Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification

Note: As of Summer 2022, this program is no longer accepting new students.

The Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification program provides students who have completed a bachelor's degree with the course work necessary to obtain a Missouri teaching certificate. All courses are offered through University College during afternoon and evening hours with the exception of student teaching, which requires full-time availability 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 science
- Middle School (grades 5-9): language arts, mathematics, science or social science
- K-12: art, dance or world languages (Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)

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Requirements

The Curriculum

The actual number of credit units necessary for certification depends on the student's background and program. Upon admission to the Post-Baccalaureate program, each student's transcript is evaluated by an advisor 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 units in education courses (48 units for elementary education).