

AREA OF CONCENTRATION

(Requirements subject to change)

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Each student in the curricula preparatory for elementary certification will select an area of concentration of twelve 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 an academic field. The twelve hours must be selected from an area below (e.g., Economics or Language Arts). At least six hours of the area of concentration must be completed above the 100-level with the exception of Mathematics (See adviser for details).

Due to prerequisites, some disciplines may require that the student complete more than six 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 six 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, 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; Korean is not acceptable--only 6 credit hours are available beyond the 100 level at UIUC) **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 UIUC 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 UIUC.)
- Philosophy****
- Physics**
- Political Science*
- Psychology (practicum courses are not acceptable)*
- Sociology*
- Theatre

Areas of Concentration should not be confused with certification requirements for Middle Grade Endorsements. See the Certification Officer or the program advisor for further clarification regarding this distinction.

* Leads to Middle Grade Endorsement in Social Science under current Middle Grade Guidelines.

** Leads to Middle Grade Endorsement in General and Physical Science under current Middle Grade Guidelines.

*** Leads to Middle Grade Endorsement in Biological and General Science under current Middle Grade Guidelines.

**** Does not lead to any in Middle Grade Endorsement.

***** Does not lead to a Middle Grade Endorsement in Mathematics unless specific requirements are completed.