

Education Majors

Certification Tracks

- Early Childhood Education Major (birth – grade 3)
- Elementary Education Major (grades 1-6)
- Health Education Major (grades k-12)
- Middle School Education Major (grades 5-9)
Concentrations: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences
- Physical Education Major (grades k-12)
- Secondary School Education Major (grades 9-12)
Concentrations: Biology, Business, Chemistry, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Sciences
- Spanish Education Major (grades k-12)

Non-Certification Tracks

- Education Curriculum Studies Major
- Education Minor

The Westminster College Teacher Education Program is designed so that majors complete a course of study approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), which will lead to recommendation for certification in the chosen major and concentration areas. Students who prepare for a teaching career must meet professional education requirements specified by DESE, as well as the program requirements of Westminster College. Final certification approval is determined by DESE and not by Westminster College. Academic certification requirements, set by DESE, consist of:

- the completion of degree program and submission of official transcript;
- a 3.0 or higher GPA in education coursework and content courses, if applicable;
- passing the appropriate State required content assessment (Praxis);
- and a summative combined student teaching evaluation score of 42 or higher.

All students seeking a certification must first be accepted into the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in order to complete their degree. To be admitted into TEP students must:

- declare their major in an education certification track;
- obtain a 3.0 or higher GPA in education coursework and content courses, if applicable;
- receive positive student disposition scores from education faculty members; and

- successfully participate in an interview process.

Once admitted to the TEP, students must remain in good standing in order to progress through the program.

All students seeking a certification must student teach in their last semester. To be admitted into a student teaching placement student must: obtain a 3.0 GPA in education coursework and in content area, if applicable;

- attempted the appropriate state required content assessment (Praxis);
- present proof of liability insurance;
- clear the Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) background check;
- obtain a valid Missouri substitute teaching certificate;
- submit a Westminster College General Liability Release;
- complete all certification specific coursework except for EDU 490 and student teaching;
- submitted a student teaching application.

The Education Department faculty at Westminster College reserve final judgment on admission to student teaching and assignment to a placement.

EDUCATION MAJORS

Spanish Education: K-12

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Please refer to the "Education Majors" on page 159 page of the Campus Catalog for complete Education major information.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY SHEET

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Major: SPANISH EDUCATION K-12

Student's Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Advisor Date Major Declared

Course Code	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade

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Choose SPA 103 or SPA 101 & 102				
SPA 103	Elementary Spanish	6		
SPA 101	Introduction to Spanish I	3		
SPA 102	Introduction to Spanish II	3		
SPA 203	Intermediate Spanish I	3		
SPA 204	Intermediate Spanish II	3		
SPA 303	Advanced Spanish Conversation	3		
SPA 351	Introduction to Spanish Literature I	3		
SPA 353	19th and 20th Century Latin American Literature	3		
SPA 363	Spanish-American Novel	3		
SPA 377	Spanish Civilization	3		
SPA 378	Latin American Civilization	3		
SPA 381	Advanced Grammar & Composition	3		
Total Hours For Major		83		

EDU 490 and EDU 495/497 are taken concurrently the last semester of study.

Students must be admitted in Teacher Education Program to enroll in 300 level education courses.

Students must pass the Missouri Content Exam prior to student teaching.

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in education and content area, and a 2.75 GPA overall.

If any substitutions or waivers of requirements are allowed, please list below and initial.

Advisor Signature

Department Chair Signature