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).

Coursework¹

☐ EDU 216 and 217: Secondary Field Experiences
  - One middle school
  - One high school
☐ EDU 251: Principles of Education
☐ EDU 252: Educational Psychology
☐ EDU 307: Reading in the Content Field
☐ EDU 330: Diversity and Inclusion
☐ EDU 404: Secondary Teaching Internship (1st semester / Spring)

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 (2nd semester / Fall)

Additional Requirements: English

☐ EDU 315: Traditional and Modern Grammar
☐ EDU 354: Literature for Children K-8 or ENG 342: Children’s and Adolescent Literature

Additional Requirements: SS

☐ HIS 201 and 202: History of the U.S.
☐ HIS 203 and 204: Modern World History
☐ HIS 319: African American History
☐ ECN 111: Intro to Macroeconomics
☐ POL 102: American Government and Politics
☐ EDU 311: Human Geography

Non-course Requirements

☐ An academic degree with the appropriate major
☐ Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0²
☐ GPA of at least 3.0 in the teaching field / major
☐ One of the following Maryland-required scores³:
  - 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

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

² For applications submitted Fall 2017 / Class of 2019

³ 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.

**First Year**
EDU 216 (Fall or Spring)

**Sophomore Year**
EDU 217 (Fall or Spring)
EDU 251 (offered Fall only)
EDU 252 (offered Spring only)

**Junior Year**
EDU 330 (offered Fall only)

*(Apply for the certification program Fall Semester)*
EDU 307 (offered Spring only)
EDU 404 (offered Spring only)

**Senior Year Fall (“Ed Block”)**
Full-time teaching internship. Includes
EDU 401
EDU 403
EDU 405