

St. Bonaventure University



Secondary Education

Become an Extraordinary Teacher

The Major in Secondary Education is designed for students to pursue initial secondary content-specific teacher certification in New York State (grades 7-12). The major, in collaboration with the departments within the School of Arts and Sciences, prepares students to be secondary teachers in biology, chemistry, English, mathematics, physics, social studies and Spanish.

This is a 40-credit Major that is completed in conjunction with a disciplinary concentration of at least 30 credits within the content area (biology, chemistry, English, mathematics, physics, social studies, or Spanish).

What You'll Learn

The Secondary Education program not only provides students with opportunities to build and refine knowledge about teaching, it also engages students in extensive experiences interning and teaching in secondary classrooms. This Major requires a two-day-a-week internship during the spring semester of the junior year and a semester of full-time student teaching. Students enrolled in the Secondary Education Major will be assigned an adviser from the School of Education in addition to their content concentration-specific adviser.

The challenging curriculum includes courses in pedagogy and theory, special education, and literacy in the content areas. This helps students to understand the diverse needs of students and to develop a repertoire of strategies to meet learners' needs, leading to success on the job search.

Earn New York State Initial Certification in:

- Biology (7-12)
- Chemistry (7-12)
- English (7-12)
- Mathematics (7-12)
- Physics (7-12)
- Social Studies (7-12)
- Spanish (7-12)



Program Hallmarks

The School of Education and all of our programs are nationally accredited by NCATE.

In Our Secondary Education Program:

1. Candidates are content-area experts with a concentration – or at least 30 credits of coursework – in their teaching subject.
2. Candidates can prepare for certification in one or more content areas.
3. Expectations are rigorous and standards are high: a 3.0 GPA is required for recommendation for certification.
4. We believe in bringing out the best in each student – we challenge students and we help them succeed.
5. Students have significant classroom experience – field experiences start in the first education course (typically sophomore year). Students gain experience at both middle and high school levels.
6. Students have an academic adviser who is a faculty member in the School of Education. A close community is created through exceptional mentoring and close interactions between faculty and students.
7. The challenging curriculum enables students to understand the diverse needs of students and to develop a repertoire of strategies to meet learners' needs leading to success on the job search.

Our Graduates are Extraordinary!

- Our graduates believe all students can learn, and they create learning environments to help them succeed.
- Our graduates are active members of school communities, working together with students and families.
- Our graduates use theory and research to inform their practice, working in the best interest of their students.
- Our graduates work for social justice, driven to support students' achievement of their dreams!

FAQs

What certification will I have when I complete the program?

Upon successful completion of the Secondary Education program at SBU, you will be eligible for NYS Initial Certification in your discipline for grades 7-12.

I want to study abroad. Can I do that along with an Education major?

Yes – and we encourage you to do that! Talk with both of your advisers to see how this might fit your plan of study!

Can I take on a double major in my discipline (biology, chemistry, English, mathematics, physics, social studies, or Spanish)?

Depending on your discipline, you may be able to take on a double major. It is important, though, for financial aid purposes, that Secondary Education remain your first major. Speak to your adviser about the additional requirements for taking on a double major.

