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EDUCATION

Teaching is among the world's most creative, satisfying, and honorable professions. The Department of Teacher Education at UIS provides students with multiple options for preparing to teach.

Graduates from the **Elementary Education major** possess the pedagogical skills and deep content expertise that make them highly marketable and prepared to teach at multiple levels with minimal additional training.

The Secondary Education minors are available for students who would prefer to teach at middle and high school levels and combine teaching pedagogy with a content area specialization.

Bachelor's Degree

- Elementary Education

Minor

- Secondary Education
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Science

Career Paths

- Teaching
- Corporate Training
- Business Management
- Non-profit Management
- Professional Communicator
- Community College Instructor
- College Professor
- Historical Site Administrator
- Museum Educator

Project Midstate Student Support for Teaching (MSS)

Project MSS is a partnership with select central Illinois school districts that recruits diverse students and/or students who are

the first in their families to go to college. MSS recruits students at the junior year of high school and offers them a unique support system characterized by special opportunities to interact with local communities and students. Participants must maintain good academic standing and agree to teach two years in Springfield or Decatur after graduation.

Distinction

- Students in the Elementary Education program select a second major in a content area such as Mathematics, History, English, or Psychology. Coursework is completed concurrently and students work closely with advisors to graduate within the parameter of a four-year degree.
- Faculty members are deeply involved in professional service and scholarship; they also distinguish themselves by their extensive teaching experience. The four current full time faculty members boast 88 cumulative years of experience in K-12 school settings and bring that expertise to bear in their teaching activities with students.

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Rich Content Background. Students in the Elementary Education Major and the Secondary Education Minor all complete a concurrent content major in an appropriate area, providing students with an extra edge. This feature of the programs provides students with an extra edge in the interviewing process, a second major for possible future career changes, and advanced preparation for further endorsements.

Student Teaching. Student teaching takes place in the final semester of the senior year. Students spend 16 weeks in an approved school district learning from mentors and preparing for the edTPA Performance Assessment. Candidates completing the elementary major student teach in schools in Springfield and the surrounding area. Candidates completing the secondary minor student teach in either Springfield or surrounding schools or in schools close to their home regions (for online students).

Course Formats. The Elementary Education Major and the Secondary Minor utilize a blend of completely online, blended, and on campus courses.

Program Mission. All Teacher Education programs in the Department are guided by the four themes of the Conceptual Framework: professional teaching and quality practice; public engagement; diversity; and technology. Students completing TEP course work will see these four themes echoed in the teaching pedagogy used by faculty and in the assignments they complete to ensure they are developing the knowledge and skills outlined by the 2013 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards.

Mastering Technology. Graduates of the teacher preparation programs at UIS are prepared to integrate technology and technological innovation in the classroom, and are committed to being lifelong learners in this important field to aid in student learning.



Professional Development for Teacher Education Students.

Qualified students are eligible for stipends to attend state level conferences on relevant topics that further increase their knowledge base and professional credibility while also providing professional networking opportunities.

Professional Development for In-service Teachers. Teachers who give back to the profession by serving as cooperating teachers for student teachers from UIS receive tuition waivers. These waivers can be used to work toward an advanced degree or for engaging in course work targeted to areas of need or interest. The Department also holds workshops to benefit not just education students but also inservice teachers in the local area.

AVID Tutoring. Students in the Elementary Education Major and the Secondary Education Minor have the opportunity to participate in a special program in the Springfield schools. The Advancement through Individual Determination (AVID) program provides future teachers with rich and varied experience with teachers and students even before engaging in preclinical and clinical experiences.

Involvement in Educational Organizations. Kappa Delta Pi is the International Honor Society in Education. Join the UIS chapter and share ideas and best practices with other future teachers while benefiting from the many resources provided by Kappa Delta Pi. **Student Education Association** is the student branch of the Illinois Education Association. Membership provides leadership opportunities as well as a way to engage with frontline leaders in the Illinois and National Education Association. **Golden Apple** is an organization that not only rewards gifted students but also provides special development opportunities to qualified preservice teachers who are interested in truly making a difference in the world of children, especially those in disadvantaged schools.

Sample of education courses:

- Foundations of American Education
- Child Development for Teachers
- Educational Psychology for Teachers
- Technology for Teachers
- Managing the Diverse Classroom
- Curriculum, Planning, and Assessment
- Methods of Elementary Reading and Language Arts
- Methods of Elementary Social Studies and Humanities
- Middle School Methods, Concepts, and Practices
- Methods of Secondary Mathematics

For a complete list of courses and degree requirements, see the UIS catalog at www.uis.edu/uiscatalog/

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