

Education Majors

Certification Tracks

- Early Childhood Education Major (birth – grade 3)
- Elementary Education Major (grades 1-6)
- Health Education Major (grades k-12)
- Middle School Education Major (grades 5-9)
Concentrations: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences
- Physical Education Major (grades k-12)
- Secondary School Education Major (grades 9-12)
Concentrations: Biology, Business, Chemistry, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Sciences
- Spanish Education Major (grades k-12)

Non-Certification Tracks

- Education Curriculum Studies Major
- Education Minor

The Westminster College Teacher Education Program is designed so that majors complete a course of study approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), which will lead to recommendation for certification in the chosen major and concentration areas. Students who prepare for a teaching career must meet professional education requirements specified by DESE, as well as the program requirements of Westminster College. Final certification approval is determined by DESE and not by Westminster College. Academic certification requirements, set by DESE, consist of:

- the completion of degree program and submission of official transcript;
- a 3.0 or higher GPA in education coursework and content courses, if applicable;
- passing the appropriate State required content assessment (Praxis);
- and a summative combined student teaching evaluation score of 42 or higher.

All students seeking a certification must first be accepted into the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in order to complete their degree. To be admitted into TEP students must:

- declare their major in an education certification track;
- obtain a 3.0 or higher GPA in education coursework and content courses, if applicable;
- receive positive student disposition scores from education faculty members; and

- successfully participate in an interview process.

Once admitted to the TEP, students must remain in good standing in order to progress through the program.

All students seeking a certification must student teach in their last semester. To be admitted into a student teaching placement student must: obtain a 3.0 GPA in education coursework and in content area, if applicable;

- attempted the appropriate state required content assessment (Praxis);
- present proof of liability insurance;
- clear the Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) background check;
- obtain a valid Missouri substitute teaching certificate;
- submit a Westminster College General Liability Release;
- complete all certification specific coursework except for EDU 490 and student teaching;
- submitted a student teaching application.

The Education Department faculty at Westminster College reserve final judgment on admission to student teaching and assignment to a placement.

EDUCATION MAJORS

Spanish Education: K-12

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Please refer to the “Education Majors” on page 159 page of the Campus Catalog for complete Education major information.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY SHEET

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Major: SPANISH EDUCATION K-12

Student's Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Advisor _____ Date Major Declared _____

Course Code	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
Core World Language Education Coursework (53 hours)				
EDU 101	Introduction to Teaching	1		
EDU 221	Education Psychology	3		
EDU 230	Child and Adolescent Growth & Development	3		
EDU 231	Education of Exceptional Individuals (EDU 101)			
EDU 290	Foundations of Education (EDU 101)	3		
EDU 291	Education Practicum I	2		
EDU 306	Teaching Reading (EDU 290 & 291)	3		
EDU 350	Digital Literacy (EDU 101 & 231)	3		
EDU 392	Reading & Writing in Content Area (EDU 290 & 291)	3		
EDU 393	Education Practicum II (EDU 291)	2		
<i>Choose one course</i>				
EDU 417	Advanced Practicum (EDU 231, 291 & 393)	3		
EDU 425	Secondary School Teaching	3		
EDU 437	Methods of Teaching a Foreign Language	3		
EDU 453	Classroom Organization Management (EDU 221, 291 and 393)	3		
EDU 490	Education Seminar	1		
<i>Choose one course</i>				
EDU 492	Student Teaching 1st-5th	12		
EDU 495	Student Teaching 5th-9th	12		
EDU 497	Student Teaching 9th-12th	12		
Content Courses				

Course Code	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
<i>Choose SPA 103 or SPA 101 & 102</i>				
SPA 103	Elementary Spanish	6		
SPA 101	Introduction to Spanish I	3		
SPA 102	Introduction to Spanish II	3		
SPA 203	Intermediate Spanish I	3		
SPA 204	Intermediate Spanish II	3		
SPA 303	Advanced Spanish Conversation	3		
SPA 351	Introduction to Spanish Literature I	3		
SPA 353	19th and 20th Century Latin American Literature	3		
SPA 363	Spanish-American Novel	3		
SPA 377	Spanish Civilization	3		
SPA 378	Latin American Civilization	3		
SPA 381	Advanced Grammar & Composition	3		
Total Hours For Major		83		

EDU 490 and EDU 495/497 are taken concurrently the last semester of study.

Students must be admitted in Teacher Education Program to enroll in 300 level education courses.

Students must pass the Missouri Content Exam prior to student teaching.

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in education and content area, and a 2.75 GPA overall.

If any substitutions or waivers of requirements are allowed, please list below and initial.

Advisor Signature

Department Chair Signature