

B.S.Ed. in Communications: Secondary Education

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) in Communications: Secondary Education degree is designed for students seeking to teach communications in high school settings. Through this program, students build knowledge of pedagogical principles as well as communication theory and theater. This undergraduate degree program meets all education requirements for teaching certification in Pennsylvania.

Delivery Mode

Traditional (on campus)

Accreditation

This undergraduate degree program is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Cal U's education programs have also been accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) since 1954, and we are continuing with the successor organization, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Curriculum

Course	Credits
General Education Courses	40
<i>Building a Sense of Community</i> UNI 100 First-Year Seminar	1
<i>Composition</i> ENG 101 English Composition I	3
<i>Public Speaking</i> EDU 350 Supporting English Language Learners	3
<i>Mathematics and Quantitative Literacy</i> MAT Course	3
<i>Health and Wellness</i> Any Health and Wellness Course	3
<i>Technological Literacy</i> EDU 333 Technology in Teaching and Learning	3
<i>Humanities</i> ESP 210 Special Education Foundation and Collaboration	3
<i>Fine Arts</i> THE 150 Intro to Theatrical Design	3
<i>Natural Sciences</i> Any Natural Sciences Course with Lab	3
<i>Social Sciences</i> PSY 100 General Psychology	3
<i>Ethics and Multicultural Awareness Emphasis</i>	3

Department of Education

Course	Credits
EDU 310 Teaching in a Multicultural Society	
<i>General Education Options</i>	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 206 Adolescent Psychology • MAT Course • ENG 102 English Composition II 	
Required Concentration Courses	39
SEC 210 Intro to Secondary Ed	3
SEC 220 Standards-based Instruction	3
SEC 310 Instructional Strategies	3
SEC 350 Content Area Literacy	3
SEC 360 Technology Integration	3
SEC 392 Teaching of English	3
SEC 400 Classroom Management	3
SEC 420 Assessment and Interventions	3
SEC 460 Professional Practices	3
SEC 461 Student Teaching	12
Required Education Foundation Courses*	6
ESP 311 Assessment and Positive Interventions	3
ESP 413 Evidence-Based Practices	3
Related Content Courses	36
ENG 308 Research for Writers OR ENG 352 Studies in Writing	3
ENG 345 English Grammar and Usage OR ENG 347 Introduction to Linguistics	3
ENG 425 Shakespeare	3
ENG Literature Elective	3
CDC 101 Public Speaking	3
COM 230 Argumentation	3
COM 142 Video Production	3
COM 490 Communication Theory	3

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Course	Credits
THE 131 Fundamentals of Acting	3
THE 141 Stagecraft	3
THE 320 Fundamentals of Directing	3
THE 302, 304 OR 306	3
Total	121

Additional requirements not counted toward the General Education requirements and included in this program are:

- **Special Experience Course (1 course required):** SEC 461 Student Teaching
- **Writing-Intensive Component Courses (2 courses required):** SEC 420 Assessment and Interventions AND SEC 460 Professional Practices
- **Laboratory Course (1 course required):** Natural Sciences Course with Lab

* EDU 333, 310, 350; PSY 206; and ESP 210 fulfill general education requirements but are also considered "Required Education Foundation Courses."

Program Notes: This is a professional program. All courses listed as program requirements must be passed with a grade of C or higher. Math and English courses must also be passed with a grade of C or higher. Many SEC courses are linked to include field experiences and must be taken together as co-requisites. LiveText software is a requirement of this program.

Additional Requirements

Undergraduate secondary education majors are required to:

- Maintain a GPA of 2.80.
- Pass the required PAPA exams.
- Have Act 34, 151 and 114 clearances for formal Admission to Teacher Education.

A GPA of 3.00 and passing scores for Praxis II are needed to apply for a Recommendation for Student Teaching.

Program Webpage

<https://www.calu.edu/academics/undergraduate/bachelors/secondary-education/communications.aspx>