composition in Secondary School (spring)
- ENGL Writing course (choose one from approved list)
- ENGL Diverse Literature course (choose one from approved list)
- EDUC 400 Student Teaching
- Free elective credits to reach 123 credits.

A list of approved writing and multicultural courses is available online at www.education.udel.edu/ete/middle-school-english/.

Middle School Mathematics Single Concentration

- EDUC 335 Elementary Curriculum: Mathematics
- EDUC 400 Student Teaching
- EDUC 406 Teaching Math in the Middle School (fall only)
- EDUC 420 Reading in the Content Areas (1 credit)
- MATH 217 Algebra for Middle Level Teachers (fall only)
- MATH 240 Geometry & Measurement for Middle Level Teachers (spring only)
- MATH 308 Historical Development of Mathematical Concepts and Ideas (spring only)
- STAT 200 Basic Statistical Practice

One of the following paired sequences

- MATH 115 Pre-Calculus
- MATH 221 Calculus I

OR

- MATH 231 Integrated Calculus IA
- MATH 232 Integrated Calculus IB

OR

- MATH 241 Analytic Geometry & Calculus A
- MATH 242 Analytic Geometry & Calculus B

- Free electives to reach 123 credits.

Middle School Science Single Concentration

- Six credits of Biology courses from the approved list of courses.
 - Six credits of Physical science courses from the approved list of courses.
 - Three credits of an Earth science course from the approved list of courses.
 - Three credits of an Environmental science course from the approved list of courses.
 - EDUC 341 Elementary Curriculum: Science
 - EDUC 400 Student Teaching
 - EDUC 420 Reading in the Content Areas (1 credit)
 - EDUC 441 Teaching Science in the Middle School
- OR**
- EDUC 641 Teaching Science in the Middle School
 - SCEN 650 Scientific Inquiry for Current and Future Teachers (every other fall semester)
 - Free electives to reach 123 credits

A list of approved science courses is available online at
www.education.udel.edu/ete/middle-school-science/.

Middle School Social Studies Single Concentration

- Three-credit ECON course, excluding cross-lists
- Three-credit GEOG course, excluding cross-lists
- Three-credit HIST course from the approved list of courses
- HIST 315 History for Teachers

One of the following courses in the area different from the course taken for General Studies so that students have taken one World History and one U.S. History course)

- HIST 103 World History to 1400 **OR**
- HIST 104 World History since 1400 **OR**
- HIST 105 US History to 1863 **OR**
- HIST 106 US History Since 1865
- POSC 150 Introduction to American Politics **OR**
- POSC 270
- Free Social Studies Elective (HIST, ECON, GEOG, POSC, ANTH, PSYC)
- EDUC 346 Elementary Curriculum: Social Studies
- EDUC 348 Investigating Social Studies in Middle School Communities
- EDUC 400 Student Teaching
- EDUC 420 Reading in the Content Areas

Free electives to reach 123 credits.

SAMPLE COURSE SEQUENCES – DUAL CONCENTRATIONS

The following plans are SAMPLE course sequences and are **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**. This is only an example to help you understand how the program can fit into eight semesters. **Meet with your advisor for ALL scheduling.**

Elementary & Multilingual Learner Dual Concentration (BSED)

*Field placement required

FALL	SPRING
First Year	
EDUC 100 - Introduction to Elementary and Middle School Education	EDUC 258 - Cultural Diversity, Schooling and the Teacher
EDUC 230 - Introduction to Special Education and Exceptional Children	ENGL 110 - First-Year Writing
EDUC 240 - Legal and Ethical Issues in American Education or EDUC 247 - The History of Education in America	LING 101 - Introduction to Linguistics I
MATH 251 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Number and Operations	SCEN 101 - Physical Science
HIST 103, 104, 105 or 106	MATH 252 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers and Probability
GEOG approved list	
Credits: 17	Credits: 16
Second Year	
EDUC 210 - Beginning Literacy Instruction *	EDUC 205 - Human Development: Grades K-8 *
EDUC 451 - Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers	Fine Arts
EDUC 459 – Urban Schools in Urban Landscapes	200-Level ENGL or above
MATH 253 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra and Measurement	EDUC 401 - Language Development in the Classroom (Spring)
GEOL 113 – Earth Science	BISC 103/113 – Principles of Biology
Credits: 16	Credits: 16
Third Year	
EDUC 387 - Integrating Technology in Education	EDUC 310 - Reading and Writing in Elementary School*
EDUC 440 - Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners	EDUC 335 - Elementary Curriculum: Mathematics*
LING 477 - The Structure of English	EDUC 341 - Elementary Curriculum: Science*
Free Elective	EDUC 346 - Elementary Curriculum: Social Studies*
UAPP 102 - Civics and Economics for Teachers	EDUC 390 - Classroom Management for Social and Emotional Learning*
Credits: 15	Credits: 15
Fourth Year	
EDUC 428 - Critical Reflection of Teacher Decision Making*	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching EE*
EDUC 436 - Differentiated Literacy Instruction	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching MLL *
EDUC 447 - Policy and Practice for Teachers of Multilingual Learners*	EDUC 433 – Student Teaching Seminar*
EDUC 453 - Assessment of Linguistically Diverse Learners*	
EDUC 472 - Methods for Teaching Multilingual Learners*	
Credits: 14	Credits: 14
Total Credits: 123	

Elementary & Middle School English Dual Concentration (BSED)

*Field placement required

FALL	SPRING
First Year	
EDUC 100 - Introduction to Elementary and Middle School Education	BISC 103/113 - Principles of Biology with Laboratory
EDUC 240 - Legal and Ethical Issues in American Education OR EDUC 247 - The History of Education in America	UAPP 102 - Civics and Economics for Teachers
EDUC 230 - Introduction to Special Education and Exceptional Children	EDUC 258 - Cultural Diversity, Schooling and the Teacher
MATH 251 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Number and Operations	ENGL 110 - First-Year Writing
GEOG – (approved list)	MATH 252 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers and Probability
HIST 103, 104, 105 or 106	
Credits: 17	Credits: 16
Second Year	
EDUC 210 - Beginning Literacy Instruction*	EDUC 205 - Human Development: Grades K-8*
GEOL 113 – Earth Science	EDUC 403 - Literature for Adolescents: Multimedia Texts
ENGL 294 - Diverse English Languages: Grammar and Usage	ENGL 206 - British Literature 1660 to Present
MATH 253 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra and Measurement	ENGL 396 - Teaching Composition in Secondary School (spring only)
Diverse Literature Course (approved list)	SCEN 101 – Physical Science
Credits: 16	Credits: 16
Third Year	
EDUC 387 - Integrating Technology in Education	EDUC 310 - Reading and Writing in Elementary School*
ENGL 204 - American Literature	EDUC 335 - Elementary Curriculum: Mathematics*
EDUC 451 - Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers	EDUC 341 - Elementary Curriculum: Science*
English Genre Elective (approved list)	EDUC 346 - Elementary Curriculum: Social Studies*
English Writing Elective (approved list)	EDUC 390 - Classroom Management for Social and Emotional Learning *
Credits: 15	Credits: 15
Fourth Year	
EDUC 320 - Reading and Writing in the Middle Grades*	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching EE*
EDUC 436 - Differentiated Literacy Instruction*	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching MLE*
EDUC 440 - Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners	EDUC 433 – Student Teaching Seminar*
EDUC 428 - Critical Reflection of Teacher Decision Making*	
Fine Arts	
Credits: 14	Credits: 14
Total Credits: 123	

Elementary & Middle School Mathematics Dual Concentration (BSED)

*Field placement required

FALL	SPRING
First Year	
EDUC 100 - Introduction to Elementary and Middle School Education	BISC 103/113 - Principles of Biology with Laboratory
EDUC 240 - Legal and Ethical Issues in American Education OR EDUC 247 - The History of Education in America	EDUC 258 - Cultural Diversity, Schooling and the Teacher
EDUC 230 - Introduction to Special Education and Exceptional Children	ENGL 110 - First-Year Writing
MATH 251 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Number and Operations	MATH 252 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers and Probability
Geography Requirement (approved list)	Math 115 – Pre-Calculus
HIST 103, 104, 105 or 106 (3)	
Credits: 17	Credits: 16
Second Year	
EDUC 210 - Beginning Literacy Instruction*	EDUC 205 - Human Development: Grades K-8*
MATH 253 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra and Measurement	SCEN 101 – Physical Science
GEOL 113 – Earth Science	MATH 240 – Geometry and Measure for MS Teachers
MATH 221 - Calculus	MATH 308 – Historical Development of Mathematical Concepts
MATH 217 – Algebra for Middle Level Teachers	English 200-level (or higher)
Credits: 16	Credits: 16
Third Year	
EDUC 387 - Integrating Technology in Education	EDUC 310 - Reading and Writing in Elementary School*
EDUC 451 - Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers	EDUC 335 - Elementary Curriculum: Mathematics*
UAPP 102 - Civics and Economics for Teachers	EDUC 341 - Elementary Curriculum: Science*
STAT 200 - Basic Statistical Practice	EDUC 346 - Elementary Curriculum: Social Studies*
Fine Arts	EDUC 390 - Classroom Management for Social and Emotional Learning*
Credits: 15	Credits: 15
Fourth Year	
EDUC 428 - Critical Reflection of Teacher Decision Making*	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching EE*
EDUC 406 – Teaching Math in Middle School	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching MLS*
EDUC 436 - Differentiated Literacy Instruction	EDUC 433 – Student Teaching Seminar
Free elective	
EDUC 440 - Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners	
Credits: 14	Credits: 14
Total Credits: 123	

Elementary & Middle School Science Dual Concentration (BSED)

*Field placement required

FALL	SPRING
First Year	
EDUC 100 - Introduction to Elementary and Middle School Education	BISC 103/113 - Principles of Biology with Laboratory
EDUC 240 - Legal and Ethical Issues in American Education OR EDUC 247 - The History of Education in America	EDUC 258 - Cultural Diversity, Schooling and the Teacher
EDUC 230 - Introduction to Special Education and Exceptional Children	ENGL 110 - First-Year Writing
MATH 251 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Number and Operations	MATH 252 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers and Probability
Geography Requirement (approved list)	Physical Science Elective (approved list)
HIST 103, 104, 105 or 106 (3)	
Credits: 17	Credits: 16
Second Year	
EDUC 210 - Beginning Literacy Instruction*	EDUC 205 - Human Development: Grades K-8*
MATH 253 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra and Measurement	SCEN 101 – Physical Science
GEOL 113 – Earth Science	Biology Elective (approved list)
Biology Elective (approved list)	Environmental Science Elective (approved list)
Physical Science Elective (approved list)	English 200-level (or higher)
Credits: 16	Credits: 16
Third Year	
EDUC 387 - Integrating Technology in Education	EDUC 310 - Reading and Writing in Elementary School*
EDUC 451 - Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers or SCEN 650 - Scientific Inquiry for Current and Future Teachers	EDUC 335 - Elementary Curriculum: Mathematics*
UAPP 102 - Civics and Economics for Teachers	EDUC 341 - Elementary Curriculum: Science*
Earth Science Elective (approved list)	EDUC 346 - Elementary Curriculum: Social Studies*
Fine Arts	EDUC 390 - Classroom Management for Social and Emotional Learning*
Credits: 15	Credits: 15
Fourth Year	
EDUC 428 - Critical Reflection of Teacher Decision Making*	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching EE*
EDUC 441 - Teaching Science in the Middle School or EDUC 641 - Teaching Science in the Middle School*	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching MLS*
EDUC 436 - Differentiated Literacy Instruction	EDUC 433 – Student Teaching Seminar
EDUC 451 - Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers or SCEN 650 - Scientific Inquiry for Current and Future Teachers (odd fall only)	
EDUC 440 - Literacy Instruction for ELs	
Credits: 14	Credits: 14
Total Credits: 123	

Elementary & Middle School Social Studies Dual Concentration (BSED)

*Field placement required

FALL	SPRING
First Year	
EDUC 100 - Introduction to Elementary and Middle School Education	BISC 103/113 - Principles of Biology with Laboratory
EDUC 240 - Legal and Ethical Issues in American Education or EDUC 247 - The History of Education in America	EDUC 258 - Cultural Diversity, Schooling and the Teacher
EDUC 230 - Introduction to Special Education and Exceptional Children	ENGL 110 - First-Year Writing
MATH 251 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Number and Operations	MATH 252 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers and Probability
General Studies Geography (approved list)	POSC 150 - Introduction to American Politics or POSC 270 - Introduction to Comparative Politics
HIST 105 - U.S. History to 1865 or HIST 106 - U.S. History Since 1865	
Credits: 17	Credits: 16
Second Year	
EDUC 210 - Beginning Literacy Instruction *	EDUC 205 - Human Development: Grades K-8*
HIST 315 - History for Teachers (fall only)	SCEN 101 – Physical Science
MATH 253 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra and Measurement	English 200-Level (or higher)
GEOL 113 – Earth Science	Concentration Economics Elective
HIST 103 - World History to 1400 or HIST 104 - World History since 1400	Concentration Geography Elective
Credits: 16	Credits: 16
Third Year	
EDUC 387 - Integrating Technology in Education	EDUC 310 - Reading and Writing in Elementary School*
UAPP 102 - Civics and Economics for Teachers	EDUC 335 - Elementary Curriculum: Mathematics*
EDUC 451 - Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers	EDUC 341 - Elementary Curriculum: Science*
History Elective (approved list)	EDUC 346 - Elementary Curriculum: Social Studies*
Social Studies elective	EDUC 390 - Classroom Management for Social and Emotional Learning*
Credits: 15	Credits: 15
Fourth Year	
EDUC 348 - Investigating Social Studies in Middle School Communities	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching EE*
EDUC 440 - Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching MLSS*
EDUC 428 - Critical Reflection of Teacher Decision Making	EDUC 433 – Student Teaching Seminar*
EDUC 436 - Differentiated Literacy Instruction	
Fine Arts	
Credits: 14	Credits: 14
Total Credits: 123	

Elementary & Special Education Dual Concentration (BSED)

*Field placement required

FALL	SPRING
First Year	
EDUC 100 - Introduction to Elementary and Middle School Education	EDUC 258 - Cultural Diversity, Schooling and the Teacher
EDUC 230 - Introduction to Special Education and Exceptional Children	ENGL 110 - First-Year Writing
EDUC 240 - Legal and Ethical Issues in American Education or EDUC 247 - The History of Education in America	SCEN 101 - Physical Science
MATH 251 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Number and Operations	MATH 252 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers and Probability
GEOG – approved list	Free Elective
HIST 103, 104, 105, or 106	
Credits: 17	Credits: 16
Second Year	
GEOL 113 – Earth Science	EDUC 205 - Human Development: Grades K-8*
EDUC 210 - Beginning Literacy Instruction*	EDUC 387 - Integrating Technology in Education
EDUC 451 - Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers	EDUC 410 - Assistive Technology
MATH 253 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra and Measurement	BISC 103/113 – Principles of Biology
UAPP 102 - Civics and Economics for Teachers	EDUC 440 - Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners
	English 200-Level (or higher)
Credits: 16	Credits: 17
Third Year	
EDUC 310 - Reading and Writing in Elementary School*	EDUC 431 - Applied Behavior Analysis*
EDUC 335 - Elementary Curriculum: Mathematics*	EDUC 432 - Curriculum and Instruction for Exceptional Learners*
EDUC 341 - Elementary Curriculum: Science*	EDUC 435 - Educational Evaluation for Exceptional Learners*
EDUC 346 - Elementary Curriculum: Social Studies*	EDUC 437 - Diagnosis and Instruction for Literacy Problems*
EDUC 390 - Classroom Management for Social and Emotional Learning*	EDUC 428 - Critical Reflection of Teacher Decision Making*
Credits: 15	Credits: 14
Fourth Year	
EDUC 400 - Student Teaching – EE*	Fine Arts
EDUC 400 - Student Teaching – SE*	Free Elective
EDUC 433 – Student Teaching Seminar*	Free Elective
	Free Elective
	Free Elective (2 credits)
Credits: 14	Credits: 14
Total Credits: 123	

NOTE: The special education concentration has 14 credits of free electives. These credits could be used towards the completion of a minor or for courses on a study abroad trip. You could also use these free electives for courses in the 4+1 program (senior year). Another option is to use these electives for any course that UD offers that interests you.

SAMPLE COURSE SEQUENCES – SINGLE CONCENTRATIONS

The following plans are SAMPLE course sequences and are SUBJECT TO CHANGE. This is only an example to help you understand how the program can fit into eight semesters. Meet with your advisor for ALL scheduling.

Elementary Education Single Concentration (BSED)

*Field placement required

FALL	SPRING
First Year	
EDUC 100 - Introduction to Elementary and Middle School Education	BISC 103/113 - Principles of Biology with Laboratory
EDUC 240 - Legal and Ethical Issues in American Education or EDUC 247 - The History of Education in America	EDUC 258 - Cultural Diversity, Schooling and the Teacher
EDUC 230 - Introduction to Special Education and Exceptional Children	ENGL 110 - First-Year Writing
MATH 251 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Number and Operations	MATH 252 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers and Probability
GEOG (approved list)	Free Elective
HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, OR HIST 106	
Credits: 17	Credits: 16
Second Year	
EDUC 210 - Beginning Literacy Instruction*	EDUC 205 - Human Development: Grades K-8*
MATH 253 - Mathematics for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra and Measurement	GEOL 113 - Earth Science
SCEN 101 - Physical Science	Free Elective
Free Elective	Free Elective
Free Elective	English 200-Level (or higher)
Credits: 16	Credits: 16
Third Year	
EDUC 387 - Integrating Technology in Education	EDUC 310 - Reading and Writing in Elementary School*
UAPP 102 - Civics and Economics for Teachers	EDUC 335 - Elementary Curriculum: Mathematics*
Free Elective	EDUC 341 - Elementary Curriculum: Science *
EDUC 440 - Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners	EDUC 346 - Elementary Curriculum: Social Studies*
EDUC 451 - Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers	EDUC 390 - Classroom Management for Social and Emotional Learning*
Credits: 15	Credits: 15
Fourth Year	
EDUC 400 - Student Teaching (9 credits) *	Free Elective
EDUC 433 – Student Teaching Seminar*	Free Elective
EDUC 436 - Differentiated Literacy Instruction	Free Elective
EDUC 428 - Critical Reflection of Teacher Decision Making*	Fine Arts
Credits: 16	Credits: 12
Total Credits: 123	

EME - Middle School English Concentration (BSED)

***Field placement required**

FALL	SPRING
FIRST YEAR	
EDUC 100 - Introduction to Elem and Middle School Education	BISC 103/113 - Principles of Biology w/lab or Group D Science w/lab
EDUC 240 - Legal & Ethical Issues in American Ed OR EDUC 247 The History of Education in America	UAPP 102 - Civics and Economics for Teachers
EDUC 230 - Introduction to Special Education & Exceptional Children	EDUC 258 - Cultural Diversity, Schooling, and the Teacher
MATH 251 - Math for K-8 Teachers: Number and Operations or Group D Mathematics Elective	ENGL 110 - First Year Writing
General Studies Geography (1/1)** or Group C Elective	MATH 252 - Math for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers and Probability or Group D Mathematics Elective
General Studies History (1/1)** or Group B Elective	
Credits: 17	Credits: 16
SECOND YEAR	
EDUC 210 - Beginning Literacy Instruction	EDUC 205 - Human Development: Grades K-8
GEOL 113 – Earth Science or Group D Science w/lab	EDUC 403 - Literature for Adolescents: Multimedia Texts
ENGL Multicultural**	ENGL 206- British Literature 1660 to Present
MATH 253 - Math for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra, and Measurement or Group D Elective	ENGL 396 -Teaching Composition in Secondary School
ENGL 294 - Diverse English Languages: Grammar and Usage	SCEN 101 - Physical Science or Group D Science w/Lab
Credits: 16	Credits: 16
THIRD YEAR	
Free Elective	EDUC 310 - Reading and Writing in Elementary School
ENGL 204 - American Literature	EDUC 390 - Classroom Management for Social Emotional Learning
EDUC 451 - Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers	EDUC 387 - Integrating Technology in Education
English Genre Elective (1/1)**	Free Elective
English Writing Elective (1/1)**	Free Elective
Credits: 15	Credits: 15
FOURTH YEAR	
EDUC 320 - Reading and Writing in the Middle Grades	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching (12 credits)
EDUC 436 - Differentiated Literacy Instruction	EDUC 433 - Student Teaching Seminar
EDUC 440- Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners	
EDUC 428 - Critical Reflection of Teacher Decision Making	
Fine Arts**	
Credits: 14	Credits: 14
Total Credits: 123	

Students must earn a grade of C- or higher in all coursework for the major.

** See program plan for approved courses.

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EME - Middle School Math Concentration (BSED)

***Field placement required**

FALL	SPRING
FIRST YEAR	
EDUC 100 - Introduction to Elem and Middle School Education	EDUC 230- Introduction to Special Education & Exceptional Children
EDUC 240 - Legal & Ethical Issues in American Ed OR EDUC 247 -The History of Education in America	SCEN 101 - Physical Science or Group D Science w/Lab
BISC 103/113 - Principles of Biology w/lab or Group D Science w/lab	EDUC 258- Cultural Diversity, Schooling, and the Teacher
MATH 251 Math for K-8 Teachers: Number and Operations or Group D Mathematics Elective	ENGL 110 - First Year Writing
General Studies History (1/1)** or Group B Elective	MATH 252 Math for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers and Probability or Group D Mathematics Elective
Credits: 15	Credits: 16
SECOND YEAR	
EDUC 210- Beginning Literacy Instruction	EDUC 205- Human Development: Grades K-8
GEOL 113 - Earth Science or Group D Science w/lab	Fine Arts**
STAT 200 -Basic Statistical Practice	MATH 240 - Geometry and Measurement for Middle School Teachers
MATH 253 - Math for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra, and Measurement or Group D Elective	MATH 221 - Calculus I or MATH 232- Integrated Calculus IB or MATH 242 - Analytic Geometry and Calculus B
MATH 115 - Pre-Calc or MATH 231 - Integrated Calculus IA or Math 241 Analytic Geometry and Calculus A	General Studies Geography (1/1)** or Group C Elective
Credits: 16-17	Credits: 15-16
THIRD YEAR	
UAPP 102 - Civics and Economics for Teachers	EDUC 335 - Elementary Curriculum: Mathematics
Free Elective	EDUC 390 - Classroom Management for Social Emotional Learning
EDUC 451- Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers	EDUC 387 - Integrating Technology in Education
English 200 level (or higher) Elective	MATH 308 - Historical Development of Mathematical Concepts and Ideas-
MATH 217 - Algebra for Middle School Teachers	Free Elective
Free Elective	Free Elective (2 credits)
Credits: 15	Credits: 17
FOURTH YEAR	
EDUC 420- Reading in the Content Areas	EDUC 400- Student Teaching (12 credits)
EDUC 436- Differentiated Literacy Instruction	EDUC 433 - Student Teaching Seminar
EDUC 406 - Teaching Math in Middle School	
EDUC 428 - Critical Reflection of Teacher Decision Making	
EDUC 440 - Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners	
Free Elective	Credits: 14
Credits: 15	
Total Credits: 123	

Students must earn a grade of C- or higher in all coursework for the major.

** See program plan for approved courses.

EME - Middle School Science Concentration (BSED)

*Field placement required

ALL	SPRING
FIRST YEAR	
EDUC 100 - Introduction to Elem and Middle School Education	BISC 103/113 - Principles of Biology w/lab or Group D Science w/lab
EDUC 240 - Legal & Ethical Issues in American Ed OR EDUC 247 The History of Education in America	Physical Science Elective (1/2)**
EDUC 230 - Introduction to Special Education & Exceptional Children	EDUC 258 - Cultural Diversity, Schooling, and the Teacher
MATH 251 - Math for K-8 Teachers: Number and Operations or Group D Mathematics Elective	ENGL 110 - First Year Writing
History Requirement (1/1)** or Group B Elective	MATH 252- Math for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers and Probability or Group D Mathematics Elective
Geography Requirement (1/1)**	
Credits: 17	Credits: 16
SECOND YEAR	
EDUC 210- Beginning Literacy Instruction	EDUC 205- Human Development: Grades K-8
GEOL – Earth Science or Group D Science w/lab	SCEN 101 - Physical Science or Group D Science w/Lab
Biology Elective (1/2)**	Biology Elective (2/2)**
MATH 253 - Math for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra, and Measurement or Group D Elective	Environmental Science Elective (1/1)**
Physical Science Elective (2/2)**	English 200 level (or higher) Elective
Credits: 16	Credits: 16
THIRD YEAR	
UAPP 102 - Civics and Economics for Teachers	EDUC 341- Elementary Curriculum: Science
Free Elective	EDUC 390 - Classroom Management for Social Emotional Learning
SCEN 650 or EDUC 440 Literacy Instruction for ELLs	EDUC 387 Integrating Technology in Education
Earth Science Elective (1/1)**	EDUC 451 - Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers
Fine Arts Elective (1/1)**	Free Elective
Credits: 15	Credits: 15
FOURTH YEAR	
EDUC 420 - Reading in the Content Areas	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching (12 credits)
EDUC 436 - Differentiated Literacy Instruction	EDUC 433 Student Teaching Seminar
EDUC 441- Teaching Science in Middle School	
EDUC 428 - Critical Reflection of Teacher Decision Making	
SCEN 650 or EDUC 440 Literacy Instruction for English Lang Learners	
Free Elective (2 credits)	Credits: 14
Credits: 14	
Total Credits: 123	

Students must earn a grade of C- or higher in all coursework for the major.

** See program plan for approved courses.

EME - Middle School Social Studies Concentration (BSED)

*Field placement required

FALL	SPRING
FIRST YEAR	
EDUC 100 - Introduction to Elem Middle School Education	BISC 103/113 - Principles of Biology w/lab or Group D Science w/lab
EDUC 240 - Legal & Ethical Issues in American Ed OR EDUC 247 - The History of Education in America	POSC 150 - Intro to American Politics or POSC 270 Intro to Comparative Politics
EDUC 230 - Introduction to Special Education & Exceptional Children	EDUC 258- Cultural Diversity, Schooling, and the Teacher
MATH 251 - Math for K-8 Teachers: Number and Operations or Group D Mathematics Elective	ENGL 110 - First Year Writing
HIST 105 - US History to 1865 or HIST 106 US History since 1865	MATH 252- Math for K-8 Teachers: Rational Numbers and Probability or Group D Mathematics Elective
General Studies Geography (1/1)**	
Credits: 17	Credits: 16
SECOND YEAR	
EDUC 210 - Beginning Literacy Instruction	EDUC 205 - Human Development: Grades K-8
GEOL 113 – Earth Science or Group D Science w/lab	SCEN 101 – Physical Science or Group D Science w/Lab
HIST 315 - History for Teachers	Concentration Economics Elective (1/1)**
MATH 253 - Math for K-8 Teachers: Geometry, Algebra, and Measurement or Group D Elective	Concentration Geography Elective (1/1)**
HIST 103 - World History to 1400 or HIST 104- World History since 1400	English 200 level (or higher) Elective
Credits: 16	Credits: 16
THIRD YEAR	
UAPP 102 - Civics and Economics for Teachers	EDUC 346 - Elementary Curriculum: Social Studies
Free Elective	EDUC 390 - Classroom Management for Social Emotional Learning
Approved History Elective (1/1)**	EDUC 387- Integrating Technology in Education
Social Studies elective	Fine Arts
EDUC 451 - Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers	Free Elective
Free Elective – 2 credits	
Credits: 17	Credits: 15
FOURTH YEAR	
EDUC 420 - Reading in the Content Areas	EDUC 400 - Student Teaching 12 credits)
EDUC 436 - Differentiated Literacy Instruction	EDUC 433 - Student Teaching Seminar
EDUC 348 - Investigating Social Studies in Middle School Communities	
EDUC 428 - Critical Reflection of Teacher Decision Making	
EDUC 440 - Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners	
Credits: 12	Credits: 14
Total Credits: 123	

Students must earn a grade of C- or higher in all coursework for the major.

** See program plan for approved courses.

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If you are interested in 4+1 programs, please contact your advisor prior to your junior year. Please see website: <https://www.cehd.udel.edu/students/grad-prog/programs/>

Honors Degree Curriculum

The teacher education Honors degree curriculum provides students with the opportunity to engage deeply in the knowledge base and current issues in the field of education through coursework and activities. The 30-credit hour curriculum allows students to tailor their program to best match their interests and needs. Students have the opportunity to develop close relationships with their peers and faculty through education courses with small class sizes and projects with faculty.

The experiences in the Honors curriculum challenge students to critically examine the teaching profession and help them grow professionally. The ideas in the 200-level education courses lay the foundation for the discussions and experiences in the 300- and 400-level education courses. The capstone course is the culminating experience that tackles issues in education. Students can pursue ideas that they are passionate about in education through a research internship, independent study, and thesis options.

All Honors students take ENGL 110 (First-Year Writing) and an Honors colloquium in their freshman year. During their program, they take at least 12 credits required for the major and at least 12 credits in 300-level courses or higher, not including the freshman colloquium. General information about the Honors program can be found online at <https://sites.udel.edu/honors/>.

The following courses are taught by the School of Education faculty and will count towards the Honors degree. Students may take courses from other departments and/or pursue one of the research opportunities below to complete the required 30 credits at the Honors level. Updated information about the Honors Degree is available online at www.education.udel.edu/ete/ete-honors-degree/.

Students are expected to take at least one honors course each year.

Freshman/Sophomore Years

- EDUC 205 Human Development: Grades K-8 (even-numbered fall semesters)
- EDUC 210 Beginning Literacy Instruction (fall semester)
- EDUC 258 Cultural Diversity, Schooling and the Teacher (odd-numbered fall semesters)
- EDUC 387 Educational Technology (fall and spring)
- EDUC 451 Classroom Assessment for Teachers (fall and spring)
- ARSC 301 Aesthetics and Education (spring semester, counts towards fine arts credit)

There are also several general studies courses that are offered as honors.

Junior/Senior Years

- EDUC 310 – Reading and Writing in Elementary School
- EDUC 390 – Classroom Management for Social and Emotional Learning
- EDUC 432 – Curriculum and Instruction for Exceptional Learners (fall semester)
- EDUC 435 – Educational Evaluation for Exceptional Learners (spring semester)

Senior Year – Capstone Course

- EDUC 470 – Topics in Education (spring semester) or UNIV 490 – Honors Tutorial (fall semester)

Research Opportunities

- EDUC 366 – Independent Study
- EDUC 469 – Research Internship Experience
- UNIV 401/402 – Senior Thesis (UNIV 402 satisfies the above capstone course requirement)

Please see this link for further research opportunities.

<http://www.education.udel.edu/research-projects/>

<https://www.urp.udel.edu/>

University Minors

There are numerous university minors that a student could choose as an option to enhance their program. In the special education concentration, it is particularly easy to do a minor, although it is not necessary. The only time a minor is strongly recommended is when you are pursuing the single concentration option. Other options to enhance your program, such as a study abroad program or the 4+1 program, are equally good choices. Below are university minors that are particularly popular for students in the special education concentration, but keep in mind that any official minor is okay except for Educational Studies.

Human Development and Family Studies

<http://www.hdfs.udel.edu/minor/>

Disabilities Studies

<https://www.cds.udel.edu/disability-studies-minor/>

Race, Culture and Equity in Education

<https://www.education.udel.edu/race-culture-minor/>

Educational Technology

<http://www.education.udel.edu/ed-tech-minor/>

Please note that if a student chooses a minor to go along with their special education concentration, some courses may overlap. For example, EDUC 205 could count for both the major requirements and the Disabilities Studies minor. However, students must be careful about the total number of credits prior to graduation. Overlapping courses for the major and minor and not making up those credits with free electives could make a student fall short of the required number of credits to graduate. Your academic advisor will help you decide whether you need additional elective credits.

Upper Division Clearance

What is Upper Division Clearance (UDC)?

It is a checkpoint to determine a student's eligibility to begin upper-level education methods courses. This occurs in the spring of their sophomore year at the earliest. Make sure you are working with your advisor on choosing courses so that you can be ready in fall or spring of junior year for methods blocks.

What are the criteria I must satisfy to be cleared?

1. Minimum overall grade point average of 2.60 in all work taken at the University of Delaware.
2. The following General Studies courses must be successfully completed with a grade of C- or better.
 - a. ENGL 110
 - b. Two of the three science courses
 - c. Two of the three social sciences courses
 - d. MATH 251, 252, and 253
3. Completion with a grade of C- or better and a minimum grade point average of 2.60 in the required courses in education. The required education courses are:
 - a. EDUC 100 – Introduction to Elementary and Middle School Education
 - b. EDUC 205 – Human Development Grades K-8
 - c. EDUC 210 - Beginning Literacy
 - d. EDUC 230 - Introduction to Exceptional Children
 - e. EDUC 240 - Law and Ethics in Education **OR** EDUC 247 - History of Education in America
 - f. EDUC 258 - Cultural Diversity, Schooling, and the Teacher
 - g. EDUC 387 – Integrating Technology in Education
 - h. EDUC 451 – Educational Assessment for Classroom Teachers (before student teaching)
4. Official enrollment in the major.

Field Experiences

The numerous field experiences in the program begin in the freshman year and gradually build upon one another. There are three levels of field experience for all teacher candidates at the University of Delaware. These levels are:

- [Level 1: Early field experiences](#)
- [Level 2: Methods field experiences](#)
- [Level 3: Student teaching](#)

These experiences provide you with an opportunity to learn about the classroom environment in diverse settings and to connect theory and practice throughout your program. All field experiences are coordinated by the Office of Clinical Studies. Students do not need to arrange their own field placements. We have several high-quality districts and charter school partnerships who welcome our students each year!

The Level 1 field experiences in your freshman and sophomore years include working closely with individual students and observing classrooms. These early experiences will help you learn how to work with students and view classrooms from the perspective of a teacher. You will complete course assignments that are linked to your work in the field in the following courses:

- EDUC 205 - Human Development Grades K-8
- EDUC 210 - Beginning Literacy Instruction

Level 1 field experience settings vary and may be located up to 50 minutes from campus. Transportation is provided through the Office of Clinical Studies for placements that are not within walking distance of UD. If you have a car on campus, it needs to be registered through Public Safety, and you must adhere to proper parking regulations.

The Level 2 field experience takes place when you are in the methods courses where you begin to learn how to teach. This experience builds on the early field experiences and situates you in the role of a classroom teacher. You will design and implement lessons as well as work with individual children.

You are responsible for your own transportation for Level 2 and 3 field experiences. You will often be in school with a partner or other UD students; therefore, carpooling may be an option if you do not have your own transportation.

The **Level 3** field experience consists of student teaching for one or two placements for those seeking dual certification and for one placement for those in the single certification option. Student teachers engage in all classroom responsibilities and complete experiences that are designed to prepare them for the teaching profession.

Background Clearances for Field Experiences

Background clearances are required for all students enrolled in a course that includes a field placement in a setting with children under the age of 18. The required clearances are valid from the start of the academic year through the spring semester (August through May).

New students to the university and **UD students who transfer** into a major that require field placements will have to obtain the three required clearances **by August 15th**.

Returning students must have their clearances on file in the Office of Clinical Studies (OCS) on or **by July 15th**.

Required Clearances for **New Students**:

- Criminal Background Clearance (CBC)/fingerprinting: annually by August 15th
- Child Protection Registry Clearance (CPR): annually by August 15th
- Tuberculosis Clearance (TB): upon enrollment into the major **AND** 6 months prior to student teaching/internship

Required Clearances for **Returning Students**:

- Criminal Background Clearance (CBC)/fingerprinting: annually by July 15th
- Child Protection Registry Clearance (CPR): annually by July 15th
- Tuberculosis Clearance (TB): upon enrollment into the major **AND** 6 months prior to student teaching
- Protection of Youth Training

******Students who have had their clearances completed prior to April 1, 2026 will be REQUIRED to get their clearances again in order to be in compliance with the new guidelines*

Students who do not adhere to the required guidelines above will be withdrawn from the course that includes a field placement(s).

Any questions regarding criminal background clearances should be directed to clinicalstudies@udel.edu.

Professionalism

Professional dispositions and behaviors are expected when you are in the schools and university classrooms. Please keep in mind that you represent the University of Delaware when you are in the field. The chart below describes the eight professional dispositions that all teacher candidates at the University of Delaware must exhibit in schools and university classrooms. You will be evaluated on these dispositions during your methods courses and in student teaching. In addition, course instructors, field instructors, site supervisors, or clinical educators may submit a Professional Dispositions form documenting inappropriate student behaviors to the associate director at any time during a student's program.

Students who exhibit behaviors inconsistent with the dispositions listed below will be called to a meeting with the School of Education Associate Director, Undergraduate Studies. During this meeting, an action plan is created to help students be successful in their program. Multiple or severe disposition issues could lead to the student being removed from the field and/or the major.

The dispositions policy and forms are available online at www.ocs.udel.edu.

University of Delaware Professional Education Dispositions
1. Demonstrates commitment to the belief that all learners can achieve and persists in helping each learner reach his/her full potential.
2. Exhibits enthusiasm, initiative, and a positive attitude.
3. Respects and considers the input and contributions of families, colleagues, and other professionals in understanding and supporting each learner's development.
4. Respects learners as individuals with differing personal and family backgrounds, and with varying skills, abilities, perspectives, talents, and interests; he/she is committed to using this information to plan effective instruction.
5. Takes responsibility for his/her learners' learning and uses ongoing analysis and reflection using current research, education, and policy to improve his/her planning and practice.
6. Reflects on constructive criticism and guidance, and appropriately modifies his/her behavior or practice.
7. Demonstrates the ethical use of assessment and assessment data to identify learners' strengths and needs.
8. Demonstrates professionalism by being on time; representing him/herself appropriately through dress, language and written materials; and meeting deadlines.

Below are examples of expected professional behavior to be demonstrated while in the field. Remember you are always demonstrating that you are prepared to be a professional educator.

- Always behave in a professional manner when you are in school. This means you will be respectful, show initiative, help when asked, and graciously accept constructive criticism. Please remember you are a UD guest in the school.
- Dress in a professional manner. This means no jeans, T-shirts, shorts, sweats, mini-skirts, see-through clothing, midriffs, sneakers, baseball caps, or excessive cologne or jewelry. Exceptions to this might include some field trips, special activities, and other situations as deemed appropriate by your clinical educator (classroom teacher).
- Become familiar with the rules and procedures of the districts, schools, and classrooms in which you work. Typically, these will be provided to you or discussed with you during orientation sessions. You are a guest in the schools and classrooms where you complete your field experiences, so be prepared to abide by their rules.
- Effective communication is central to a good field experience. Communicate with your clinical educators, field instructors, site supervisors, and course instructors. Always let them know when you are experiencing a problem in fulfilling your obligations. Ask questions if you are uncertain about something and raise concerns before they become major problems.
- When you are assigned to a field experience site, the clinical educator (teacher) and pupils are counting on you to be there each assigned day on time, to remain for the full assigned session, and to give your full attention and enthusiasm to the tasks you are asked to or required to complete.
- Be discreet about your personal life. If you have Instagram or other social media accounts, be careful about what is there for the public to see and never give access to pupils or families. Schools are not the best places to discuss your social life or personal experiences. Cell phones are never appropriate in the classroom for personal use.
- Always keep in mind that bad decisions and improper or illegal conduct can jeopardize your teaching career. Study carefully the information contained in the professional dispositions policy.

You will receive more detailed information about the field experiences as you progress through the major. If you have any questions, there are many people who will be happy to assist you including your course instructors, field instructors, academic advisors, and program coordinators.

Praxis Subject Assessments

Students must take the Praxis Subject Assessments or Content Knowledge Assessments (CKT) tests that are required for State of Delaware teacher certification in elementary education and in their concentration (e.g., special education). Effective December 2021, students must pass the Praxis Assessments according to the State of Delaware guidelines by June 30th after graduation to earn an institutional recommendation for teacher certification.

Please see the web page at <http://www.education.udel.edu/ete/praxis/> for the list of Praxis Assessments that apply to you. This web page also includes information on how to prepare for the tests.

When to Take the Tests

All UD teacher education candidates should take the Praxis Subject Assessments by February of their senior year. Information on how to get and send your scores is available online at http://www.ets.org/praxis/scores?WT.ac=praxishome_scores_121126.

Students are prepared to take the Praxis Subject Assessment in Elementary Education after they complete their block of elementary education curriculum (methods) courses. Students in the special education concentration are prepared to take the Praxis Assessment in Special Education after they complete their special education courses. Students in the MLL and middle level concentrations are prepared to take their area- specific Praxis Subject Assessments after they have completed most or all the concentration area coursework.

Summer and Winter Sessions are great times to schedule your Praxis Assessments!

Registering for the tests

Students can register for the Praxis tests on the ETS (Educational Testing Service) website at www.ets.org. They can take the tests wherever there is a testing location that administers them; they do not have to take the tests in Delaware. The test can be taken at the UD Computer-Based Testing Center at 218 Allison Hall or at a location listed on the ETS website.

When students register for the test, they can designate where they want their test scores sent. They can have scores sent to four places for free. UD students **must designate the University of Delaware** (5811) as one of their score recipients. In addition to UD, they should designate as score recipients three other states where they may want to teach and that require the test.

For questions, contact our certification officer, Ms. Tonya Haynes at haynest@udel.edu.

Teacher Certification

Students who complete a University of Delaware “state-approved” teacher education program, which includes achieving a passing score on all tests required by the State of Delaware for teacher certification at the time of their graduation, will receive the University’s institutional recommendation for teacher certification.

An institutional recommendation is necessary to apply for certification in all states.

Upon receiving the University’s institutional recommendation, students must apply for certification through the individual state’s Department of Education. A directory of all the states’ certification offices is found on UD’s teacher education website at www.teachered.udel.edu/certification/. Although you will not be able to complete the application process until you have completed your program of study, you should learn about the application process early in your senior year so that you will know what steps you will need to complete before submitting your application (e.g., state-specific testing requirements, physical examination).

Students seeking teacher licensure in the State of Delaware will meet all licensure requirements following program completion and passage of the appropriate Delaware approved teacher licensure exams. Students seeking licensure in states outside of Delaware must **first meet Delaware requirements**, which consist of program completion and passage of the appropriate Delaware approved teacher licensure exams, in order to receive recommendation for their appropriate licensure area. **No state will issue licenses/certification without this recommendation.** Based upon the requirements in the state in which licensure is sought, students may be required to complete additional exams and/or workshops, as well as additional fees. Additionally, some states offer licensure only through reciprocity, which may require the student to apply for and be issued a State of Delaware teaching license before being eligible for licensure in the desired state.

Individual states will determine the grade band eligibility based on your selected concentration areas. For example, middle level concentration may result in certification in 4-8, 5-8, 4-9, 6-8, or some other combination depending on the state. Special education may be K-12, or it may be specific to elementary. You will have opportunities to meet with the certification officer beginning your sophomore year to learn more about the state(s) requirements for which you are seeking certification and licensure.

Licensure requirements may change from year to year. Students must meet licensure requirements at the time of their graduation, which may be different from licensure requirements in effect at the time they entered the University of Delaware. The most current licensure and certification requirements are available online at <http://www.teachered.udel.edu/certification/informational-booklets/>

If you have specific questions, contact the Office of Certification and Accreditation (CEETP-cert@udel.edu) for completion of forms or documents requiring an official university signature. To schedule an appointment with the Certification Officer, use the following link: <http://www.teachered.udel.edu/meet-with-certification-officer/>

Students are strongly encouraged to seek advisement each semester and to attend all orientation and/or class meetings! Be sure to check your email daily for important updates and information. You will be less stressed if you attend all the support sessions that we provide over the course of your time here at UD!

Disclaimer:

Please note that the information in this manual is accurate as of July 1, 2026. This information is subject to change during the students' program. The program requirements will not change.

Residency Requirement

Students taking coursework at other institutions should be aware of the University's credit hour residency policy. To receive a University of Delaware baccalaureate degree, admitted students must complete 90 of the first 100 credits or 30 of the last 36 credits, full- or part-time, at the University of Delaware. To receive an associate degree, at least 31 of the required 60 credits must be earned at the University of Delaware. Additional baccalaureate credit hour residency requirements may be required within individual majors and minors. Students with questions about meeting this requirement should consult their advisor or the assistant dean of their college.

Required Training

Stewards of Children: All students will complete the online program Stewards of Children and submit the certificate of completion in EDUC 100. The online training costs \$16 and takes approximately 2 hours to complete. See <https://www.d2l.org/online-login-groups/> to create an account for individual training.

Safety Training: There are two other trainings you will need to complete at the beginning of your program and before you enter your methods block. Please contact the Official of Clinical Studies with questions.

International Student Teaching

Have you ever dreamed of teaching abroad? Here is your chance! **EDUC 400** is the student teaching course you will take in your senior year. One section will be for an elementary placement, and another section will be for your chosen second area for certification (middle level, MLL, or special education). Each SPRING, there is an opportunity to student teach for 7 weeks abroad and then you would come back to UD to complete the final 7 weeks of your program.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION – There are two schools we have partnered with abroad that are all English-speaking and can provide you with a wonderful, unique student teaching experience.

Athens, Greece: American Community School <https://www.acs.gr/>

Seville, Spain: Colegio Internacional de Sevilla-San Francisco de Paula

<https://colegiosfpaula.com/en/our-school/>

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- While working with a classroom teacher every day, you will also be supervised by a UD field instructor remotely.
- Students typically live in apartment-style dorms with other UD students.
- This is a very independent experience as you travel with a small group from UD.
- Candidates being considered need to have a 3.0 or higher and no Student Code of Conduct violations.
- COST: regular tuition for resident/non-resident, program fee which largely covers housing, airfare, and of course your spending money for excursions and food.

IF INTERESTED . . .

- Inform your advisor so they can help you navigate courses to ensure you are student teaching in the SPRING of senior year.
- Start saving money.
- Stay connected with Vicki Goettel vgoettel@udel.edu , the faculty director for this study abroad experience.

Recruitment begins in the spring of Junior year.

Registered Student Organizations (RSO)

The **Association of Pre-Professional Leaders in Education**, or **APPLE**, was created in the Spring of 2010 out of a need for a group for Elementary and Middle School Teacher Education Majors at the University of Delaware. The objective of this group is not only to unify the students in the major, but also to create a group that would be conducive to exchanging methods, ideas, and concepts that will be important in creating a strong generation of teachers.

APPLE has three areas of focus:

1. Professional Development
2. Social Events
3. Outreach Opportunities



Questions? Contact us!

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Instagram: @udapple

Facebook: @UD APPLE

Membership FUN!

Apple Picking Paint Night!

Student Teacher/Blocks Panel First Year Teacher Panel!

What Not to Wear Fashion Show Outreach with UD's other campuses
and monthly meetings!

Links to Helpful Resources

For active links visit: <https://www.education.udel.edu/ete/academicadvisement/>

Academic Calendar	https://www1.udel.edu/registrar/cal/
Academic Enrichment	https://www.ae.udel.edu/
Advising	https://www.advising.udel.edu/
Campus Map	https://css-rdms1.win.udel.edu/maps/
Canvas	Getting Started with Canvas as a Student Canvas Student Guides
Career Center	https://www.udel.edu/students/career-center/
Food Insecurity	Blue Hen Bounty Food Pantry
Office of Clinical Studies	https://www.ocs.udel.edu/
Self-Care	https://sites.udel.edu/counseling/self/
Tech Services	UD IT Help Ticket System
Student Support	Student Life @ UD Center for Counseling & Student Development Tips for Succeeding in Classes Online Tips for Online Learning Office of Student Conduct
Teacher Education	http://www.teachered.udel.edu/
WebReg	www.udel.edu/webreg
Writing Center	https://www.writingcenter.udel.edu/
Zoom	Zoom Help Center Zoom Technical Support

Counseling and Psychiatric Services

Location:

Wellbeing Center at Warner Hall
280 The Green

Telephone: 302-831-2141

Fax: 302-831-2148

For after-hours medical emergencies, call 911 or the UD Hotline at 302-831-1001.

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Send the message UDTEXT to the number 741741 to connect with our Crisis Text Line, which is anonymous and available 24 hours a day.

You can also send STEVE to connect with a professional who specializes in supporting students of color.

Advisement/Scheduling Tips

TIP #1: ALWAYS SEE YOUR ADVISOR BEFORE REGISTRATION!!!

General Studies Courses

- ENGL 110 is usually taken in the spring of freshman year.
- Two of the three science courses should be taken by the end of sophomore year. However, taking all three by the end of sophomore year is recommended.
- MATH 251, 252, and 253 should all be taken during the freshman and sophomore years. It is best to take MATH 251 in your first semester if possible.
- Social Studies – At least two of the three social studies courses should be completed by the end of the sophomore year.
- The Fine Arts course (ART, ARTH, DANC, MUED, MUSC, or THEA) can be taken at any time during the four years. Consider choosing a course that also fits the Creative Arts and Humanities university breadth requirement.
- Please note that the Fine Arts requirement and the University Creative Arts and Humanities breadth requirements are **not the same requirement**, although they can overlap.

Professional Studies Courses

- EDUC 100 is the required Freshman Year Experience (FYE) course. It needs to be taken in the fall of freshman year.
- EDUC 205, 210, 230, 240/247, 258 and 387 should be completed during freshman or sophomore years.
- The other 300-level EDUC courses are fall or spring junior-level courses. Students cannot take these courses until they have successfully completed the Upper Division Clearance requirements. EDUC 390 is an exception and can be taken before UDC if it is taken on a study-abroad trip.
- EDUC 410 (1 credit) is for special education concentration only. Note that EDUC 230 is a prerequisite for EDUC 410.
- EDUC 451 MUST be taken prior to the student teaching semester. Also note that the course does not fit with methos blocks. Keep that in mind when planning. It is often taught in winter and summer sessions, but that is not guaranteed.

- EDUC 440 should be taken before the elementary block or in the winter for special education concentration. Middle school and Multilingual Learner concentration students can take EDUC 440 with their middle school block or Multilingual Learner block. Please check with your advisor to see the best semester to take this course.
- EDUC 400 is the Student Teaching course. Students completing dual concentrations will student teach in both an elementary classroom as well as a classroom in your concentration area during the first or second semester of senior year.

Concentration Courses

Please see your advisor for the best time to take concentration courses.

- Middle Level Math: Students must stay with the same pre-calculus/calculus sequence. In other words, if you take Math 115 you must take Math 221; if you take Math 231, you must take Math 232; if you take Math 241, you must take Math 242. Math 217 is only offered in the fall semester. Math 308 and 240 are only offered in the spring semester.
- Middle Level English: ENGL 396 must be taken spring of sophomore year.
- Middle Level Social Studies: HIST 315 is only offered in the fall semester.
- Middle Level Science: SCEN 650 is only offered every odd year. Check with your advisor to see if you should take it in the fall of junior year or fall of senior year.

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