



Undergraduate Secondary Teacher Education, CLAS/SEHD Partnership

So you want to become a middle school or high school teacher - wonderful! Please read this handout for more information.

How it Works:

To become a middle school or high school teacher, you will need to be proficient in your content area, and with the **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS)**/ **School of Education (SEHD)** partnership you complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree in your content area *plus* the requirements for teacher licensure. Through the partnership, the following content area bachelor's degrees are offered, and teacher licensure requirements are offered through the SEHD. This means that with this pathway you will be a student in *both* CLAS and the SEHD.

Colorado Teaching License	CLAS Bachelor's Degree
English Language Arts (grades 7-12)	BA in English Secondary
Social Studies (grades 7-12)	BA in History Secondary or
	BA in Political Science Secondary
World Languages (grades K-12)	BA in Spanish or
	BA in French

The <u>School of Education</u> offers English Language Arts and Social Studies Secondary degrees as well (and Math, Middle School Math, and Science). Talk to the SEHD advisor to see which pathway would be best for you, the CLAS/SEHD or just the SEHD.

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

https://clas.ucdenver.edu/advising/about-us/clas-advising-staff

- Who? See who your CLAS advisor is in UCDAccess Portal
- What? Core, CLAS, and general degree requirements
- When? Ideally, meet each semester before registering
- How? To schedule, call 303-315-7100 or clas advising@ucdenver.edu



Major Advisor

http://clas.ucdenver.edu/advising/content/majorminor-contact-sheet

- Who? A 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

Rosalinda.Martinez@ucdenver.edu

- Who? Rosalinda Martinez
- What? Education licensure requirements
- When? Ideally, meet once per year, and more frequently during your third year
- **How?** To schedule, call 303-315-6308 or email advisor directly





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Teacher Licensure Requirements

Teacher licensure requirements are divided into two parts: **initial teacher education coursework** (four courses are 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 Fnds & Cultural Div in Urb Edu prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed
- CLDE4020: Responsive Clsrm Communities prerequisites: EDFN4010, 40+ credit hours completed
- Early Field Experience Clinical Block*: prerequisites: see below
 - EDHD3930: Diverse Learners Field Exp
 - SPED4030: Understanding (Dis)Abilit

*Before registering for the Early Field Experience Clinical Block, you must complete *all* the following by the deadlines below:

- Education Declaration Form: https://goo.gl/OH9sT2
- o Background Check: https://goo.gl/Q72pcl
- Fingerprinting:
 https://education.ucdenver.edu/academic-services/student-resources/background-check
- Field Experience Placement Form: https://goo.gl/9Zofvr

Deadlines:

- Fall Placement = 4/1 Priority Deadline, or
 4/15 Final Deadline
- Spring Placement = 11/1 Priority Deadline, or 11/15 Final Deadline

Part Two:

The Professional Year (PY)

(25 upper-division credits)



After completing all your other requirements (Core, CLAS, major, and initial teacher education coursework), you may begin the PY. The PY 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: :

http://bit.ly/profyear

- o 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/zrbUl3

You will be required to pass the appropriate Praxis exam before 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 <u>Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Licensure program</u>. You can do the <u>Education Studies minor, pathway 1</u>, as part of your current undergraduate degree, and count 3 of those courses towards the <u>MAT program</u> requirements. Ask the SEHD Advisor for more information or email the SEHD Office of Recruitment & Outreach, <u>education@ucdenver.edu</u>.