

JUNIOR **ELEMENTARY** EDUCATION MAJORS  
SPRING COURSEWORK 2022

ADVISING DATES: 10/20/2021 through 10/29/2021

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 [lnillas@iwu.edu](mailto:lnillas@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 fall grades are entered.

EDUC 257: *The Exceptional Child*

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

EDUC 335: *Exploring Inquiry and Creativity in the Elementary Curriculum*

EDUC 340: *Instructional Planning, Assessment, and Safe Learning Environments*

- See Field Experience information available in [Handbook](#)
- Reserve a block of time between 7:30-3:00 to complete fieldwork

EDUC 341: *Seminar accompanying EDUC 340* (.5 units)

9<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER student teachers take:

- EDUC 498: Educational Inquiry.
- Enroll in the junior curriculum courses listed above during senior year.

ISBE REQUIRED COURSEWORK (Grade of C- or higher in licensure courses)

Continue working on ISBE required coursework for Elementary Education majors:

- Language Arts
- Fine Arts (Creative Writing does not meet this requirement)
- Mathematics
- Natural Science: coursework that addresses at least *three different areas* of the natural sciences: i.e.
  - Physical, Life, Environment, Earth & Space. See “Science Coursework approved for ISBE” for course suggestions. *Environmental Studies courses may meet one of these requirements pending approval by the Director of Teacher Education.*
  - *Psychology does NOT meet this requirement.*
- Social Science: coursework that addresses at least *four different areas* of the social sciences: i.e.
  - History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics
  - Course selections must include content addressing Illinois, the USA, and the world.

Transfer courses with a grade of C- or higher may be used with approval of Director of Teacher Education.

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**EMPHASIS AREA (no longer required as of 2020)**

Given the change in endorsement structure by the ISBE, emphasis areas are no longer required. Graduates in the classes of 2023 and 2024 are advised to complete a change of catalogue form (available in MYIWU) indicating your intent to follow the 2021-22 catalogue.

Check with the Asst. Director of Teacher Licensure [cherald@iwu.edu](mailto:cherald@iwu.edu) to discuss how completed emphasis area or required ISBE coursework can lead to an additional content area endorsement, i.e.:

Reading Teacher (PK-12)

Middle Grade (5-8) endorsements in General Science, Language Arts, Mathematics & Social Science are available. Requirements: 18 hours in content area to include a content area pedagogy breakout seminar, and passage of the appropriate content test.

In planning for the spring of 2022, if taking more than one pedagogy breakout seminar, petition to overload if your semester course load sums up to at least 5 credit hours.

List of additional PK-12 and 9-12 endorsements here [Adding Endorsements to a PEL](#)

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (ISBE) LICENSURE TEST INFORMATION**

CONTENT TEST in the field of licensure:

- Completed early spring of Junior year
- Register at <https://www.il.nesinc.com/>
- Passing score report in ELIS before student teaching can begin

EdTPA in the field of licensure:

- Completed during student teaching senior year.
- Register at <http://www.edtpa.com/>
- Passing score report in ELIS before PEL issued

**FINGERPRINT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK (CBC) FOR STUDENT TEACHING**

Public Act 96-1452 requires student teachers to authorize their placement district to complete a fingerprint-based criminal history records check (CHRI). CHRI checks cannot be shared. Candidates student teaching in multiple districts must complete a separate check for each district. Students are responsible for all costs.

\*Namecheck CBC's completed for fieldwork are not acceptable for student teaching.

Early in the summer, contact your placement district for information about fingerprint criminal background checks and other requirements.

<https://www.iwu.edu/educational-studies/courses/teacher-certification/background-checks-stt.html>

**MAY TERM 2022 COURSES**

EDUC365 Reading, Writing and Communication in the Content Areas

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**SUMMER 2022 COURSES**

EDUC 362 Seminar: Curriculum and Pedagogy in Grades 5-12 Mathematics

**STUDY ABROAD**

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

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