Secondary Education Major

Available beginning Fall 2026 (pending final approval)
Students admitted to Austin College before FA 2025 are not eligible for this degree

STUDENT NAME:_____ **AC ID:**_____**DATE:** _____

Required Core Courses (9)[1]	**Prerequisites**	**Req. Code**
Statistics (PSY 120*, MATH 120, PUBH 120 or another statistics course)	None	QC
EDUC 115 American Education: A Changing Landscape	None	GN, PPI, SJCE, SS
EDUC 215 How Humans Learn	None	
EDUC 205 Education and Society	EDUC 115	SS FW
EDUC 305 Teaching by Design (FA)	EDUC 205, min. B-	AW
EDUC 361 Teaching and Learning in the Disciplines[2] (FA)	EDUC 375	
EDUC 431 Literacy Across the Curriculum (FA)	EDUC 375	
EDUC 375 Advanced Instructional Design for Secondary (SP)	EDUC 305 Admission to ATP**	APPL
EDUC 493 Teaching for Diversity and Inclusion (SP)	EDUC 305	

*Recommended

**ATP: Austin Teacher Program. Students pursuing either the BS Secondary Education with Teacher Certification or the MAT must be admitted to the ATP. See EDUC Department webpage for details.

[1]Students must have a second major in the certification area (i.e., history, PE, Spanish, math, etc.)

Total Credits Requirement for Secondary Education Major= 9 credit units

Certification Requirements

Teacher Certification in Texas is governed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Students pursuing Teacher Certification must meet additional content requirements as prescribed by the TEA:

Additional Courses for BS Secondary Education with Certification[3]	**Prerequisites**	**Req. Code**
HIST 162 or 163 US History	None	HUM
EDUC 485 Clinical Teaching Experience (2 credits)	Admission to ATP and passed required TExES exams	
EDUC 487 Clinical Teaching Seminar	Admission to ATP and co-enrolled in EDUC 485	

[3]Specific content coursework choices will also be needed for certain certification areas (as required by the Texas Education Agency). These courses, with careful planning, are taken as part of the second major. Please consult the ATP website for specific certification field information: https://www.austincollege.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/austin-teacher-program/details

Recommended Scheduling of B.S. in Secondary Education with Certification:

Year	Fall	Spring
FR	EDUC 115 American Education: A Changing Landscape (FA/SP)	
SO	EDUC 215 How Humans Learn (FA/SP) EDUC 205[2] Education and Society (FA/SP) Statistics (FA/SP)	
JR	EDUC 305[1] Teaching by Design	EDUC 375[1] Advanced Instr Design for Teachers EDUC 493 Teaching for Diversity and Inclusion
SR	EDUC 431 Literacy Across the Curriculum EDUC 361 Teaching in the Academic Disciplines	EDUC 485[2] Clinical Teaching Experience (2 CR) EDUC 487 Seminar (evenings)

[1]These courses have field placements which require students to plan their schedules to have a block of time they can be in a school. Transportation to and from the field placement is the student's responsibility. Required days per week and number of weeks in the school vary by course. Students should consult with the Education Department Office or an Education faculty member prior to registering to ensure these experiences do not conflict with other course times

[2] No additional coursework can be taken with these three credits. Students must have completed all Program, Certification-specific, and Austin College requirements for graduation prior to enrolling in these three credits.

Example Graduation Plan for the BS in Secondary Education with Teacher Certification

Year	Fall	JT	Spring
FR	FYS	JT #1	**EDUC 115** (PPI, SS #1)
	Major #1		Major #2
	LOTE #1		LOTE #2
	HUM #1		SS #2
SO	**EDUC 215 or EDUC 205**[1] (FW)	JT #2	**EDUC 215 or EDUC 205**[1] (FW)
	Major #3		Major #4
	LOTE #3		SCI or NON LAB SCI (NLS)
	Statistics (QU)		HIST 162 or 163 (HUM #2)
JR	**EDUC 305** [1](AW)		**EDUC 375**[1]
	Major #5		**EDUC 493**
	Major #6		SCI or NON LAB SCI (NLS)
	HUM #3		Major #7 (AW)
SR	**EDUC 361**	JT #3	**Clinical Experience** (no other courses can be taken)
	EDUC 431		**EDUC 487 Seminar (evenings)**
	Major #8		**EDUC 485**[2] **Clinical Teaching Experience** (M-F; 8am-4pm) (2 CR)
	HUM #4 (GLO)		

When using a transferred course towards a major/minor the total credit units may be impacted. At AC 1 credit unit is equivalent to 4 credit hours. Courses transferred into AC that were worth 3 credit hours at another school are worth 0.75 credit units at AC. If the total required credit units are not met by the required courses, additional courses, approved by the department, are necessary to complete the major/minor.

Refer to the Austin College Bulletin for full degree plan requirements and nuances. This tool should be confirmed with the department or program advisors and mentor.