

# **Certification Information**

## **Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education**

### **English**

#### **Introduction**

Thank you for your interest in Valdosta State University for obtaining a teaching certificate. Admission requirements into a certification program are a bachelor's degree in English or a related field, such as Journalism, an overall GPA of 2.5, and passing scores or exemption for the Praxis I tests. Exemptions for the Praxis I test are achieved by high scores on the SAT (480-V, 520-M), ACT (21-E, 22-M) or GRE (490-V, 540-Q).

At the completion of this program you will be eligible to teach English at the 7 – 12 grades levels. There are several courses in this program that are only offered during the day due to field experiences in the public schools. Many classes are offered at night; however, this program cannot be completed just through evening classes.

**Certification Evaluation:** A review of all previous course work will be compared with the required courses as listed on the attached pages to determine an individualized certification plan leading to your secondary English certificate. Professional development, relevant work experiences, similar courses, or other activities may be used to satisfy some of the required courses. You are expected to provide all college transcripts and any other documentation needed to verify which course expectations have been met and which courses will be included in your plan. There is a \$35 fee for this plan, which will represent a contract that lists all requirements needed for you to obtain the secondary English certificate. The plan is good for three years.

The writer of your certification plan will also serve as your advisor throughout completion of your program. After you receive the plan, you should review the courses to ensure that you have not completed similar courses or professional development activities. After your plan is finalized then you and your advisor can develop a tentative long-range schedule for completing the required courses.

**Certification Test Requirements:** The secondary English certificate requires successful completion of the two Praxis II examinations list below:

- | <b>Test Code</b> | <b>Test</b>   |
|------------------|---|
| • 10041          | English Language, Literature, and Composition (multiple choice) |
| • 20042          | English Language, Literature and Composition (essays)           |

These two tests should be taken as you complete the English content courses listed in your certification plan. Both tests must be passed to complete the requirements for a teaching certificate. Registration materials and information for these two tests are available in the Dean's Office or at the Georgia Professional Standards Commission's web site: [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com)

**Questions??** Your advisor will be Dr. Robbie W. Strickland. You may reach Dr. Strickland at 229-333-5611 or by e-mail at [rstrickl@valdosta.edu](mailto:rstrickl@valdosta.edu)

## Secondary English Certification Course Requirements

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

English Courses (hrs)	Schedule	Notes	Grades
ENGL 3110 –British Literature I      3hrs.	Fall Semester		
ENGL 3120-British Literature II      3hrs.	Spring Semester		
ENGL 3210-American Literature      3hrs.	Spring Semester		
ENGL 3050-Tutoring in English Comp. 1hr.	Fall/Spring		
ENGL 3080 – Grammar & Editing      3hrs. <b>Or</b> ENGL 3090—Advanced Composition/gram. 3hrs.	Courses are offered on a rotating schedule each semester		____ ____
One British Period Course (ENGL 4110-4150)      3hrs.	Courses are offered on a rotating schedule each semester		____
One American Period Course (ENGL 4210-4240)      3hrs.	Fall/Spring		
One Genre Course (ENGL 4320-4350, 4410, 4420)	Rotating semesters		
ENGL 4610-History of the English Language <b>Or</b> LING 4000-Intro. To Linguistics      3hrs.	Fall Spring		____ ____
English Electives      6hrs. Two 3hr. courses numbered 4000 or above. These may be ENGL, CRWR, JOUR, LING.	Each semester		
READ 4550 3hrs. Reading in Content	Each semester Day/night		

37 hours total

### Test Requirements

Praxis I test completed - \_\_\_\_\_

Praxis II test completed - \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Education Classes</b>	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Grades</b>
MSED 2000 3 Survey of Ed.	Each term Day/night			
SPEC 2000 3 Serving Div.Stud	Each term Day/night			
ACED 2400 3 Comp. Technol.	Each term Day/night			
PSYC 3110 3 Ed. Psychology	Each term Day/night			
SEED 3000 3 Issues & Trends in Secondary Ed.	Fall, spring Day/night			
SEED 3010 1 InTech - Sec Ed	Fall, spring			
SEED 4100 3 Methods for Teach. Sec. Eng.	Fall term night			
SEED 4620 1 Practicum - 4400	Fall term		Taken with SEED 4100	
SEED 4790 10 student teaching and SEED 4800, Seminar 2  <b>Or</b>	Fall and spring			
SEED 4780 Internship 12	Fall and Spring	Must have a provisional teaching certificate	Taken twice	
SEED 4780 6 seminar	Fall and spring			
SEED 4780 6 Internship	Fall and spring			

38 hours total but the 12 hours of internship can be done on the job

### **Steps in the Certification Program**

1. Review information in certification packet
2. Resolve questions or concerns regarding certification issues
3. Pay \$35 fee to get certification plan
4. After plan is completed, review with advisor and develop long schedule
5. Apply to VSU as second degree undergraduate student
6. Complete coursework as required in plan
7. Complete Praxis II tests after completion of social studies courses
8. Seek employment and provisional certification
9. Complete student teaching or internship (requires a teaching job in social studies)
10. Complete certification application for professional certificate in secondary social studies