



## Secondary Education Major

### Major Information

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 40-credit major is completed in conjunction with a disciplinary concentration of at least 30 credits within the content area.

### 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.

### Certification

With the appropriate concentration in the content area, this major will prepare students for New York State 7-12 teacher certifications in respective content areas. It is extremely important that students follow a detailed plan of study that provides them with the coursework necessary to meet the requirements for secondary certification in New York State.

St. Bonaventure will recommend for certification students who have a 3.0 GPA and:

- complete the required content-area coursework, meeting New York State Education Department standards for teacher certification in the teaching area
- complete all education coursework requirements
  - all course requirements
  - all field experiences (tutoring, Field Block, and Student Teaching).

Certification is granted by New York State and requires completion of all required workshops and passing of all required certification exams.