

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
**ADVISEMENT GUIDE FOR SECONDARY TEACHER CERTIFICATION  
(GRADUATE CERTIFICATION WITHIN MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION)**  
**This form supersedes catalog requirements and previous forms.**

Standards for teaching are set by the profession and by the State and are outlined in the Common Core of Teaching (see [http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/educatorstandards/Board\\_Approved\\_CCT\\_2-3-2010.pdf](http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/educatorstandards/Board_Approved_CCT_2-3-2010.pdf)). Eastern Connecticut State University has a State-approved teacher education program designed to prepare students to be certified professionals in education. This plan of study is an outline of requirements set by the University and by the State for the teacher certification program. This outline represents minimum requirements. Each student is encouraged to take the initiative to exceed these requirements in preparing to be the best professional possible.

**ENTRANCE INTO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

**1. All applicants must pass the Praxis I CBT or Praxis I PPST exam** (a State competence exam in reading, writing and mathematics). A **Praxis waiver** can be obtained by applying to the State Department of Education if criteria for scores are met on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Testing (ACT), or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) exams (see [http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/Cert/certform/ed\\_192.pdf](http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/Cert/certform/ed_192.pdf) for further information) **and the Praxis II exam(s) in their certification area.** Please see <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&q=321162> for a list of state-mandated PRASIX II exams. These exams should be taken early enough so that scores will be available when application is made to the teacher education program. Applications and information on the exam are available in the Education Department.

**2. Evidence that applicant has completed a background check, including the fingerprinting requirement by a Regional Education Resource Center.**

3. Applications to the teacher education program are obtained in the Education Department and are submitted to the Committee on Admission and Retention in Education (C.A.R.E.). Specific requirements, including a **minimum 2.70 cumulative grade point average on undergraduate coursework**, are noted on the cover of the application. **Application to the program should be made during the semester prior to beginning Core I of the program.**

**\*\*\*NOTE: Application deadline: October 1 and February 15.**

**4. Teacher candidates, who have completed a Bachelor's Degree from an approved institution, with a major in one of the following: English, Math, Biology, Environmental Earth Science, or History/Social Studies may be eligible for this program.** (A major from another Social Science with 18 credits in History and specific history/social studies coursework may also qualify. Please see Dr. Leslie Ricklin for advisement on this option.)

**STATE LIBERAL ARTS REQUIREMENT (GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS):**

The State Department of Education will require a minimum **39 semester hours of coursework** in general education before it certifies an individual as an educator. **Candidates must have earned a grade of "C" or better in all courses and must have completed study in all six of the following areas:**

Natural Sciences (6 credits)                      Arts (3 credits)                      Mathematics (6 credits)  
Social Sciences (3 credits)    English (6 credits)    World Language (6 credits if not met in high school)  
US History (3 credits): 120, 121, 241, 251, 302, 303, 310, 316, 318, 321 or 322  
Health: HPE 201 (1 credit) or HPE 210 (3 credits)

**ACADEMIC MAJOR:**

ECSU is authorized to offer a certification program in the following areas of secondary education: **English, Math, Biology, Environmental Earth Science, and History/Social Studies.** The requirements of the above mentioned majors at ECSU meet minimum requirements for State certification in those areas. There are further specifications mandated in English and in History/Social Studies. These specifications are as follows:

**CERTIFICATION COURSEWORK**

**Core Courses**

**(10 credits)**

EDU 504 Educational Assessment (FO, SUO)	3 credits
EDU 505 Second Language Acquisition and Strategies (FO, SPO, SUO)	1 credit
EDU 511 Learning and Teaching: Concepts and Models (F, SUO)	3 credits
EDU 555 Education and Society (SP, SUO)	3 credits

**Secondary Education Core Courses**

**(17 credits)**

EDU 501 Clinical Experience I	1 credit
EDU 502 Clinical Experience II	1 credit
EDU 510 Content Area Reading and Writing (SP) (for non-Secondary English candidates)	3 credits
or	
EDU 514 Literacy Development for Secondary English (SP)	
EDU 521 Pre-student Teaching: Sec Schools (F, SP)	3 credit
EDU 544 Patterns of Development: Typical and Exceptional (F)	3 credits
EDU 546 Issues and Applications in Secondary Mathematics (F)	3 credits
or	
EDU 547 Issues and Applications in Secondary History/Social Studies (F)	
or	
EDU 548 Issues and Applications in Secondary English (F)	
or	
EDU 549 Issues and Applications in Secondary Biology and Environmental Earth Science (F)	
EDU 582 Teaching Exceptional Learners (F, SU)	3 credits

**Student Teaching & Culminating Experiences <sup>2</sup>**

**(9-12 credits)**

EDU 525 Classroom Management and Assessment/ Sec School (F, SP)	3 credits
EDU 571 Graduate Student Teaching: Secondary Schools (F, SP)	6-9 credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>36-39 credits</b>

**Note: Additional content courses are required based on your area of certification.**

**Secondary English Certification** requires:

**ENG 203** Writing for English Majors

**ENG 329** Adolescent Literature

**ENG 340** History and Development of the English Language

**ENG 370** Composition Theory/Pedagogy

**ENG 341** Modern American Grammar

**An English course which focuses on women writers**

**An English course which focuses on writers of color**

**Secondary History/Social Studies Certification** requires **39 credits**:

Minimum of 18 credits in History (including U.S. History, Western History, and Non-Western History) and other specific coursework (Please see Dr. Leslie Ricklin for advisement on this option).

**Secondary Mathematics Certification** requires:

**MAT 372** Advanced Mathematics for High School Teaching