



Education



WASHINGTON
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COLLEGE

The field of education is dynamic, challenging, and rewarding. It includes **advising, teaching, curriculum and policy development, leadership and professional growth opportunities**. If you want to make a difference in your community and love inspiring young people, consider a career in teaching. It is possible to study education and graduate with or without a state teaching certification/licensure recommendation from W&J. Instead, you may choose to expand your background and attend graduate school in another area or pursue an aligned area of work. In any case, you will complete all the college's foundational and breadth course requirements and pursue a major or minor that matches your interests. In your education courses, you will **engage deeply with research-based methods** and **spend hundreds of hours in classrooms** practicing their implementation. Our **graduates are highly trained and quickly hired** locally and beyond.

Note: *Students interested in education will be provided support and guidance to determine which of the tracks available within the major or the minor is best suited for their career aspirations.*

Child Development and Education Requirements

Students majoring in Child Development and Education will follow the PreK-4 Certification/Licensure Track:

- Foundations of Education (EDU 201)
- The Role of Geography in Conflict and Resolution (EDU 205)
- Educational Psychology (EDU 207)
- The Exceptional Learner (EDU 301)
- Elementary Content Area Teaching (EDU 302)
- Literacy, Reading, and Writing (EDU 303)
- Children's Literature (EDU 304)
- Teaching the Multilingual Learner (EDU 350)
- Culturally Responsive Teaching (EDU 403)
- Capstone Seminar with Certification/Student Teaching (EDU 406/407)
- Elementary Psychology I (PSY 101)
- Elementary Psychology II (PSY 102)
- Social Psychology (PSY 225)
- Developmental Psychology (PSY 265)
- Cognitive Psychology (PSY 275)
- Nature of Mathematics-Number Systems (MTH 123)
- Nature of Mathematics-Statistics and Geometry (MTH 124)
- Plus **two** science courses covering Biological, Environmental and Physical Sciences
- Plus **one** course in American History

Special Education or 4-8 Certification/Licensure can be added to the PreK-4 Certification with additional requirements, which may require summer school and/or delayed graduation.

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Education Minor Requirements

The Education minor consists of **eight** courses with additional required courses depending on certification or licensure goals. The required courses include:

- Foundations of Education (EDU 201)
- Educational Psychology (EDU 207)
- The Exceptional Learner (EDU 301)
- Teaching the Multilingual Learner (EDU 350)
- Culturally Responsive Teaching (EDU 403)
- Capstone Seminar with Certification (EDU 406)
- Student Teaching (EDU 407)
- Elementary Psychology (PSY 101)

Education Minor Tracks

In addition to the required Education minor courses, students will complete their field-specific major and the state-required courses to meet their career goals and requirements:

- **7-12 Certification/Licensure Track:** Major in Biology, Chemistry, English, History, Mathematics or Physics and complete the Education minor
- **4-8 Certification/Licensure Track:** Major in Biology, English, Environmental Science, History, or Mathematics; complete the Education minor; and complete the following courses:
 - Elementary Psychology II (PSY 102)
 - Developmental Psychology (PSY 265)
 - Cognitive Psychology (PSY 275)
 - Either Elementary Content Area Teaching (EDU 302) or Literacy, Reading, and Writing (EDU 303)
- **PreK-12 Art Education Certification/Licensure Track:** Major in Art Education through the Art Department and complete the Education minor
- **PreK-12 Modern Languages Certification/Licensure Track:** Major in French, German or Spanish and complete the Education minor

Important: To be admitted to any of the certification/licensure tracks, you will apply to the Committee on the Teaching Profession (COTP) no sooner than the end of your sophomore year and describe your interest in, and fitness for, teaching. All admission candidates must have completed two college-level English and math courses and earned a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Before you are allowed to student teach, you will seek permission from the same committee through the completion of another application. Note that the state has additional requirements, including the passing of state content area exams, that are subject to change.



Program Website

washjeff.edu/child-
development-and-education