Secondary Education



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

BSED Secondary Education - English

This degree map is based on the current Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Please note that the degree map is designed to give you a sense of roughly how courses might be distributed over a 4-year degree. Your exact schedule will differ depending on a range of factors though we recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester. Regular consultation with your academic advisor is the best way to make sure that you are taking the courses you need in the right order to ensure efficient progress through your degree program.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year				
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits	
FYS100 First Year Seminar (Foundations)	3	SPEC110 Intro to Individuals with Exceptionalities	3	
MSED110 Intro to Middle and Secondary Education	3	EDTC200 Technology for Teaching and Learning	3	
WRIT103 Composition GE (Writing)	3	MATH110 Concepts of Arithmetic and Number Systems	3	
Gen Ed (History)	3	ENGL231 American Literature 2 (Literature)	3	
MATH118 College Algebra (Quantitative)	3	Gen Ed (Natural World)	3	
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15	

Second Year				
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits	
ELL320 Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity GE (Diversity)	3	EDUC222 Principles & Structures in PK12 Education	3	
SPEC220 Data Driven Interventions for Indiv w/ Exceptionalities	3	ENGL228 Core Western Texts	3	
ENGL211 English Grammar and Usage	3	ENGL250 Literacy Theory and Forms	3	
Gen Ed (Natural World)	3	ENGL280 or ENGL281 or ENGL282 or ENGL283	3	
ENGL220 Global Literature Survey (Global Perspectives)	3	Gen Ed (Oral Communication)	3	
ENGL290 Short Story	3			
Semester Total	18	Semester Total	15	

Third Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits		
EDUC346 Teaching in Diverse Contexts GE (Diversity)	3	ENGL371 Composition Theory	3		
EDUC334 Connecting Research and Classroom Practice	3	ENGL291 Poetry	3		
SPEC330 Methods of Instruction for Indiv with Exceptionalities	3	MSED315 Teaching with Young Adolescent and Young Adult Literature	3		
Gen Ed (Ethical/Critical Reasoning)	3	ENGL390 Shakespeare	3		
MSED420 Content Area Literacy, Grades 4-12	3	Gen Ed (Arts)	3		
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15		

Fourth Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits		
EDUC358 Assessment and Differentiation for Inclusive Classrooms	3	MSED491 Student Teaching 1	6		
EDUC474 Classroom Management & Effective Discipline	3	MSED492 Student Teaching 2	6		
MSED485 Teaching English/Language Arts in the Secondary Schools	3				
MSED425 Teaching of Writing, Grades 4-12	3				
ENGL330/ ENGL340/ ENGL360	3				
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	12		

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Curriculum Checklist

Required Education Courses (45 credits)

- EDUC222 Principles & Structures of PK12 Education
- ____ EDUC334 Connecting Research and Classroom Practice*
- ____ EDUC358 Assessment and Differentiation for Inclusive Classroom*
- EDUC474 Classroom Management and Effective Discipline*
- ____MSED110 Intro to Middle and Secondary Education
- ____ MSED315 Teaching with Adolescent/Young Adult Literature*
- ____ MSED420 Content Area Literacy, Grades 4-12*
 ____ MSED425 Teaching of Writing, Grades 4-12*
- ____ MSED425 Teaching of Writing, Grades
- ____ MSED485 Teaching English/Language Arts in the Secondary Schools*
- ____ MSED491 Student Teaching 1*
- ____ MSED492 Student Teaching 2*
- ____ SPEC220 Data Driven Interventions for Indiv with Exceptionalities
- ____ SPEC330 Methods of Instruction for Indiv with Exceptionalities*

Required Content Area Courses (30 credits)

- ____ ENGL250 Literary Theory and Forms
- ____ ENGL211 Grammars of English
- ____ ENGL228 Core Western Texts
- ____ ENGL290 Short Story
- ____ ENGL291 Poetry
- ____ ENGL371 Composition Theory*
- ____ ENGL390 Shakespeare*
- ____ MATH110 Concepts of Arithmetic and Number Systems
- ____ ENGL330*/ ENGL340*/ ENGL 360*
- ____ ENGL280/ ENGL281/ ENGL282/ ENGL283

Electives

*Denotes advanced coursework

Students must take a minimum of 42 credits of advanced coursework. Advanced coursework can be met in major courses, minor courses, free elective courses, and general education courses. Courses that meet this requirement are designated in Banner.

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.



General Education Requirements

(45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
 - FYS100 First Year Seminar
 - o MATH118 College Algebra (Quantitative)
 - WRIT103 Composition (Writing)
 - o History
 - Oral Communication
- Interconnections (9 credits)
 - EDUC346 Teaching in Diverse Contexts (Diversity)*
 - ELL320 Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity (Diversity)*
 - ENGL220 Global Literature Survey (Global Perspectives)
- Citizenship & Responsibility
- (6 credits from at least two goals)
 - SPEC110 Intro to Individuals with Exceptionalities (Citizenship)
 - Ethical/Critical Thinking
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
 - EDTC200 Technology for Teaching & Learning (Technology)
 - o Natural World
 - Natural World
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)
 - ENGL231 American Literature Survey 2 (Literature)
 - Arts or Creativity

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits, complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements. There is a PDE GPA minimum requirement for certification (not graduation).

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required. A 2.8 GPA is required for teacher certification.