Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification

The Post-Baccalaureate Certification program provides students who have completed a bachelor's degree with the course work necessary to obtain a Missouri teaching certificate. All course work is available through University College during afternoon and evening hours with the exception of student teaching, which is available during the fall (elementary) or spring (middle school, secondary, and K-12) semester. Required course work is taken for undergraduate credit. Certification through this program is available in the following teaching areas:

- Secondary Education (grades 9-12): biology, chemistry, earth science, English, mathematics, physics, or social studies
- Middle School (grades 5-9): English, mathematics, science, or social studies
- K-12: art, dance, classics (Latin), or modern foreign languages (Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)

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Requirements

The Curriculum

The actual number of credit hours necessary for certification depends on the student's background and program. Upon admission to the Post-BA program, each student's transcript is evaluated by an adviser in the Department of Education to determine the courses needed for certification. Students who have no prior course work in education should plan on a minimum of 30 credit hours in education courses (48 hours for elementary education). Persons already certified at the elementary or secondary level can pursue middle school certification through the Post-BA program.