AUSTIN COLLEGE
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
AUSTIN TEACHER PROGRAM

BS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

SAMPLE COURSE PLAN STUDENTS ADMITTED 2026 AND AFTER

This plan is for students seeking GR 4-8, secondary or EC-12 certifications

EDUC courses MUST be taken in the sequence below.

NAME:	AC ID #	CURRENT YEAR (FR/SO/JR/SR):	☐ TRANSFER STUDENT
MENTOR:	ATP ADVISOR:		DATE:

FRESHMAN YEAR FALL 20 _____				**FRESHMAN YEAR** SPRING 20 _____		
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	REQ MET		COURSE #	COURSE NAME	REQ MET
EDUC 115 or	American Education (FA/SP)	PPI, SS		EDUC 115 or	American Education (FA/SP)	PPI, SS #1
HUM #1				HUM #1		
FYS				Major #2		
Major #1				LOTE #2		
LOTE #1				SS #2		
JAN TERM # 1: 20___: _____						

SOPHOMORE YEAR FALL 20 _____				**SOPHOMORE YEAR** SPRING 20 _____		
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	REQ MET		COURSE #	COURSE NAME	REQ MET
EDUC 215 or	How Humans Learn	SS		EDUC 215 or	How Humans Learn	SS
EDUC 205[1]	Education and Society	FW		EDUC 205[1]	Education and Society	FW
LOTE #3				Major #4		
Statistics	PSY 120 Recommended	QC		SCI or NON-LAB SCI		SCI/NLS
Major #3				HIST 162[3] or	History of the U.S. to 1876	HUM #2
				HIST 163[3] (FA/SP)	History of US from 1876 to Present	HUM #2
JAN TERM # 2: 20___: _____						

***JUNIOR YEAR** FALL 20 _____				**JUNIOR YEAR** SPRING 20 _____		
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	REQ MET		COURSE #	COURSE NAME	REQ MET
EDUC 305[1]	Teaching by Design	AW		EDUC 375[1]	Advanced Instructional Design for Teachers	APPL
Major #5				EDUC 493	Teaching for Diversity and Inclusion	
Major #6				SCI or NON-LAB SCI		SCI/NLS
HUM #3				Major #7		AW
MANDATORY JAN TERM # 3: 20___: _____						

SENIOR YEAR FALL 20 _____			**SENIOR YEAR SPRING 20 _____**	
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	REQ MET	COURSE #	COURSE NAME
EDUC 363	Teaching in and Learning in the Disciplines		Clinical Experience (no other courses can be taken)	
EDUC 431	Literacy Across the Curriculum		EDUC 485[2] (2 CR)	Clinical Teaching Experience M-F; 8am-4pm
Major #8			EDUC 487	Seminar (Evenings)
HUM #4		GLO		

1 These courses have field placements which require students to plan their schedules to have a 2-hour block of time they can be in a district classroom. Students must attend a mandatory placement meeting the semester before taking these courses. Meeting dates are in course catalog notes. Students should consult EDUC faculty prior to registering to ensure these experiences do not conflict with other course times.

2 Students must have completed all Program, Certification-specific, and AC requirements for graduation prior to enrolling.

3 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.

Students MUST major in education and generally have a second MAJOR in their certification area.

See pages 2 and 3 for courses specific to each certification.

AUSTIN COLLEGE COMPASS REQUIREMENTS								
REQ	COURSE APPLIED	YR/SEM	REQ	COURSE APPLIED	YR/SEM	REQ	COURSE APPLIED	YR/SEM
FYS			LANG = (3 SEM) 101			HUM (4 CR/4 DISC)		
APPL (1)			LANG = (3 SEM) 102			HUM (4 CR/4 DISC)		
GLO			LANG = (3 SEM) 201			HUM (4 CR/4 DISC)		
PPI			FW (1)			HUM (4 CR/4 DISC)		
Quant Comp QC (1)			AW (2 CR/2 DISC)			SOC SCI (SS) (2 CR/2 DISC)		
			AW (2 CR/2 DISC)			SOC SCI (SS) (2 CR/2 DISC)		
						SCI LAB (SC) (1 MIN)		
						SCI / Lab (SC) or Non Lab (NLS)		

Grades 4-8 English Language Arts & Reading	
with Science of Teaching Reading	
* Major in Secondary Ed & Major in English (9 CR)	
Must Take:	
ENG 121	Interpreting Literature
Choose One:	ENG 250 to ENG 255 Various Topics
Choose One:	ENG 250 to ENG 258 Various Topics
Choose One:	ENG 285 or ENG 286
ENG 331	Studies in Medieval Literature
ENG 363	Studies in American Literature
ENG 364	Studies in World Literature
Choose One:	ENG 491, ENG 494, ENG 495

Grades 7-12 English Language Arts & Reading	
* Major in Secondary Ed & Major in English (9 CR)	
Courses in the English Major:	
ENG 121	Interpreting Literature
Choose One:	ENG 250 to ENG 258 Various Topics
Choose One:	ENG 285 or ENG 286
ENG 331	Studies in Medieval Literature
ENG 341	Studies in Early Modern Literature
ENG 363	Studies in American Literature
ENG 364	Studies in World Literature
Choose One:	ENG 491, ENG 494, ENG 495

Grades 4-8 Social Studies	
* Major in Secondary Ed	
* Major in Major in History, Political Science or Economics (8 CR)	
Must Take:	
HIST 133	Europe & the World to 1500
HIST 163	History of US from 1876 to Present
HIST 284	History of Texas
PSCI 110	Government & Politics
ECO 111	Principles of Economics

Grades 7-12 History	
* Major in Secondary Ed & Major in History (8 CR)	
Must Take:	
HIST 133	Europe & The World to 1500
HIST 143	Europe and the Modern World
HIST 162	History of US to 1876
HIST 163	History of US from 1876 to Present (HUM)
HIST 284	History of Texas
Choose One:	Any Non-Western History Course for History Major
Choose One:	Any European History 300 or Above
Choose One:	Any US History 300 or Above
Choose One:	Any History Elective 300 or Above

Grades 7-12 Life Science	
* Major in Secondary Ed & Major in Biology (9 CR)	
Must Take:	
BIOL 115	Evolution, Behavior & Ecology
BIOL 116	Cell Biology
BIOL 220	Vertebrate Biology
BIOL 230	Microbiology
BIOL 259	Conservation & Restoration Ecology
BIOL 324	Developmental Biology
BIOL 326	Animal Behavior
BIOL 337	Plant-Animal Interactions
BIOL 346 (AW)	Ecosystem Ecology
Choose One:	BIOL 220 or BIOL 326

Grades 4-8 Math	
Major in Secondary Ed & Math Minor	
Must Take the following courses:	
Choose One:	MATH 120 preferred, SSCI 120, or PSY 120
MATH 251	Linear Algebra
MATH 252	Calculus III
MATH 319	Euclidean Geometry, ancient through modern
MATH 321	Numerical Analysis

Grades 7-12 Math	
* Major in Secondary Ed & Major in Math (8 CR)	
Must Take:	
Choose One:	MATH 120 preferred, SSCI 120, or PSY 120
MATH 251	Linear Algebra
MATH 252	Calculus III
MATH 301	Ordinary Differential Equations
MATH 321	Numerical Analysis
MATH 385	Probability Theory
Choose One:	MATH 472, 473 or MATH 475
Choose One:	MATH 482 or 483

Grades 6-12 Physical Science	
* Major in Secondary Ed & Major in either Physics (10 CR) OR	
Major in Chemistry (9 CR)	
Major in Physics AND Choice Of CHEM 111 Intro to Chemistry	
or CHEM 112 Chemical Equilibria	
Major in Chemistry AND take PHY 105 or PHY 111	
CHEM 111	Intro to Chemistry
CHEM 112	Chemical Equilibria

ALL-LEVEL EC-12 ART	
* Major in Secondary Ed & Major in Art (9 CR)	
Must Take:	
ART 113	Art Fundamentals
ART 114	Drawing
ART 495	Senior Conference
Choose Three	ARTH 200 level or higher (ARTH 231 & 232 recommended)
Choose One	ART 252 or 255
Choose Two:	ART or ARTH Electives 300 or Above)

ALL-LEVEL EC-12 MUSIC	
* Major in Secondary Ed & Major in Music (10 to 10.25 CR)	
Must Take:	
MUS 090	Piano Proficiency Exam
MUS 091	Junior Level Exam
MUS 120	Music Theory I & Ear Training I
MUS 220	Music Theory II & Ear Training II
MUS 222	Music Theory III & Ear Training III
MUS 240	Music History through 1700
MUS 241	Music History 1700 through 1900
MUS 342	20th Century Music
MUS 361	Music in Elementary Schools
MUS 365	Conducting
MUS 495	Senior Recital
Applied Music; Total 1.0 CR for Music Education Concentration:	
These courses are < .25 SCH each. Choose Band, Choir, or Orchestra	MUS 371, MUS 373, MUS 374, MUS 375, MUS 376, MUS 377, MUS 378, MUS 379, MUS 471, MUS 473, MUS 474, MUS 475, MUS 476, MUS 477, MUS 478, MUS 479
Choose One:	MUS 310 or MUS 359
Choose One:	MUS 352, MUS 381 or MUS 382

ALL-LEVEL EC-12 PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
* Major in Secondary Ed & Minor in Kinesiology (5 CR)	
Must Take:	
MUS 121	Intro to Exercise & Sport Studies
KINES 246	Nutrition for Health & Physical Activity
KINES 355	Teaching Movement Education
KINES 495	Senior Conference
Choose One:	KINES 300 level or higher elective

ALL-LEVEL EC-12 SPANISH	
* Major in Secondary Ed & Major in Spanish recommended (8 CR)	
Must Take:	
SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish
SPAN 227	Intermediate Conversation
SPAN 236	Advanced Spanish
SPAN 237	Advanced Conversation
SPAN 250	Intermediate Topics in Hispanic Civilization & Culture
SPAN 355	Peninsular Literature
SPAN 356	Spanish-American Literature
Choose One:	Elective SPAN 350 or Above
Note: Heritage Speakers should see Dr. Philipose.	

ALL-LEVEL EC-12 THEATRE	
* Major in Secondary Ed & Major in Theatre. (9 to 10 CR)	
Must Take:	
THEA 142	Development of Dramatic Art I
THEA 143	Development of Dramatic Art II
THEA 221	Acting
THEA 352	Scene Design and Stage Lighting
THEA 353	Costume and Make-Up Design
THEA 471	Directing
THEA 493	Shapers of the Modern Theatre (Fall) (AW)
Choose One:	COMM or MEDA course and any additional theatre courses to meet requirements of the major not satisfied by the above courses.