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

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.

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<th>Colorado Teaching License</th>
<th>CLAS Bachelor’s Degree</th>
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<td>English Language Arts (grades 7-12)</td>
<td>BA in English, Literature Option</td>
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<td>Social Studies (grades 7-12)</td>
<td>BA in History or BA in Political Science</td>
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<td>World Languages (grades K-12)</td>
<td>BA in Spanish or BA in French</td>
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<td>Science (grades 7-12)</td>
<td>BA in Individually Structured Major, General Science Option or BA in Geography, Environmental Science Education Option or BS in Biology</td>
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<td>Mathematics (grades 7-12)</td>
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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.

**CLAS Advisor**
http://clas.ucdenver.edu/advising/about-us
- Who? See who your CLAS advisor is in UCDAccess
- What? Core, CLAS, and general degree requirements
- When? Ideally, meet each semester before registering
- How? To schedule, call 303-315-7100

**Major Advisor**
http://clas.ucdenver.edu/advising/content/majorminor-contact-sheet
- Who? Faculty member in your major department; see sheet above
- What? Major requirements
- When? Ideally, meet each semester before registering
- How? To schedule, contact advisor directly

**SEHD Advisor**
miriam.cummings@ucdenver.edu
- Who? Miriam Cummings
- What? Education licensure requirements
- When? Ideally, meet once per year, and more frequently during your third year
- How? To schedule, call 303-315-6308

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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).

Part One:
Initial Teacher Education Coursework
(12 upper-division credits)

While completing your Core, CLAS, and major requirements, you should also complete the initial teacher education coursework, listed below.

- **EDFN4010**: Social Fdns & Cultural Div in Urb Edu
  - prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed

- **CLDE4020**: Responsive Clsrn Communities
  - prerequisites: EDFN4010, 40+ credit hours completed

- **Early Field Experience Clinical Block***:
  - prerequisites: see below
    - **EDHD3930**: Diverse Learners Field Exp
    - **SPED4030**: Understanding (dis)Ability

*Before registering for the Early Field Experience Clinical Block, you must complete all the following by the deadlines below:
  - Ed Dec Form: [https://goo.gl/OH9sT2](https://goo.gl/OH9sT2)
  - Background Check: [https://goo.gl/Q72pcL](https://goo.gl/Q72pcL)
  - Fingerprinting: [https://goo.gl/sYBBuK](https://goo.gl/sYBBuK)
  - Orientation to the Major
  -Fld Exp Placmnt Form: [https://goo.gl/9Zofvr](https://goo.gl/9Zofvr)

**Part Two:**
The Professional Year
(25 upper-division credits)

After completing all 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.

The Professional Year requires a separate application and admission process.

**Professional Year Application:**
[https://goo.gl/AvQFR5](https://goo.gl/AvQFR5)
- A written application
- A review of your GPA (a cumulative CU GPA of 3.0 is the standard)
- A review of the evaluations from your Field Experience Clinical Block (i.e., EDHD3930)
- Letters of recommendation
- A professional resume
- An interview, including a mini teaching demonstration

**Professional Year Application Deadlines:**
- Fall start = 2/15 Deadline
- Spring start = 10/1 Deadline

**Praxis:** [https://goo.gl/zrbUI3](https://goo.gl/zrbUI3)
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!!

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.

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