

Secondary Education

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

UAB's state-approved Secondary Education program prepares candidates to teach in grades 6–12 in English Language Arts and General Social Studies. Candidates may earn certification in Mathematics and Science through the UABTeach program. Please find additional information in the UABTeach section of the undergraduate catalog.

The Secondary Education program is grounded in research-based practices and emphasizes both deep content knowledge and effective instructional strategies tailored to adolescent learners. Candidates engage in structured coursework and extensive clinical experiences in a variety of middle and high school settings, where they learn to design engaging lessons, assess student learning, manage classrooms effectively, and support the academic and social development of all students.

To be eligible for certification through UAB's program, candidates must meet several key requirements outlined by the Alabama State Department of Education. These requirements include maintaining an overall GPA of 2.50 in all coursework as well as a 2.50 in teaching field and in professional studies courses. Candidates may not earn a grade below a C in any professional studies course.

Additionally, all candidates must obtain background clearance through the Alabama State Department of Education, which includes fingerprinting and a criminal history background check conducted by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Candidates must also pass all required state assessments and successfully complete a full-time internship in a secondary classroom. Upon completion of these requirements, UAB will recommend candidates for initial certification to teach in Alabama's secondary education settings.

Major in Secondary Education - English

Requirements	Hours
Blazer Core Curriculum Requirements ¹	41
As part of the Blazer Core take the following:	
EH 101 English Composition I ² or EH 106 Introduction to Freshman Writing I	
EH 102 English Composition II ² or EH 107 Introduction to Freshman Writing II	
CMST 101 Public Speaking ³	
THR 100 Introduction to the Theatre ⁴	
PY 101 Introduction to Psychology ⁵	
Additional English Language Arts Requirements	
CMST 103 History of Mass Media	3
CMST 210 Media Writing	3
Major in Secondary Education	
Foundations & Professional Studies	
EDU 200 Education as a Profession	3
EHS 401 Practices in Secondary Lesson Design	3
EDF 362 Foundations of Education I: Social, Historical, Philosophical	3
EPR 363 Foundations of Education II: Psychological	3
Secondary Education Courses (requires TEP admission)	

EHS 436	Methods I: English Language Arts 6-12	3
ECY 300	Survey of Special Education	3
EHS 466	Methods II: Language Arts 6-12	3
EPR 411	Measurement and Evaluation in Education	3
EH 452	Grammar and Usage for English Teachers	3
EHS 456	Classroom Management in Secondary Schools	3
EHS 497	Teaching and Learning in Diverse Classrooms	3
EDR 442	Reading in Content Areas	3
Internship ⁶		
EHS 490	Secondary School Student Teaching I	6
EHS 489	Internship Seminar in Secondary Education	1

Major in English Literature

Teaching field courses previously listed		
EH 101	English Composition I	
or EH 106	Introduction to Freshman Writing I	
EH 102	English Composition II	
or EH 107	Introduction to Freshman Writing II	
CMST 101	Public Speaking	
THR 100	Introduction to the Theatre	
CMST 103	History of Mass Media	
CMST 210	Media Writing	

Writing

EH 301	Reading, Writing, and Research for Literature Classes	3
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Professional Writing/Technical Writing: 6

Select two from the following at least one with an asterisk:

EH 304	Editing in Professional Contexts	
EH 315	Introduction to Professional Writing	
EH 340	Developing Digital Documents	
EH 401	Tutoring Writing	
EH 402	Writing in Popular Periodicals	
EH 403	Business Writing *	
EH 404	Technical Writing *	
EH 430	Professional Writing: Special Topics	
EH 433	Academic Writing	
EH 455	Digital Publishing (*)	

Language & Linguistics

LING 350	Introduction to Linguistics	3
or LING 351	Structure of English	

Capstone Requirement 3

Take a 400-level English course as approved by your advisor.

Young Adult Literature

EDR 441	Literature for Adolescents	3
or EH 419	Young Adult Literature	

African-American Literature/Multicultural Literature 3

Select any three credit hour course from the following:

EH 365	African American Literature, 1746-1954	
EH 366	African American Literature, 1954-Present	
EH 422	African Literature	
EH 423	African Women's Literature	
EH 424	African-American Special Topics	
EH 447	African American Dramatic Tradition	
EH 448	African American Poetry Tradition	
EH 466	The Slave Narrative and Its Literary Expressions	
EH 467	Black Women Writers	
EH 468	The Harlem Renaissance	

Other Literature Courses 15

Pre-1800 Literature

Select six credit hours (two courses) from the following:

American Literature	
EH 461	American Literature, 1620 - 1820
British Literature	
EH 469	Medieval Culture: Literature and Society
EH 470	Arthurian Legend
EH 471	Beowulf in Context
EH 474	English Renaissance Drama (Excluding Shakespeare)
EH 475	English Renaissance Poetry and Prose
EH 476	Shakespeare
EH 478	Milton

Post-1800 Literature

Select nine credit hours (three courses) from the following:

American Literature	
EH 416	Modern American Poetry
EH 442	Literary Theory and Criticism, the Twentieth Century to the Present
EH 444	Women's Literature and Theory
EH 462	American Literature, 1820 - 1870
EH 463	American Literature, 1870 - 1914
EH 464	American Literature, 1914 - 1945
British Literature	
EH 414	Modern British and European Drama
EH 481	The Eighteenth Century: Literature and Culture
EH 482	The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation
EH 483	British Romanticism
EH 486	Eighteenth-Century British Novel
EH 487	Nineteenth-Century British Novel
EH 488	British Novel: The Modern Age
EH 489	James Joyce

Total Hours **126**

A minimum of 120 hours are required for graduation. Students may need to take general electives to reach the credit hour requirement. Elective hours may vary based on course selection.

- ¹ [Blazer Core Curriculum](#) requirements
- ² Fulfills Blazer Core Academic Foundations: Freshman Writing requirement.
- ³ Fulfills Blazer Core Communication in the Modern World requirement.
- ⁴ Fulfills Blazer Core Thinking Broadly: The Creative Arts requirement.
- ⁵ Fulfills Blazer Core Thinking Broadly: Humans and their Societies requirement.
- ⁶ Internship courses must be taken AFTER admission to TEP.

Secondary Education/General Social Science Major

Requirements	Hours
Blazer Core Curriculum Requirements ¹	41

As part of the Blazer Core take the following:

EH 101	English Composition I ²
or EH 106	Introduction to Freshman Writing I
EH 102	English Composition II ²
or EH 107	Introduction to Freshman Writing II
CMST 101	Public Speaking ³

HY 101	Western Civilization I ⁴
HY 102	Western Civilization II ⁴
PY 101	Introduction to Psychology ⁵

Additional Social & Behavioral Science

HY 120	The United States To 1877	3
HY 121	The United States Since 1877	3
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSC 101	Foundations of American Government	3
PSC 221	American State and Local Government	3
GEO 121	World Regional Geography ⁵	3
GEO 491	Environmental Policy	3

Major in Secondary Education

Foundations & Professional Studies

EDU 200	Education as a Profession	3
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Internship ⁶

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Major in History

Teaching field courses previously listed under Core Curriculum

HY 101	Western Civilization I
HY 102	Western Civilization II
HY 120	The United States To 1877
HY 121	The United States Since 1877
PY 101	Introduction to Psychology
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Additional Teaching Field Courses

HY 225	History of Alabama	3
HY 271	Traditional East Asian History and Culture	3
or HY 476	Japan to the 19th Century	
or HY 477	Modern Japan	
Non-Western History ⁷		
HY 497	History Capstone	3
HY Electives at 300-400 Level ⁸		15
EC 440	Economics for Educators	3

Total Hours **129**

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For other history courses see the current checklist in the Offices of Student Services within the School of Education. See the

requirements for a history major within the catalog listings for the College of Arts and Sciences. You should confer with advisors in Education and CAS about specific history requirements. Students seeking teacher certification may have more specific requirements than non-certification students.

- ¹ Blazer Core Curriculum requirements
- ² Fulfills Blazer Core Academic Foundations: Freshman Writing requirement.
- ³ Fulfills Blazer Core Academic Foundations: Communication in the Modern World requirement.
- ⁴ Fulfills Blazer Core Thinking Broadly: History and Meaning requirement.
- ⁵ Fulfills Blazer Core Thinking Broadly: Humans and their Societies requirement.
- ⁶ Internship courses must be taken AFTER admission to TEP
- ⁷ Please consult your academic advisor for this requirement.
- ⁸ At least 9 hours of history electives must be at the 400-level.