

SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Department of Education (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/education/>)
Division of Social Sciences

The Secondary Education Certification Program prepares students to be certified to teach middle or high school students through foundational coursework, practical field experiences, and a full-time teaching internship.

Students completing the Secondary Education Certification Program will also complete the Education Studies Minor.

Note that students must complete 2 of the 4 required courses and a field experience through Washington College in order to complete the minor and the certification program.

Washington College was the first college in Maryland to offer an undergraduate pathway to teacher certification in Computer Science and is the only college to offer undergraduates certification in Environmental Science!

Secondary Education Certification Requirements

Washington College has fifteen Maryland Approved Secondary Certification Programs: biology, business education, chemistry, computer science, English, environmental science, mathematics, physics, social studies, and theatre (grades 7-12); and art, French, German, music, and Spanish (PreK-12). The number and specificity of courses required for certification in these subject areas vary, with social studies, computer science, and English having more extensive state requirements.

The following education courses are required for students who wish to become certified as secondary teachers:

Code	Title	Credits	Notes
EDU 216	Clinical Field Experience - Secondary	1	_____
EDU 217	Clinical Field Experience - Secondary	1	_____
EDU 251	Principles of Education	4	_____
EDU 252	Educational Psychology	4	_____
EDU 307	Literacy in the Content Area	4	_____
EDU 330	Diversity & Inclusion	4	_____
EDU 401	Principles of Teaching I: Secondary	4	_____
EDU 403	Special Methods in the Teaching Field ¹	4	_____
EDU 404	Secondary Teaching Internship	2	_____
EDU 405	Secondary Teaching Internship	8	_____
Total Credits		36	_____

¹ Students in EDU 403 Special Methods in the Teaching Field choose the section that is appropriate for their area of certification: art, biology, business education, chemistry, computer science, English, environmental science, French, German, mathematics, music, physics, social studies, Spanish, or theater.

EDU 401 Principles of Teaching I: Secondary, EDU 403 Special Methods in the Teaching Field, and EDU 405 Secondary Teaching Internship make up the "Education Block" internship taken Fall Semester of the senior year or the Fall Semester after graduation.

EDU 307 Literacy in the Content Area meets Maryland Literacy I and II Secondary Requirements (together with EDU 401 Principles of Teaching I: Secondary & EDU 404 Secondary Teaching Internship).

Students who wish to be certified in English should consider completing EDU 315 Traditional & Modern Grammar and EDU 354 Children's & Young Adult Literature / ENG 342 Children's & Young Adult Literature.

To be certified in computer science, students must complete CSI 440 Computer Networks and CSI 450 Data Ethics and Practicum from the major requirements.

Students who major in environmental science may apply for certification in biology, chemistry, or environmental science, depending on the courses they have taken. Students are encouraged to work with department and major advisors, as they must plan their programs carefully to meet all course requirements.

Students majoring in history, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, international studies, and American studies may be eligible for certification in social studies and do their student teaching in social studies. They must plan their programs carefully to meet all requirements.

Students from majors other than history who pursue social studies certification should take the following core courses (history majors are recommended to take ECN 111 Principles of Macroeconomics, POL 102 American Government and Politics, and EDU 311 Human Geography):

Code	Title	Credits	Notes
ECN 111	Principles of Macroeconomics	4	_____
POL 102	American Government and Politics	4	_____
EDU 311	Human Geography (offered Spring even years only)	4	_____
Complete one 200, 300, 400 Level Course in Each of the Following Areas:		20	_____
Pre-1869 U.S. History			_____
Post-1860 U.S. History			_____
Early European History			_____
Modern European History			_____
African American History			_____
Total Credits		32	_____

Major

- Art Major, Art History Concentration (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/art-art-history/art-history-concentration/>)
- Art Major, Dual Concentration (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/art-art-history/dual-concentration/>)
- Art Major, Studio Art Concentration (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/art-art-history/studio-art-concentration/>)
- Biology Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/biology/biology-major/>)
- Business Management Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/business-management/business-management-major/>)
- Chemistry ACS-certified Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/chemistry/chemistry-acs-certified-major/>)
- Chemistry Non-ACS certified Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/chemistry/chemistry-non-acs-certified-major/>)
- Computer Science Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/mathematics-computer-science/computer-science-major/>)
- English Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/english/english-major/>)
- Environmental Science Major (BS) (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/environmental-science-studies/environmental-science-bs/>)
- Environmental Studies Major (BA) (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/environmental-science-studies/environmental-studies-ba/>)
- French Studies Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/world-languages-cultures/french-studies-major/>)
- German Studies Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/world-languages-cultures/german-studies-major/>)
- Hispanic Studies Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/world-languages-cultures/hispanic-studies-major/>)
- History Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/history/history-major/>)
- Mathematics Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/mathematics-computer-science/mathematics-major/>)
- Music Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/music/music-major/>)
- Physics Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/physics/physics-major/>)
- Theatre Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/theatre-dance/theatre-major/>)