

## Undergraduate Secondary Teacher Education

So you want to become a middle school or high school teacher - wonderful! Please read through this handout for more information. You may also view an online informational presentation at [bit.ly/SecondaryEd](http://bit.ly/SecondaryEd)

### How it Works:

To become a middle school or high school teacher, you will need to complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree in your content area *plus* the requirements for teacher licensure. Currently, all content area bachelor's degrees are offered through the **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS)**, while all teacher licensure requirements are offered through the **School of Education and Human Development (the SEHD)**. This means that you will be a student in *both* CLAS and the SEHD.




### Colorado Teaching License

### CLAS Bachelor's Degree

<b>English Language Arts</b> ( <i>grades 7-12</i> )	BA in <b>English</b> , Literature Option
<b>Social Studies</b> ( <i>grades 7-12</i> )	BA in <b>History</b> <i>or</i> BA in <b>Political Science</b>
<b>World Languages</b> ( <i>grades K-12</i> )	BA in <b>Spanish</b> <i>or</i> BA in <b>French</b>
<b>Science</b> ( <i>grades 7-12</i> )	BA in <b>Individually Structured Major</b> , General Science Option <i>or</i> BA in <b>Geography</b> , Environmental Science Education Option <i>or</i> BS in <b>Biology</b>
<b>Mathematics</b> ( <i>grades 7-12</i> )	BS in <b>Mathematics</b>

### Advising:



Because you will be a student in both CLAS and the SEHD, you will be advised by CLAS *and* the SEHD. Additionally, CLAS has a shared advising structure in which you will be advised by a professional advisor *and* a faculty member (major advisor). This means you will have three advisors: a **CLAS advisor**, a **major advisor**, and the **SEHD advisor**.

<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLAS Advisor</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://clas.ucdenver.edu/advising/about-us">http://clas.ucdenver.edu/advising/about-us</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Who?</b> See who your CLAS advisor is in UCDAccess</li> <li><b>What?</b> Core, CLAS, and general degree requirements</li> <li><b>When?</b> Ideally, meet each semester before registering</li> <li><b>How?</b> To schedule, call 303-315-7100</li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Major Advisor</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://clas.ucdenver.edu/advising/content/majorminor-contact-sheet">http://clas.ucdenver.edu/advising/content/majorminor-contact-sheet</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Who?</b> Faculty member in your major department; see sheet above</li> <li><b>What?</b> Major requirements</li> <li><b>When?</b> Ideally, meet each semester before registering</li> <li><b>How?</b> To schedule, contact advisor directly</li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEHD Advisor</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="mailto:miriam.cummings@ucdenver.edu">miriam.cummings@ucdenver.edu</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Who?</b> Miriam Cummings</li> <li><b>What?</b> Education licensure requirements</li> <li><b>When?</b> Ideally, meet once per year, and more frequently during your third year</li> <li><b>How?</b> To schedule, call 303-315-6308</li> </ul>
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### Teacher Licensure Requirements

Teacher licensure requirements are divided into two parts: **initial teacher education coursework** (four courses taken concurrently with your Core, CLAS, and major requirements) and **the Professional Year** (two semesters of internships at one of the SEHD's partner schools, before which all other coursework must be completed).

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Part One:</b> <b>Initial Teacher Education Coursework</b> <i>(12 upper-division credits)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Part Two:</b> <b>The Professional Year</b> <i>(25 upper-division credits)</i></p>
<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p>While completing your Core, CLAS, and major requirements, you should also complete the initial teacher education coursework, listed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>EDFN4010:</b> Social Fnds &amp; Cultural Div in Urb Edu <i>prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed</i></li> <li>○ <b>CLDE4020:</b> Responsive Clsrm Communities <i>prerequisites: EDFN4010, 40+ credit hours completed</i></li> <li>○ <b>Early Field Experience Clinical Block*:</b> <i>prerequisites: see below</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>EDHD3930:</b> Diverse Learners Field Exp</li> <li>▪ <b>SPED4030:</b> Understanding (dis)Ability</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p>After completing <i>all</i> your other requirements (Core, CLAS, major, and initial teacher education coursework), you may begin the Professional Year. The Professional Year is two consecutive semesters (either Fall-Spring or Spring-Fall) of progressive internships, during which you will be placed at one of the SEHD's partner schools to live the life of a teacher.</p> <p>The Professional Year requires a separate application and admission process.</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>*Before registering for the Early Field Experience Clinical Block, you must complete all the following by the deadlines below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ed Dec Form: <a href="https://goo.gl/OH9sT2">https://goo.gl/OH9sT2</a></li> <li>○ Background Check: <a href="https://goo.gl/Q72pcl">https://goo.gl/Q72pcl</a></li> <li>○ Fingerprinting: <a href="https://goo.gl/sYBBuK">https://goo.gl/sYBBuK</a></li> <li>○ Orientation to the Major</li> <li>○ Fld Exp Placmnt Form: <a href="https://goo.gl/9Zofvr">https://goo.gl/9Zofvr</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Deadlines:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fall Placement = <b>4/1</b> Priority Deadline, <i>or</i> 4/15 Final Deadline</li> <li>○ Spring Placement = <b>11/1</b> Priority Deadline, <i>or</i> 11/15 Final Deadline</li> </ul> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Professional Year Application:</b> <a href="https://goo.gl/AvQFR5">https://goo.gl/AvQFR5</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A written application</li> <li>○ A review of your GPA (a cumulative CU GPA of 3.0 is the standard)</li> <li>○ A review of the evaluations from your Field Experience Clinical Block (i.e., EDHD3930)</li> <li>○ Letters of recommendation</li> <li>○ A professional resume</li> <li>○ An interview, including a mini teaching demonstration</li> </ul> <p><b>Professional Year Application Deadlines:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fall start = <b>2/15</b> Deadline</li> <li>○ Spring start = <b>10/1</b> Deadline</li> </ul> </div> <p><b>Praxis:</b> <a href="https://goo.gl/zrbUI3">https://goo.gl/zrbUI3</a> You will be required to pass the appropriate Praxis exam prior to the second semester of the Professional Year. It is recommended you take the Praxis early!!</p>

If completing the teacher licensure requirements will require you to *significantly* exceed 120 total credits, then consider the **Graduate Teacher Education (GTE)** program instead. Ask the SEHD Advisor for more information.