

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

B.A. Degree

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, English, French, German, history, mathematics, political science or Spanish.

Learn more about the bachelor's degree in secondary education (<https://uaf.edu/academics/programs/bachelors/secondary-education.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

Admission Requirements

Submit your undergraduate application electronically (<https://uaf.edu/admissions/apply/>) to the UAF Office of Admissions. A professional student teaching internship application has to be turned in to the secondary program before student teaching (last year before graduation).

Professional Student Teaching Internship:

In the last year before graduation, student teaching internships begin in August or January 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 internship should be submitted by March 1.

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. A criminal background check is necessary to work in schools. Declaring a B.A. major in secondary education does not guarantee admission to the professional internship year.

Students must submit the following information before the student teaching internship year to the School of Education by March 1:

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 Aug. 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 words addressing motivation to enter the teaching profession, self-assessed qualifications to teach, and experiences which have prepared the candidate for teaching.
4. Passing scores on an Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (<http://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/praxis.html>)-approved basic competency exam (BCE)

5. Passing scores on the Praxis II test for each content area the applicant expects to teach. The scores must meet the score set by the State of Alaska (<https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/>). World language applicants may need an oral proficiency test as required by EED.

Other Information:

Secondary faculty as part of the admission process will interview applicants.

Program Requirements

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

Minimum Requirements for Secondary Education (7-12) Degree: 121 credits

Code	Title	Credits
General University Requirements		
Complete the general university requirements (https://catalog.uaf.edu/archives/2020-2021/bachelors/)		
General Education Requirements		
Complete the general education requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/archives/2020-2021/bachelors/general-education-requirements/)		
B.A. Degree and Major Requirements		
Complete the B.A. degree requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/archives/2020-2021/bachelors/summary-of-bachelors-degree-reqs/#bachelorofartstext)		
Secondary Education (7-12) 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	
Complete one of the following:		3
EDSE F316	Introduction to Special Education for Elementary Classroom Teachers	
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		
Complete one of the following: ¹		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 ²	3
EDSC F472	Secondary Teaching: School Internship II and Seminar ²	6-9

Content Area

Complete requirements for a major in content area: art, biology, chemistry, Earth science, English, foreign language (French, German or Spanish), history, mathematics or political science.

Capstone Requirement

Complete baccalaureate capstone requirement as determined by the program.

¹ Candidates must take the section or course that corresponds with their major teaching content area.

² Fulfills the baccalaureate capstone requirement.