

SECONDARY EDUCATION IN TEACHING THEOLOGY / MINOR

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) grants professional educator licenses in the State of Illinois. All teacher candidates who successfully complete an approved teacher education program at Lewis University, pass appropriate licensure exams, and meet current ISBE requirements will be recommended for licensure. This does not lead to licensure in other states. Teacher candidates are responsible for checking the requirements of the state in question.

Note: ISBE requirements are subject to change. Please contact your advisor for the most up to date licensure information.

Individuals seeking the skills and knowledge to teach Theology, grades 6-12, in the Catholic school tradition, should enroll in a major in Theology and a minor in Secondary Education in the College of Education and Social Sciences. This minor will provide candidates the pedagogical knowledge, clinical practice and teaching skills needed to become a successful teacher of Theology. Candidates will be required to student teach for eight (8) weeks in their final semester and complete two field experiences in order to earn the minor.

Program Entry Requirements:

- Major in Theology
- GPA average of 2.75
- Recommendation from the Department of Theology, plus one additional recommendation
- Interview with the Director of Advising, Department of Education

Department of Education Required Coursework:

Candidates will not earn an Illinois State Board Approved Educator License unless they are also enrolled in an approved content area. The Department of Education offers Illinois Licensure in grades 9-12 in English/Language Arts, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, History, or Psychology.

Requirements

Candidates seeking Illinois State Educator Licensure must also complete the appropriate Special Methods class and the following two classes:

Code	Title	Hours
ENLE 31000	Foundations of Teaching Bilingual and English Language Learners	3
SCED 48100	Clinical Practice and Seminar: Secondary	9

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Code	Title	Hours
SCED 20000	Field Experience 1: Secondary	1
SCED 30000	Field Experience 2: Secondary	1
EDUC 21000	Integrating Educational and Assistive Technology in the Classroom	3

SCED 31200	Instructional Strategies and Learning Communities for Adolescents	3
SCED 31600	Special Methods: Teaching Theology in Grades 6-12	3
EDUC 25000	Foundations of Educational Psychology	3
SCED 33100	Methods of Teaching Reading in the Content Areas to Adolescents	3
SCED 39400	Pedagogy and Assessment for Effective Instruction	3
SCED 48400	Internship in Theology Education	6
SPED 25700	Exceptional Learners in Inclusive Communities	3
Total Hours		29