

JUNIOR **ELEMENTARY** EDUCATION MAJORS  
FALL COURSEWORK 2021

ADVISING DATES: 3/24/2021 through 4/2/2021

Students seeking to obtain an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) for grades 1-6:

- Your Educational Studies faculty advisor will contact you to set-up an Advising appointment
  - Contact [dhaas@iwu.edu](mailto:dhaas@iwu.edu) to determine your Educational Studies Advisor
- Review the current Teacher Education Program (TEP) [Handbook](#)
- Have the following items available for your appointment:
  - Degree Audit
  - IWU catalogue
  - TEP handbook
  - Tentative list of courses
- Receive registration pin from Advisor

REQUIRED EDUCATIONAL STUDIES COURSES (Grade of C- or better required in licensure courses)

\*Registration for 300 level courses is contingent upon TEP Status Review conducted after grades are entered.

EDUC 257: *The Exceptional Child*

- Must be completed before student teaching in fall of senior year

EDUC 320: *Foundations of Literacy: Reading, Writing, and Oral Communication*

- See Field Experience information available in [Handbook](#)

EDUC 330: *Mathematics, Science, and Technology Curriculum and Pedagogy in the Elementary Classroom*

- See Field Experience information available in [Handbook](#)

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (ISBE) LICENSURE TEST INFORMATION

The ISBE mandates passing score reports for the following tests must be present in candidate's Educator Licensure Information System account (ELIS) before licensure.

It is strongly suggested that one register to take one's Area Content exam as soon as possible.

- Register for and take a Content test. <https://www.il.nesinc.com/>

IWU Required EMPHASIS AREA: **Completion of an emphasis area is no longer a requirement for licensure. However, emphasis area coursework may be used in support of additional endorsements. If one chooses to opt out of completing an emphasis area, one must change one's degree audit to the current catalog year. That change can be made by submitting a revised declaration of major form to the registrar's office.**

Complete four courses in one field of study in a single Emphasis Area; at least one course must be at an upper level. You cannot combine courses from multiple Emphasis Areas. Emphasis Area coursework may lead to additional endorsements.

<u>Emphasis Areas</u>	<u>Fields of Study in Emphasis Areas</u>
Choose one Emphasis Area	Complete 4 courses from one field of study in the chosen Emphasis Area – one course must be at an upper level

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Social Science	American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, International Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology
Fine Arts	Art, Art History, Music, Music Theatre, Theatre, Dance
Health	Four Health courses – one at upper level
Language Arts	Four English courses – one at upper level
Natural Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Studies ( <i>Environmental Studies courses must be approved by Director of Teacher Education</i> )
Physical Education	Four PE courses – one at upper level
Spanish	Four courses beyond SPAN 201
<i>Emphasis Areas with specific course requirements</i>	
Reading	REA 272 (take any semester) REA 322 – <b>this course will only be offered in the fall of 2021 so if pursuing a reading endorsement and have not taken the class, do so this fall. It will require a prerequisite waiver form which must be filled out by the student and sent to Professor Epstein by email.</b> REA 323 REA 497-2 (take junior/senior year)
Mathematics	MATH 106 and <i>one</i> course from <i>three different fields</i> of Math study: Calculus, Algebra, Number Theory, Geometry, or Probability & Statistics
<i>Other Emphasis Areas must be approved by the Director of Teacher Education. Emphasis Area courses may overlap with general education courses. AP and transfer courses may count for Emphasis Area with approval of Director of Teacher Education.</i>	

**ENDORSEMENTS**

<p>Contact Licensure Officer <a href="mailto:cherald@iwu.edu">cherald@iwu.edu</a> if interested in earning Endorsements in additional teaching disciplines. <a href="#">Adding Endorsements to a Professional Teaching License (PEL)</a></p> <p>All students seeking a Middle School endorsement must in addition to completing content area requirements, must also complete a breakout curriculum and pedagogy seminar in the same area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In planning for the spring of 2023, if taking more than one breakout seminar, one must petition to overload as the two .5 seminars equate to an additional course. A petition is not necessary if only one breakout session is needed.</li> </ul>
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**ISBE Required Coursework (Grade of C- or higher in licensure courses)**

<p>The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requires Elementary Education majors to complete coursework in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language Arts</li> <li>Fine Arts (Creative Writing does not meet this requirement)</li> <li>Mathematics</li> <li>Natural Science: coursework that addresses at least <i>three different areas</i> of the natural sciences: i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical, Life, Environment, Earth &amp; Space. See “Science Coursework approved for ISBE” for course suggestions. <i>Environmental Studies courses may meet one of these requirements pending approval by the Director of Teacher Education.</i></li> <li><i>Psychology does NOT meet this requirement.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>Social Science: coursework that addresses at least <i>four different areas</i> of the social sciences: i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics</li> <li>Course selections must include content addressing Illinois, the USA, and the world.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Transfer courses with a grade of C- or higher may be used with approval of Director of Teacher Education.

**ELECTIVE EDUCATIONAL STUDIES COURSES**

EDUC 271: Teaching and Learning with Technology K-12 (fall only)-  
*Educational technologies and their applications in K-12 classrooms, including instruction, assessment, and research. Attention to technological skills, trends, and curricular pedagogical and ethical issues involved in the use of technology in schools.*

**STUDY ABROAD**

Candidates interested in Study Abroad should consult with Advisors early in program.

- See Study Abroad information in [Handbook](#)