

Educational Studies (BA)

This program is offered by the School of Education/Department of Teacher Education. It is available online and at the St. Louis home campus.

This degree does not lead to K-12 teacher certification.

Program Description

The educational studies major focuses on both the art and science of instruction across a broad range of contexts. The influence of philosophy, sociology and psychology are examined to understand their impact on community engagement in today's world. This degree does not lead to K-12 teacher certification but focuses on a scholarly examination of learning and informal learning environments in classrooms, as well as informal educational settings within the larger community. This major is also appropriate for individuals interested in pursuing an emphasis in sustainability studies, international human rights, entrepreneurship or leadership.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate familiarity with the major philosophical and sociological perspectives concerning schooling.
- Understand and apply principles of developmental psychology to learners in formal and informal educational settings.
- Demonstrate familiarity with current issues in education.
- Understand and use research to evaluate educational practices.
- Explore options for applying their educational knowledge and skills in professional/occupational pursuits.

Degree Requirements

For information on the general requirements for a degree, see Baccalaureate Degree Requirements under the Academic Policies and Information section of this catalog.

- 36 required credit hours
- Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours
- Electives

Required Courses

- EDUC 2900 Education of Students with Exceptionalities (3 hours)
- EDUC 3100 Learning, Teaching and Assessment (3 hours)
- EDUC 2800 Foundations of Education (3 hours)
- EDUC 3650 Instructional Design (3 hours)
- EDUC 4620 Educational Internship (3 hours)
- EDUC 4650 Educational Research Senior Overview (3 hours)

One of the following:

- PSYC 2200 Child Psychology (3 hours)
- PSYC 2250 Adolescent Psychology (3 hours)
- PSYC 2300 Lifespan Development (3 hours)

Professional elective courses:

Option One:

15 hours of EDUC courses at the 3000-level or higher to complete credits as determined by an advisor.

Option Two: Community Engagement

15 hours of required coursework:

- Sustainability
SUST 1000 Introduction to Sustainability Studies (3 hours)
- International Human Rights
HRTS 1100 Introduction to Human Rights (3 hours)
- Entrepreneurship
MNGT 2700 Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management (3 hours)
- Leadership
EDEX 2750 Student Leadership Development (3 hours)
- Advisor approved elective (3 hours)

Option Three: Sustainability Studies or International Human Rights or Entrepreneurship

15 hours of required course work in one of three areas:

- Sustainability Studies (15 hours)
(See course listings under sustainability studies minor)
- International Human Rights (15 hours)
(See course listings under international human rights minor or certificate)
- Entrepreneurship (15 hours)
(See course listings under entrepreneurship certificate)

Special Requirements

Courses completed with a grade below C- do not count toward fulfilling the specific course requirements of the major. The pass/fail option is not available for courses that students wish to apply toward their major or toward their Global Citizenship Program requirements. A GPA of 3.0 is required for courses in the major and an overall GPA of 2.5 is required.