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## Secondary School Education (8-12)

Merrimack College's School of Education offers dynamic, responsive, and focused programs that prepare and support individuals to be thoughtful, passionate, and competent teachers and educational leaders. The Secondary School program is accredited by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and in concert with Merrimack General Education requirements, fulfills the requirements for licensure within the state of Massachusetts to teach in grades 8-12.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL (8-12) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

EDU 2110	Foundations & Principles of Education	4	EDU 4060-4160	Special Methods for the Secondary School	2
EDU 2230	Applied Adolescent Psychology	4	EDU 4220	Diff Inst for the Inclusive Classroom	2
EDU 3210	Psychology of Learning & Assessment	4	EDU 4221	Classroom Management	2
EDU 3420	Instructional Method & Tech for Middle & Secondary Education	4	EDU 2500	Pre-Practicum	0
			EDU 2510	Pre-Practicum	0
EDU 3480	Org & Curr of the Secondary School	4	EDU 4902	Practicum – Secondary Schools	12
EDU 4040	Reading in the Content Areas: Middle & Secondary Education	2			

#### ADVISING

All students in the School of Education have an education advisor as well as an advisor in their double major. Advisors have regular office hours, so please check with them regarding any questions you may have. Check the College's *Academic Calendar* for advising dates.

#### MTELS

Students must take and pass all relevant MTEL tests prior to student-teaching. Secondary School teacher candidates will need to take the Communications & Literacy and Subject Matter tests. The School of Education offers MTEL preparation workshops, so check our website for times and dates.

#### PRACTICUM

All students have multiple opportunities to gain in-depth observational and practical experience in the classroom that help link theory to practice within a classroom environment designed to fit the student's area of interest. Students begin to develop their education philosophy, create a portfolio and establish meaningful professional relationships with their students, cooperating teachers and colleagues. The culminating experience for all future teachers is the semester long student-teaching (the practicum). All students should have a 3.0 cumulative average and pass the MTELS as a pre-requisite for practicum placement. See the Merrimack College Catalog or the website course descriptions for pre-practicum and practicum requirements.

#### CHOICES

If you want to be a Secondary School teacher, you must choose a double major from the following list: Biology, Chemistry, English, History, Math, Physics (8-12), French or Spanish (5-12).