

## AREA OF CONCENTRATION

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Each student in the curricula preparatory for early childhood certification will select an area of concentration of eighteen hours beyond any other requirements. The rationale for the area of concentration requirement is to allow students the opportunity to develop greater depth of understanding in one academic field. The eighteen hours must be selected from a single discipline below (e.g., Economics or English). At least nine hours of the area of concentration must be completed above the 100-level.

Due to prerequisites, some disciplines may require that the student complete more than nine hours of 100-level work prior to enrolling in 200-level courses (e.g., foreign languages). In all such cases except mathematics, students are expected to earn at least nine hours beyond the 100-level. Students **may not use methodology courses** to fulfill the area of concentration.

For **cross-listed courses** students should attempt to enroll in the course in the declared area of concentration. However, when this is not possible, the degree audit reporting system (DARS) will accept the cross-listed course within this requirement.

### DISCIPLINES

- Anthropology
- Art (difficult to pursue because of restriction of many courses to art majors)
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Dance
- Earth Science (Earth Science includes Atmospheric Sciences, Geology except Geology 143, and Physical Geography)
- Economics
- Foreign Languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Russian, and Spanish (for example: Spanish; courses must be taught for language acquisition. Courses on culture or literature taught in English are not acceptable unless the courses are acceptable toward the major in the specific language in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Some areas may be discontinued due to lack of faculty resources.**)
- Geography
- History
- Linguistics
- Language Arts (to include Literature/English, Writing/Composition, and Speech Communication, except for methodology courses)
- Mathematics
- Music (Most 200-level courses are not available to non-music majors on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus; students should plan to take Music 313, 314, and 3 applied Music courses for the upper level requirement unless a former Music Major or plan to complete the advanced course work at another 4-year institution and transfer course work back to Illinois.)
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology (practicum courses are not acceptable)\*
- Sociology
- Theatre

Early Childhood students do not take the Illinois certification test in the area of concentration.