Secondary education professionals usually instruct several classes per day and, even with a liberal arts background, specialize in an area and share their passion for the subject with students. At SLU, students choose a specialty area, ranging from biology, English or modern language (French, German or Spanish) to general science, math or social studies.

To be accepted into the teacher certification program, students must have: a 2.75 cumulative GPA, a 3.0 GPA in professional education and in their content area, a passing score in MoGEA and completed the MEP. In addition, students must pass the content area test in the chosen field, complete a program portfolio and complete the MoPTA.

The department has instituted the “block” concept into the teacher education program. The first block addresses issues related to classroom observation, studying learning theory and examining schools as a social system, and human growth and development. Block two examines diversity, learning and teaching styles, and exceptionality. The remaining blocks include methods of teaching various subject matter areas and levels and developing learning activities. The culmination of the program is the professional semester block. During this semester the student will spend the greatest amount of time teaching in a public or private school setting.

Students in the School of Education are also required to complete the core curriculum required by the University, providing a well-rounded liberal arts background to enhance their educational experience and professional value.

**Curriculum**

Courses required for all education majors in the School of Education include:

+ **EDI 2940/3940/4940**: Portfolio Development
+ **EDI 4210**: Instructional Technology
+ **EDSP 4310**: Education of the Exceptional Individual
+ **EDI 3620**: Cultural Diversity in the Classroom
+ **EDF 4240**: Growth, Development and Learning
+ **EDI 3001**: English Language Learners in the Mainstream Classroom

Additional courses for students pursuing a B.A. in secondary education include:

+ **EDF 2040**: Foundations of Secondary School Education
+ **EDI 3200**: Reading and Writing in Content Fields
+ **Secondary school curriculum methods in English (EDI 3300)**, **math (EDI 3320)**, **science (EDI 3310)** or **social studies (EDI 3340)**
+ **Practicum in teaching middle school English (EDI 3305)**, **math (EDI 3325)**, **science (EDI 3315)** or **social Studies (EDI 3345)**
+ **EDSP 4250**: Classroom Organization and Management
+ **EDI 4270**: Secondary School Curriculum and Instruction
+ **EDI 4420**: Assessing Classroom Performance
+ **EDSP 4480**: Teaching Methods for Inclusive Classrooms
+ **Practicum in a secondary content field**
+ **EDI 4840**: Student Teaching: Secondary Education
+ **EDI 4870**: Professional Development Seminar

Students must choose an area of concentration in biology, English, modern language (French, German or Spanish), general science, mathematics or social studies. There are specific courses for each content area. A second major in the content area is strongly recommended.

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Admission Requirements
Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Internships and Careers
Practica, classroom observations and student teaching are integrated in the education and public service curriculum experience at Saint Louis University. Throughout the program, students will spend a significant amount of time in local public or private schools. The faculty at Saint Louis University arranges placement in schools. Mutual satisfaction of the student, University and school districts is the goal of such placements.

Most graduates elect to pursue a career in teaching, but many choose to continue their studies in one of our graduate programs before entering the work force.

Career options in secondary education include:
+ Educational outreach professional
+ Secondary school teacher
+ Adult educator
+ Private tutor
+ Nonprofit specialist

Scholarships and Financial Aid
There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

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Graduate Programs
Saint Louis University offers a variety of graduate programs in education, educational leadership and higher education. For a full listing of programs, visit graduate.slu.edu.

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