

THE STANDARD TEACHING CREDENTIAL WITH SPECIALIZATION IN SECONDARY TEACHING

Candidates for the Standard Teaching Credential with Specialization in Secondary Teaching must complete four years of college or university education with a baccalaureate degree. In addition, a fifth year of college or university postgraduate education consisting of upper division or graduate courses must be completed. Requirements for admission to the credential program are listed under *School of Education*. Completion of the college credential program entitles a candidate to the Standard Teaching Credential with appropriate endorsements, issued by the State Department of Education.

Candidates for a Standard Teaching Credential with Specialization in Secondary Teaching, authorizing assignment in grades 7 through 12 in major and minor subjects, must complete the following requirements:

GENERAL EDUCATION

The general education requirements for credential candidates differ somewhat from those required for the bachelor's degree. Forty-five semester units of course work, including the English and the competency requirements in composition described in paragraph 1 below are required of secondary credential candidates. Course work must be taken in at least *four* of the six areas included in the following list. Not more than six semester units of course work taken to satisfy this requirement shall apply toward the fulfillment of the requirements for a major or a minor. The degree general education requirements are listed in the section on *Degrees and Credentials*.

1. Humanities, excluding foreign language for the purpose of this requirement, but including English. Three semesters of English, including a course in composition, must be completed. Service courses of a remedial nature will not meet this requirement.
2. Social Sciences (including study of the United States Constitution).
3. Natural Sciences.
4. Mathematics, requiring as a prerequisite an understanding and knowledge of high school algebra and geometry.
5. Fine Arts.
6. A Foreign Language: This requirement may be satisfied by passing an examination given without college credit.

MAJORS AND MINORS

Candidates for the Standard Teaching Credential with Specialization in Secondary Teaching must complete one of the following.

1. A major in an academic subject commonly taught in the public high schools.
2. A major and a minor, each of which is in a subject matter area commonly taught in the public high schools, and one of which is in an academic subject matter area.
3. Two minors in subject matter areas commonly taught in the public high schools, and a major not commonly taught in the public high schools. If the major is nonacademic, both minors must be in academic subjects. If the major is in an academic subject, then one minor shall be in an academic subject.

For a detailed outline of major-minor options see *School of Education—Major and Minor Requirements for Standard Teaching Credentials*.