B.A., SECONDARY EDUCATION (7-12)

The requirements for a secondary school teaching certificate include completion of both a teaching major in an academic subject area appropriate to the secondary school and the professional education sequence. The degree is awarded as a B.A. with a double major. Upon declaration of a major in secondary education, students are assigned an advisor in the Education Department to plan the completion of the teaching major and the education sequence of courses.

The teaching major must be in an academic subject area approved for a State of Alaska secondary school teaching certificate and available as a B.A. degree: art, biology, chemistry, Earth science, economics, English, French, German, history, mathematics, political science or Spanish.

Transition/Admission Requirements

Declaring a B.A. major in secondary education does not guarantee admission to the professional internship year. Internships begin in August or September on the date when teachers return to school (this varies across districts). Since internship placements are arranged with principals and mentor teachers in the spring, all materials necessary for determining admission to the School of Education must be submitted by Feb. 15. Faculty in the School of Education consider multiple criteria in determining admission to the School of Education must be submitted by Feb. 15. Faculty in the School of Education consider multiple criteria in making valid and reliable judgments about each applicant's knowledge, skills, and professional characteristics prior to approval for the year-long internship in a classroom with secondary children.

Students must submit the following information to the School of Education by February 15:

1. Copies of transcripts from all institutions attended. Evidence of plan of completion of all B.A. degree in secondary education degree courses and completion of the majority of the content major requirements by August 1st (except for those required in the Professional Internship Year), with a minimum of a 2.75 overall GPA.
2. Three current letters of reference that address qualifications and potential as a teacher.
3. A personal statement of 500-800 words addressing motivation to enter the teaching profession, self-assessed qualifications to teach, experiences which have prepared candidate for teaching.
4. Official copies of ACT or SAT scores.
5. Alaska Passing scores from the Praxis I or Praxis Core ASE exams in reading, writing and math.
6. Alaska Passing scores from the Praxis II in the relevant content knowledge Praxis II Subject test for each content area the applicant expects to teach. Applicants applying to teach a World Language are required to submit Praxis II scores in the target language AND for the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and Writing Test; Applicants must meet the Advanced Low rating for both tests.
7. Extemporaneous writing sample. Contact the School of Education advising office for date, time and location information.
8. All applicants will be required to interview with secondary faculty as part of the admission process.

To review the application review process, acceptance to the program information, and professional field experience, please refer to the secondary post-baccalaureate licensure program catalog information section.

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 121 credits

Students must earn a C grade or better in each course.

General University Requirements

Complete the general university requirements (http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors)

General Education Requirements

Complete the general education requirements. (http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/general-education-requirements)

B.A. Degree and Major Requirements

Complete the B.A. degree requirements. (http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/summary-of-bachelors-degree-reqs/#bachelorofartsandbacheloroffineartstext)

Education Requirements

EDSC F110  Becoming a Middle/High School Teacher  1
EDSC F407  Developing Literacy in the Content Areas  3
EDSC F458  Classroom Organization and Management  3
EDSC F205 or EDSC F415  Introduction to Secondary Education Foundations of Modern Educational Practice  3

Select one from the following:  3
EDSC F414  Learning, Development and Special Needs Instruction
EDSE F422  Curriculum, Management and Strategies II: High Incidence
EDSE F482  Inclusive Classrooms for All Children

Professional Internship Year with Integrated Coursework

EDSC F402  Methods of Teaching in the Secondary School  3

Select one from the following:  3
EDSC F432  English/Language Arts Secondary Instruction and Assessment
EDSC F433  Mathematics Secondary Instruction and Assessment
EDSC F434  Science Secondary Instruction and Assessment
EDSC F435  Social Studies Secondary Instruction and Assessment
EDSC F436  Art Secondary Instruction and Assessment
EDSC F437  World Language Secondary Instruction and Assessment

Complete the following:
EDSC F442  Technology Applications in Education I  1
EDSC F443  Technology Application in Education II  2
EDSC F457  Multicultural Education and School-Community Relations  4
EDSC F471  Secondary Teaching: School Internship I and Seminar  3
EDSC F472  Secondary Teaching: School Internship II and Seminar  3-9
Content Area
Complete requirements for a major in content area: art, biology, chemistry, Earth science, economics, English, foreign language (French, German or Spanish), history, mathematics or political science.

Capstone Requirement
Complete baccalaureate capstone requirement as determined by the program.

Total Credits 29-35

1 Candidates must take the section or course that corresponds with their major teaching content area.
2 Fulfills the baccalaureate capstone requirement.