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JEANNINE RAINBOLT

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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**NATIONALLY
ACCREDITED
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PREPARING
OKLAHOMA'S TEACHERS FOR OVER 90 YEARS



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OU DEBT-FREE TEACHERS

OVER \$2.5M
AWARDED BY THE
COLLEGE AND ITS
DONORS TO DATE



20
STUDENTS
AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE

\$734K
AWARDED IN
SCHOLARSHIPS
IN 2025

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

If you **love** working with young children and see yourself teaching in a preschool or early elementary classroom someday, this degree is built for you. It combines real classroom experience with solid teaching knowledge so you graduate ready to help children **learn** and **grow**.



SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN

- * Field Experience
- ** Internship

SEMESTER 1

- » Principles of English Composition
- » MATH (Core I-MATH)
- » Biological Sciences, one course in BIOL/MBIO/PBIO
- » United States to 1865 or United States, 1865 to the Present
- » First Year Experience

SEMESTER 2

- » Principles of English Composition
- » Choose one: Mathematical Communication and Structures, or Mathematical Systems, or Data Analysis and Geometric Systems
- » Physical Sciences: one course in ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR or PHYS
- » American Federal Government
- » Choose one: What Makes Us Human? Exploring Cultural and Biological Diversity, or Intro to Sociology, or Elements of Psychology
- » Apply for admission after meeting 2.75 GPA and completing 30 hours of general education courses

SEMESTER 3

- » Choose one: Math Communication and Structures, or Math Systems, or Data Analysis and Geometric Systems
- » ENGL/ARTISTIC FORM
- » Foundations to Social Studies Education
- » World Culture-Upper Div (Advisor Approved)

SEMESTER 4

- » Creative Expression in Early Childhood
- » Early Childhood Development*
- » Integrated Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers (Birth to 3)
- » Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood Education
- » Understanding and Accommodating Exceptional Learners

OU's Early Childhood Education degree prepares you to teach Pre-K through 3rd grade.

Gain real classroom experience, hands-on learning, and a clear path to certification.

What you'll study

- » You start getting classroom experience early — before student teaching, you'll complete at least 325 hours of tutoring and observing in local schools and at the OU Institute of Child Development, a laboratory school for the Early Childhood Education program.
- » Courses mix theory (why kids learn the way they do) with hands-on practice in classrooms.

Where you can study it

- » The Norman campus offers the full program.
- » You can also earn the degree through OU-Tulsa with a pathway that includes flexible scheduling and several field experiences across age groups, from infants to early elementary.

Who this degree is for

This major is a good fit if you enjoy working with kids, especially those from Pre-K through early elementary, and if you've already done things like tutoring, mentoring, or other work with children in those age groups.

Degree and certification

Graduates are recommended for an Oklahoma teaching certification to teach pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade once you pass the required state exams (OSAT and APK).

Future education options

After your bachelor's degree, you could earn a master's to qualify for roles like reading specialist or other leadership positions in schools.

- » Master of Education
- » Doctor of Philosophy
- » Doctor of Education

"The heart of early childhood education is creating safe spaces where children feel valued, inspired, and excited to learn every day."



NICOLETTE OLIPHANT
Early Childhood Education

SEMESTER 5

- » Laboratory Placement I*
- » Positive Guidance with Young Children
- » Language and Literacy Development Birth through 5
- » PK-3 Mathematics Concepts*
- » History of Teaching and School*

SEMESTER 6

- » Laboratory Placement II*
- » Learning Supports in Early Childhood Education
- » Language and Literacy Development in K-3rd Grade
- » Integrated Curriculum for Pre-K through K*
- » Inquiry-Based Science Teaching
- » Learning with Educational Technologies

SEMESTER 7

- » The Science of Learning in ECE
- » Integrated Curriculum (K-3)*
- » Assessment in Early Childhood Education
- » Motivation and Classroom Management for Teachers
- » Foundations and Practice for Bi/Multilingual Learners PK-12

SEMESTER 8

- » Senior Seminar in Early Childhood Education
- » Teaching Experiences in the Elementary School**



Course schedule is subject to revision at the time of admission.

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

The Elementary Education program at the University of Oklahoma **prepares** students to become teachers in elementary schools (mostly grades 1–6, and possibly through grade 8).

SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN

* Field Experience
** Internship

SEMESTER 1

- » Principles of English Composition
- » United States to 1865 or United States, 1865 to the Present
- » MATH (Core 1-MATH)
- » Biological Sciences, one course in BIOL/MBIO/PBIO
- » First Year Experience

SEMESTER 3

- » Choose one: Math Communication and Structures, or Math Systems, or Data Analysis and Geometric Systems
- » Principles of Communication or Public Speaking
- » Human Geography or World Regional Geography
- » ENGL/ARTISTIC FORM
- » Promoting Healthy Lifestyles for Elementary Students

SEMESTER 2

- » Principles of English Composition
- » **Choose one:** Mathematical Communication and Structures, or Mathematical Systems, or Data Analysis and Geometric Systems
- » Physical Sciences: one course in ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR or PHYS
- » American Federal Government
- » **Choose one:** What Makes Us Human? Exploring Cultural and Biological Diversity or Introduction to Sociology
- » Apply for admission after meeting 2.75 GPA and completing 30 hours of general education courses.

SEMESTER 4

- » Integrated Arts Education
- » Foundations to Social Studies Education
- » Learning, Development, and Assessment for Teachers*
- » Understanding and Accommodating Exceptional Learners
- » Free Electives/General Education/Liberal Arts Electives

Love working with kids?

Turn that passion into a career that makes a real difference.

The Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education's Elementary Education program gives you hands-on classroom experience, supportive faculty, and the skills you need to become a confident, certified teacher.

What you'll do

- » From early in the program, you'll spend time in schools working with students — observing, tutoring, and teaching in rural, urban, and suburban classrooms.
- » You'll take courses that include subjects like educational psychology, child development, teaching methods, and instruction in math, science, language arts, and social studies.
- » The program is designed so that most students can finish in four years, depending on when they are fully admitted into the college.

Degree and certification

- » You graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Education.
- » After you complete the program and pass required exams, the college will recommend you for teacher certification to teach from 1st grade through 8th grade.
- » With a few extra classes in a subject area and by passing an extra test, you can earn an endorsement to teach specific subjects in middle school (grades 6–8).

This program is great if you:

- » Enjoy working with kids and want to help them learn and grow.
- » Like teamwork and working with others toward shared goals.
- » Want practical classroom experience while you're still in college.

Get experience now by volunteering, tutoring, helping with camps, or working with younger students — it all helps build skills for this major.

"My time at the College of Education has shown me the value of creativity and connection in the classroom and solidified my passion for helping kids."



NIA WRIGHT
Elementary Education

SEMESTER 5

- » Language and Literacy Practicum*
- » Literacy in the Primary Grades
- » PK-3 Mathematics Concepts*
- » History of Teaching and School*
- » Learning with Education Technologies
- » Foundations and Practice for Bi/Multilingual Learners PK-12

SEMESTER 6

- » Partnerships: Working with Parents and Community*
- » Literacy in the Intermediate Grades
- » Inquiry-Based Science Teaching
- » Motivation and Classroom Management for Teachers
- » World Culture-Upper Division (Advisor Approved)

SEMESTER 7

- » Practicum in Elementary Education*
- » Teaching Social Studies in Elementary/Middle Schools
- » 4-8 Grade Mathematics Concepts
- » Teaching Science in Elementary Schools
- » Literature and Writing Across the Curriculum

SEMESTER 8

- » Teaching Experiences in the Elementary School**
- » Critical Inquiry and Integrated Instruction

Course schedule is subject to revision at the time of admission.



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION LANGUAGE ARTS EDUCATION

Students who are **passionate** about teaching literature, writing and speaking will find the Language Arts Education program a stimulating blend of English literature, writing courses, and hands-on classroom experiences.

* Field Experience
** Internship

SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN

SEMESTER 1

- » Principles of English Composition
- » MATH (Core I-MATH)
- » United States to 1865 or United States, 1865 to the Present
- » First Year Experience
- » **Choose one:** What Makes Us Human? Exploring Cultural and Biological Diversity, or Elements of Psychology, or Introduction to Sociology

SEMESTER 3

- » Teacher Grammar and Composition in Middle/Secondary School
- » Learning Development and Assessment for Teachers*
- » Literary and Cultural Analysis
- » American Literature I or American Literature II
- » Physical Sciences: one course in ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR or PHYS

SEMESTER 2

- » Principles of English Composition
- » Introduction to Literature
- » American Federal Government
- » PHILOSOPHY (Core IV-WC)
- » Biological Sciences, one course in BIOL/HES/MBIO/PBIO
- » Apply for admission after meeting 2.75 GPA and completing 30 hours of general education courses.

SEMESTER 4

- » Understanding and Accommodating Exceptional Learners
- » American Literature Elective (Advisor approved)
- » Writing Elective (Advisor approved)
- » World Literature (Advisor approved)
- » Principles of Communication or Public Speaking

Turn your love of reading, writing, and storytelling into a career that inspires the next generation.

Language Arts Education (B.S. Ed.) at the University of Oklahoma is a great option for students who enjoy reading, writing, speaking, and working with others. This program combines English courses with real classroom experience, so you don't just learn about teaching—you practice it.

What you'll study

- » Literature (American, British, and world)
- » Writing and composition
- » Reading and language development
- » Speech and communication

These courses help you build strong communication skills and prepare you to teach middle or high school students.

Real classroom experience

Starting in your very first education class, you'll begin working in real schools. This hands-on experience helps you feel confident and ready for your first teaching job.

- » 100 hours observing and tutoring in middle or high school classrooms
- » A 16-week student teaching internship where you plan lessons and teach your own classes

Degree and certification

- » You'll earn a Bachelor of Science in Education in four years.
- » After completing the program and required exams, you can become a certified Language Arts teacher for grades 6–12 in Oklahoma.

This major is a good fit if you:

- » Enjoy reading, writing, or speaking
- » Like helping others learn
- » Want to work with middle or high school students
- » Are interested in teaching, coaching speech or debate, or advising yearbook/newspaper

"I chose to major in Language Arts Education because I want to make a difference in students' lives like my teachers have made in mine. I hope to make each student that walks into my classroom feel welcomed, important, and appreciated. The College of Education at The University of Oklahoma continues to inspire me to be the best teacher I can be and truly make a positive impact on my future students."



SARAH SIMONS
Language Arts Education

SEMESTER 5

- » History of Teaching and School*
- » Literature for Adolescents and Young Adults
- » English Literature from 1375 to 1700 or English Literature from 1700 to Present
- » Foundations and Practice for Bi/Multilingual Learners PK-12
- » American Literature Elective (Advisor approved)

SEMESTER 6

- » Learning with Educational Technologies
- » Shakespeare Comedies or Shakespeare Tragedies
- » American Literature Elective (Advisor approved)
- » Writing Elective (Advisor approved)
- » World Culture-Upper Division (Advisor approved)

SEMESTER 7

- » The Teaching of English*
- » Motivation and Classroom Management for Teachers
- » World Literature Elective (advisor approved)
- » English Literature Elective (advisor approved)
- » Specialized Education Elective: Choose from ENGL, EDEN, Education, or Advisor Approved courses

SEMESTER 8

- » Teaching Experiences in the Secondary School**
- » Student Teaching Seminar

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

MATHEMATICS EDUCATION

The Mathematics Education program at the University of Oklahoma prepares you to teach math at the middle or high school level. Math teachers play an important role in helping students build confidence, think critically, and develop skills they'll use in college and future careers.



SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN

* Field Experience
** Internship

SEMESTER 1

- » Principles of English Composition
- » Precalculus and Trigonometry
- » United States to 1865 or United States, 1865 to the Present
- » First Year Experience
- » Biological Sciences: one course in BIOL/MBIO/PBIO

SEMESTER 2

- » Principles of English Composition
- » Calculus and Analytic Geometry I
- » American Federal Government
- » Elements of Statistics
- » Anthropology (ANTH1113), Sociology (SOC1113), or Psychology (PSY1113) Course
- » Apply for admission after meeting 2.75 GPA and completing 30 hours of general education courses.

SEMESTER 3

- » Calculus and Analytic Geometry II
- » Linear Algebra I
- » Learning, Development, and Assessment for Teachers*
- » Developing Problem-Solving Environment for Secondary Math Learning
- » Arts & Humanities

SEMESTER 4

- » Calculus and Analytic Geometry III
- » Discrete Mathematical Structures
- » World Culture-Upper Div
- » Public Speaking
- » Stem Foundations Elective

Become the teacher who helps students build confidence in math.

If you enjoy solving problems, helping others learn, and making a difference, Mathematics Education at the University of Oklahoma could be the perfect fit. This program prepares future middle and high school math teachers with the knowledge, classroom experience, and leadership skills needed to help students succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

In this program, you'll study advanced mathematics while also learning how to teach concepts in engaging and meaningful ways. You'll gain hands-on experience early through classroom observations, tutoring opportunities, and student teaching in real schools.

Students complete more than 120 hours of classroom observation and tutoring before participating in a 16-week student-teaching internship. The degree is designed to be completed in four years and leads to a Bachelor of Science in Education. After graduation and passing certification exams, students are recommended for licensure to teach mathematics at the middle school or high school level.

You might enjoy Mathematics Education if you:

- » Like math, science, or technology
- » Enjoy helping others understand difficult concepts
- » Want to work with middle or high school students
- » Have experience tutoring or mentoring others

What can you do after graduation?

- » Teach math in middle or high school
- » Pursue a graduate degree in education or a related field
- » Move into roles like instructional coach, curriculum specialist, or school leader later in your career

With a Mathematics Education degree, you can combine your passion for math with the opportunity to inspire and support future generations of learners.

"I knew from a very young age that I wanted to be a teacher. As I grew up and had more and more teachers impacting my life and pushing me to be the person I am, the more I knew this was what I wanted to do. From my first visit, I knew the College of Education here at OU was where I wanted to pursue that dream. This college is a tight-knit community of people who want nothing but the best for each other, and it truly feels like home."



GRACEY MASSEY
Mathematics Education

SEMESTER 5

- » General Physics for Engineering and Science Majors
- » Understanding and Accommodating Exceptional Learners
- » Learning with Educational Technologies
- » Calculus and Analytic Geometry IV
- » Stem Foundations Elective

SEMESTER 6

- » History of Science to the Age of Newton or History of Science Since the Seventeenth Century
- » Fundamental Concepts of Secondary Math Learning
- » History of Teaching and School*
- » Stem Foundations Elective
- » Stem Foundations Elective

SEMESTER 7

- » Teaching and Learning of Mathematics Reasoning and Proof*
- » Motivation and Classroom Management for Teachers
- » Foundations and Practice for Bi/Multilingual Learners PK-12
- » Advanced Studies Elective
- » General Education Elective

SEMESTER 8

- » Teaching Experiences in the Secondary School**
- » Student Teaching Seminar

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION SCIENCE EDUCATION

OU's Science Education degree prepares you to teach middle or high school science with strong content **knowledge**, real classroom **experience**, and hands-on training.



SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN: SCIENCE EDUCATION – BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

* Field Experience
** Internship

SEMESTER 1

- » Principles of English Composition
- » Functions and Modeling for Business, Life and Social Sciences
- » United States to 1865 or United States, 1865 to the Present
- » Intro Biology: Molecule/Cell/Phys
- » First Year Experience

SEMESTER 2

- » Principles of English Composition
- » Calculus I for Business, Life and Social Sciences (or higher)
- » American Federal Government
- » The Earth System
- » Introductory Biology: Evolution, Ecology and Diversity
- » Apply for admission after meeting 2.75 GPA and completing 30 hours of general education courses.

SEMESTER 3

- » Learning Development and Assessment for Teachers*
- » Artistic Form
- » Evolution
- » General Chemistry

SEMESTER 4

- » Understanding and Accommodating Exceptional Learners
- » Teaching Science in Secondary Schools
- » General Chemistry (Continued)
- » Human Physiology

Turn your love of science into a career that inspires the next generation.

If you enjoy biology, chemistry, earth science, physical science or physics—and want to help others discover the excitement of science—this program is built for you.

Program overview

The Science Education B.S. Ed. at the University of Oklahoma is designed for students who want to teach science at the secondary level.

You'll choose from five certification areas:

- » Biological Sciences
- » Chemistry
- » Earth Science
- » Physical Science
- » Physics

The program combines in-depth science courses with teaching methods that are based on proven educational practices.

Throughout the degree, you'll gain more than just classroom knowledge. You'll complete over 80 hours of field experiences before your final-semester, 16-week student-teaching internship. These hands-on opportunities let you work directly with students and experienced teachers so you feel confident and prepared when you start your career.

By graduation, you'll be qualified to pursue certification and begin teaching science in middle or high schools. You'll also have the option to continue your education with graduate studies in science education or related fields.

Students in this major usually:

- » Enjoy science subjects like biology, chemistry, earth science, or physics
- » Like working with middle or high school students
- » Want a career that combines science knowledge with leadership and mentoring

If you're ready to turn your passion for science into a meaningful career, Science Education at OU can help you make it happen.

"In the Science Education program, learning science means *doing* science. We prepare teachers to help their students ask and investigate meaningful scientific questions about their lives and the world."



DR. JACOB PLEASANTS
Associate Professor
Science Education

SEMESTER 5

- » History of Teaching and School*
- » History of Science to the Age of Newton or History of Science Since the Seventeenth Century
- » Organic Chemistry I: Biological Emphasis
- » Organic Chemistry Laboratory: Biological Emphasis
- » General Physics for Life Science Oriented Majors

SEMESTER 6

- » Learning with Education Technologies
- » Environmental Conservation
- » Cell Biology
- » Genetics
- » Principles of Communication or Public Speaking

SEMESTER 7

- » Advanced Methods in Science Teaching*
- » Motivation and Classroom Management for Teachers
- » Foundations and Practice for Bi/Multilingual Learners PK-12
- » Principles of Ecology
- » **Choose one:** Science and Technology in Asian History, or Science and Civilization in Islam, or Technology, Politics, and International Development

SEMESTER 8

- » Teaching Experiences in the Secondary School**
- » Student Teaching Seminar

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at the time of admission.



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Social Studies teachers instill in students the ideas of **democracy, citizenship, justice, and history**. Students in the Social Studies Education program are prepared to teach a variety of social sciences areas, including economics, history, geography, and government, and help their students to become responsible citizens.

SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN

* Field Experience
** Internship

SEMESTER 1

- » Principles of English Composition
- » MATH (Core I-MATH)
- » United States to 1865
- » American Federal Government
- » First Year Experience

SEMESTER 2

- » Principles of English Composition
- » United States, 1865 to the Present
- » Introduction to Sociology
- » Arts & Humanities
- » Biological Sciences: one course in BIOL/HES/MBIO/PBIO
- » Apply for admission after meeting 2.75 GPA and completing 30 hours of general education courses.

SEMESTER 3

- » Principles of Economics-Macro or Principles of Economics-Micro
- » Physical Geography
- » American History Elective
- » 6 Hours of Political Science courses

SEMESTER 4

- » Learning, Development, and Assessment for Teachers*
- » Understanding and Accommodating Exceptional Learners
- » Foundations and Mentoring in Social Studies
- » Human Geography
- » World Civilization Elective



Do you enjoy learning how the world works—and want to help others understand it too? **Social Studies Education is for you!**

The Social Studies Education program at OU prepares you to teach middle or high school students about history, geography, economics, and government. You'll explore how societies develop, how governments work, and how people and cultures shape the world. If you like current events, debate, or learning about the past, this major could be a great fit.

Learn to teach with confidence

Along with your social studies courses, you'll take classes that focus on lesson planning, classroom management, and supporting different types of learners. This combination helps you build strong content knowledge while also learning the skills needed to lead a classroom.

Gain real classroom experience

Throughout the program, you'll complete field experiences in local middle and high schools. You'll observe teachers, work with students, and practice your teaching skills. In your final semester, you'll complete a full-time student teaching internship, where you'll plan lessons, teach classes, and experience what it's like to run your own classroom.

Be ready for your teaching career

Most students earn their degree and teaching certification in about four years. After passing the required state exams, you'll be prepared to teach social studies at the middle or high school level or continue on to graduate school or leadership roles in education.

Where this degree can take you

After earning your degree, you can:

- » Teach middle school social studies
- » Teach high school history, government, geography, or economics
- » Earn a graduate degree or obtain future leadership roles in education

If you want a career where you can share your passion for the past and help shape the future, Social Studies Education is a powerful place to start.

"If community is something that you value, the College of Education is very family-oriented and prioritizes students' socioemotional wellbeing."



HAILEE PATTERSON
Social Studies Education

SEMESTER 5

- » History of Teaching and School*
- » World Regional Geography
- » World History Elective
- » Social Science Perspectives Elective—ECON/SOC/PSY
- » Principles of Communication or Public Speaking

SEMESTER 6

- » Learning with Education Technologies
- » American History Elective
- » Social Science Perspectives Elective—ECON/SOC/PSY
- » Advisor-approved Elective
- » World Culture—Upper-Division (Advisor approved)

SEMESTER 7

- » Teaching Secondary School Social Studies*
- » Motivation and Classroom Management for Teachers
- » History of Oklahoma
- » American History Elective
- » Foundations and Practice for Bi/Multilingual Learners PK-12

SEMESTER 8

- » Teaching Experiences in the Secondary School**
- » Student Teaching Seminar

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at the time of admission.*



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION

If you're patient, creative, and want to help every student succeed, OU's Special Education degree can turn that passion into a powerful career.

SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN

* Field Experience
** Internship

SEMESTER 1

- » Principles of English Composition
- » MATH (Core I-MATH)
- » United States to 1865 (Core IV-HIST) or United States, 1865 to the Present
- » Elements of Psychology
- » First Year Experience

SEMESTER 3

- » **Choose one:** Mathematical Communication and Structures, or Mathematical Systems, or Data Analysis and Geometric Systems
- » Human Geography or World Regional Geography
- » Learning, Development, and Assessment for Teachers*
- » Understanding and Accommodating Exceptional Learners
- » Physical Sciences, one course in AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, or GEOG

SEMESTER 2

- » Principles of English Composition
- » ENGL/ARTISTIC FORM
- » American Federal Government
- » Biological Sciences: one course in BIOL/HES/MBIO/PBIO
- » **Choose one:** Mathematical Communication and Structures, or Mathematical Systems, or Data Analysis and Geometric Systems
- » Apply for admission after meeting 2.75 GPA and completing 30 hours of general education courses.

SEMESTER 4

- » Principles of Communication or Public Speaking
- » Fundamental Academic Instructional Strategies
- » Language and Literacy Practicum*
- » Literacy in the Primary Grades
- » Learning with Educational Technologies

Preparing you to **teach all learners to shine!**

In the Special Education program, you'll learn how to teach students with mild to moderate disabilities, including learning differences, autism, intellectual disabilities, and behavior challenges. The program combines coursework with real classroom experiences so you're ready to meet the needs of students with many abilities.

Gain classroom experience before you graduate

The Special Education program includes more than 500 hours of mentored classroom and tutoring experience, plus a 16-week student-teaching internship. That means you'll graduate with real skills, not just theory.

Earn certifications – expand your options

Graduates earn Special Education (mild/moderate) certification for Pre-K through high school. You can also add a general education certification in areas like elementary, math, science, language arts, or social studies to become a highly qualified teacher.

Follow a clear path to your teaching career

The program is designed to be completed in four years and includes general education, professional education, and specialized courses. You'll work closely with advisors and faculty who help you stay on track and prepare for certification exams.

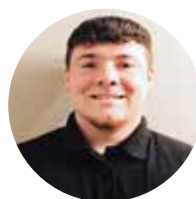
Join a program built on proven teaching practices

OU's Special Education degree is nationally accredited and focuses on evidence-based teaching methods. You'll learn strategies that are proven to help students succeed in real classrooms.

Possible careers with a special education degree

- » Special Education Teacher (Pre-K–12)
- » Inclusion or Co-Teaching Specialist
- » Resource Room Teacher
- » Behavior Support or Intervention Teacher
- » Teacher of Record

"OU's Special Education program has shaped my philosophy of what it means to be an intentional, inclusive, and advocating educator."



MATTHEW CHRISTOFFERSEN
Special Education

SEMESTER 5

- » History of Teaching and School*
- » Intensifying Mathematics Interventions for Students with Disabilities
- » IEP Development and Family Advocacy
- » Inquiry-Based Science Teaching
- » PK-3 Mathematics Concepts or Developing Problem-Solving Environ for Secondary Math Learning*
- » Free Electives

SEMESTER 7

- » Individual Behavior Supports
- » Transition and Self-Determination
- » Assessment for Eligibility and Program Planning
- » Advanced Practicum in Special Education*
- » Motivation and Classroom Management for Teachers
- » World Culture—Upper-Division (Advisor Approved)

SEMESTER 6

- » Classroom Management in Special Education
- » Language, Literacy, and Communication Strategies
- » Teaching Students with Significant Support and Educational Needs
- » Introductory Practicum in Special Education*
- » Foundations and Practice for Bi/Multilingual Learners PK-12
- » Foundations to Social Studies Education

SEMESTER 8

- » Applied Research in Special Education
- » Internship in Special Education**

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at the time of admission.*



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

WORLD LANGUAGES EDUCATION

Students who **love languages** and have a desire to teach will find the University of Oklahoma Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education's nationally recognized World Languages Education program to be a strong mixture of in-class education and hands-on experiences.



SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN: WORLD LANGUAGE EDUCATION – SPANISH

* Field Experience
** Internship

SEMESTER 1

- » Beginning Spanish
- » Principles of English Composition
- » MATH (Core I-MATH)
- » United States to 1865 or United States, 1865 to the Present
- » First Year Experience

SEMESTER 2

- » Beginning Spanish (continued)
- » Principles of English Composition
- » American Federal Government
- » Biological Sciences: one course in BIOL/HES/MBIO/PBIO
- » Anthropology (ANTH1113), or Sociology (SOC1113), or Psychology (PSY1113)
- » Apply for admission after meeting 2.75 GPA and completing 30 hours of general education courses.

SEMESTER 3

- » Intermediate Spanish
- » Learning, Development, and Assessment for Teachers*
- » Classical, Modern, or Native Language
- » Physical Sciences: one course in AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS
- » Principles of Communication or Public Speaking

SEMESTER 4

- » Intermediate Spanish Continued
- » Grammar in Conversational Communication
- » Classical, Modern, or Native Language
- » Understanding and Accommodating Exceptional Learners
- » Colonial Hispanic American History, 1492-1810 or Modern Latin America 1810-Present

Turn your love of languages into a career that connects cultures, communities, and classrooms.

If you enjoy learning new languages, exploring different cultures, and helping others succeed, the Bachelor of Science in Education in World Languages Education program could be the perfect fit for you.

Build real classroom experience

From your first professional education course, you'll spend time in real classrooms observing and tutoring students. You'll complete at least 100 hours of field experience before moving into a full student-teaching internship where you design lessons and teach in a real school.

Study language, culture, and communication

Your courses will cover grammar, conversation, writing, literature, culture, and language-learning methods. These classes help you become fluent and confident while preparing you to teach students from diverse backgrounds.

Explore the world through study abroad

Students are strongly encouraged to study abroad to deepen their language skills and cultural understanding. These experiences help you become a more effective, globally-minded teacher.

Graduate ready to teach

You can earn your degree and teaching certification in four years. Certification options in grades Pre-K through 12 include:

- » French
- » German
- » Latin
- » Spanish

Possible careers

- » Middle or high school world language teacher
- » ESL or bilingual educator
- » Study abroad or cultural program coordinator

If you're passionate about languages and want a career that makes a global impact, World Languages Education can open the door to classrooms around the world.

"The World Languages Education program prepares future world language educators through rigorous, practice-based experiences that cultivate reflective teaching, professional excellence, and a commitment to advancing language acquisition and intercultural learning."



DR. REBECCA BORDEN
Assistant Professor
World Language Education

SEMESTER 5

- » Grammar in Written Communication
- » Introduction to Hispanic Literature and Culture
- » Literature and Culture of Spain
- » Learning with Educational Technologies
- » World Culture - Upper-Division (Advisor Approved)

SEMESTER 6

- » History of Teaching and School*
- » Foundations and Theory for PreK-12 Second Language Acquisition
- » Arts & Humanities course
- » SPAN Upper-Division Specialized Education (advisor approved - 6 hours)

SEMESTER 7

- » Methods for Teaching World Languages in PreK-12 Settings*
- » Motivation and Classroom Management for Teachers
- » Literature and Culture of Latin America
- » Senior Capstone

SEMESTER 8

- » Teaching Experiences in the Secondary School (10 hours)**
- » Student Teaching Seminar

*Course schedule is subject to revision
at the time of admission.*



A group of diverse students wearing blue t-shirts and lanyards are smiling and packing food cans into cardboard boxes. One student in the foreground is holding a can. The scene is bright and collaborative.

CREATING CONNECTIONS AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

Where future educators find their people, their purpose, and their place.

At the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education, community is at the heart of everything we do—creating spaces where students can connect, collaborate, and grow together. Through student organizations, shared experiences, and supportive resources, we empower every student to build meaningful relationships and thrive both personally and professionally.



Get involved, make connections, and start building your future as an educator.

Our organizations give you the chance to meet other future teachers, grow your leadership skills, and gain real-world experience before you ever step into your own classroom. Whether you're interested in English education, special education, service, or as a student leader, these groups help you find your community, explore your passion, and prepare you to make a difference in schools and beyond.

Kappa Delta Pi, a national professional association and honor society for educators, inspires and equips teachers to thrive. Excellent teachers build thriving communities and create lifelong opportunities by providing quality, equitable education for all.  [@ou.kdp](#)

The National Council of Teachers of English is committed to connecting undergraduate and graduate students to the broader English teacher community at the local, state, and national levels.  [@ou.ncte](#)

The **Oklahoma Aspiring Educators Association** is a pre-professional organization for students in education and affiliated with the Oklahoma Education Association and the National Education Association.  [@ou.oaea](#)

Student Council for Exceptional Children is dedicated to enhancing the preparation of undergraduate and graduate special educators about to embark on teaching students of all abilities.  [@oklahoma.scec](#)

The **Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education Student Ambassadors** are undergraduate students who are committed to the work of the college through leadership and service and who advocate for the education community and the college.  [@jrcoe_students](#)



RACHEL COMSTOCK
Oklahoma Aspiring
Educators Association

"Being a member of the Oklahoma Aspiring Educators Association has greatly impacted my future career as an educator. Through OAEA, I have gained valuable resources, leadership opportunities, and meaningful connections with individuals who share a passion for teaching and supporting future generations."

CREATE. CONNECT. COLLABORATE.

At the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education, we empower our students with access to innovative technology and thoughtfully designed environments that support both academic success and personal well-being.



- ▲ Each week during the fall and spring semesters, **Tuesday Tea** brings our college community together in a welcoming, relaxed setting. With snacks, visiting campus and community organizations, and information about student resources, the event creates meaningful opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to connect and engage. It's a consistent touchpoint where relationships are built and opportunities are discovered.
- ◀ Our on-site **Food Pantry** is available year-round to support students' basic needs and overall well-being. Kept stocked with accessible food items, it offers a reliable, judgment-free resource for anyone who may need it. This commitment reflects our belief that when students are supported, they are better able to focus, learn, and succeed.



Cutting-Edge Tools & Resources

Our students have access to a wide range of educational technology tools that prepare them for modern classroom environments. These include:

- » Smartboards and interactive displays
- » Curriculum design and assessment software
- » Classroom simulation labs
- » 3D printers and makerspace tools
- » Access to specialized teaching and learning apps

We also offer robust support for students to integrate technology into their fieldwork, research, and lesson planning.

Collaborative Study & Lounge Areas

To support focused study and collaboration, our facilities include:

- » Technology-equipped group study rooms
- » Quiet individual workspaces with charging stations
- » Comfortable student lounges with Wi-Fi access
- » Natural lighting and ergonomic seating for an inviting atmosphere

Whether you're preparing for class, collaborating on a group project, or simply taking a moment to recharge, our spaces are designed with your success in mind.

YOUR LEGACY BEGINS HERE

Do you have a passion for inspiring others, a desire to help students reach their fullest potential, and a commitment to shaping the future? A teaching degree might be the path you're meant to follow. Education is not just about imparting knowledge—it's about **empowering the next generation** to dream bigger, think critically, and lead with compassion.



▲ The **TEACH to Transform** program helps students from underrepresented communities and first-generation college families become teachers. It supports them with training and resources so they can succeed in the classroom and give back to their own communities. The program values their unique experiences and works to help them become confident, skilled educators.

◀ **OU Teacher Bound**, our annual fall event, is tailored for high school students aspiring to earn a teaching degree. Parents and high school counselors are invited to attend as well. You will have the opportunity to participate in an education expo, attend informational sessions with faculty and OU education students, learn about student support services, and more.



- ◀ The **Find Your Future Summer Education Camp** is for high school students from underserved populations interested in becoming educators, to address the critical shortage of educators in Oklahoma and across the country.

Participants are engaged in numerous and independent activities, reflect on their own educational experiences, and develop a deeper understanding of themselves and their relationships with others in their schools and in society.

- ▶ The **Teacher Education-PLUS (TE+)** **Certification** is designed for college students who want to become certified high school teachers while earning their bachelor's degree through another OU College. Instead of majoring only in, say, English, math, or a world language, TE+ lets students add up to 38 hours of education classes alongside their main major — almost like a teaching “minor.” After finishing the required courses and a student-teaching internship, students graduate ready to teach in grades 6–12 and get a teacher certification that’s valid in Oklahoma and across the U.S.

Students in the TE+ Program can also receive scholarships and financial incentives (up to about \$65,000) to help with college costs. The program includes real classroom experiences — including placements in rural, urban, and suburban schools — so future teachers learn what it’s like to teach before graduating.



DISCOVER NEW CULTURES

Expanding perspectives to shape **globally-minded educators**.

Through study abroad experiences in at least four international regions each year, we prepare future educators to develop the cross-cultural skills essential for today's classrooms. With a strong commitment to global citizenship and dedicated funding support, we make it possible for every student to explore the world and bring those experiences back to their teaching.



Preparing the next generation of teachers with **cross-cultural skills**.

Study in:

Puebla, Mexico — Explore rich culture and history in a vibrant city.

Uganda, Africa — Gain a global perspective through hands-on learning in a unique setting.

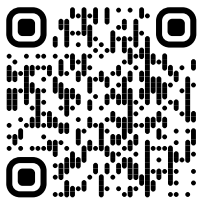
Arezzo, Italy — Immerse yourself in art, language, and education in the heart of Tuscany.

Oslo, Norway — Engage in outdoor activities that highlight how nature can serve as a powerful classroom.

The Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education knows how important it is for future teachers to understand different cultures and **see the world**. That's why we're creating exciting international programs for our students!

When you study education at the University of Oklahoma, you can take part in life-changing study abroad opportunities in amazing places like Puebla, Mexico; Uganda, Africa; Arezzo, Italy; and Oslo, Norway. While in these countries, you'll take classes taught by OU professors and earn credit toward your degree.

Whether you're an undergraduate or graduate student, these experiences will help you grow as a **global citizen**—and one day, help your future students do the same!



Education Abroad
for education majors



RACHEL OAKES
Elementary Education
Arezzo, Italy Education Abroad Program

"Studying abroad in Italy with the College of Education was an unforgettable experience. Visiting Italian elementary, middle, and high schools helped me gain new perspectives and expand my worldview as a future teacher."

WE INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS' EDUCATION

\$ 25,500	Inspired to Teach*
\$ 20,000	OU Debt-Free Teachers
\$ 16,000	TEACH Grant
\$ 2,500	Average JRCoE Scholarship
+ \$ 1,200	Average Study Abroad Scholarship

up to **\$65,200**

in scholarships and benefits available*

You bring the passion; we'll help provide the financial support to get you there.

We are committed to making an education degree accessible and achievable through a wide range of grants, scholarships, and loan forgiveness opportunities. With up to \$65,200 in potential funding over four years, we invest in our students so they can focus on learning, growing, and preparing to make a difference in the classroom.

Fund your future. Let us help you every step of the way.

If you're thinking about becoming a teacher, there's good news — you can get help paying for college! Programs like Inspired to Teach offer students an opportunity to earn up to \$25,500 in scholarships and employment incentives as they complete their teaching preparation program and teach in Oklahoma.

Also, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and you could qualify for:

- » Pell Grants (free money for college)
- » Work-study jobs
- » Scholarships

Apply early, and increase your chance of getting more aid.

Complete your FAFSA at studentaid.gov.

Debt-Free Teachers Program

The OU Debt-Free Teachers program helps future teachers reduce student loan debt while preparing for a career in education. Eligible students can receive up to \$20,000 in loan forgiveness by teaching in a Title I, rural, or high-need subject area or school in Oklahoma after graduation.

Central OU financial aid & scholarships

OU has a Centralized Academic Scholarship Hub (CASH) where students apply once (each fall) for lots of scholarships across campus — including ones for the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education. There's also financial aid help, a tuition estimator, and support for international students.

Undergraduate scholarships

There are many scholarships specifically for undergraduate education majors. These include awards for general education students, as well as ones tied to specific majors (like Early Childhood, Science Education, Special Education, etc.). Many have GPA or residency requirements.



TEACH Grant and related programs

The TEACH Grant helps undergraduate and graduate students pay for college by providing up to \$4,000 per year for students pursuing a degree in education. In return, students agree to teach in a Title I school after graduation.

Loan forgiveness & special support

The Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education offers resources related to loan forgiveness programs for future teachers and emergency scholarship funds for students in sudden financial need.

Teach 2 Reach

The Choctaw Nation's Teach 2 Reach (T2R) program helps Indigenous students enrolled in a federally recognized tribe achieve their dream of becoming teachers by providing financial support, mentoring, professional development, and career guidance. Through partnerships with universities, including OU, T2R helps future educators succeed in college and prepares them to make a meaningful impact in schools and communities across Oklahoma.

choctawnation.com/services/t2r



Student Funding
for education majors

ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A TEACHER?

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Take the step today to turn your passion into purpose—and join a profession where every day offers the opportunity to create lasting impact.

Here's a step-by-step path to admission into the **Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education** at the University of Oklahoma.



STEP 1

Apply to the University of Oklahoma

Start your journey to becoming a teacher by applying to the University of Oklahoma.

Once admitted, you'll begin your college journey by taking general education and prerequisite courses.



Scan the QR code or see the dates and deadlines on the back cover of this publication.

STEP 2

Build Your college GPA and credits

Before applying to the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education, you'll need to:

- » Earn at least 30 college credit hours, 24 with a C or higher
- » Maintain a 2.75 GPA or higher
- » Declare an education major or interest in teacher education

These requirements make you eligible to apply to the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education.

STEP 3

Apply to the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education

When you meet the credit hour and GPA requirements, submit your application to the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education to begin the full admission process.



Are you ready to inspire the next generation through music?

The Music Education degree is offered through the **Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts School of Music** and combines outstanding musical training with education-focused coursework through the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education. Students gain classroom experience, participate in performance ensembles, and graduate prepared to teach instrumental or vocal music in K–12 schools.

Students pursuing a degree in Music Education may be eligible for funding through the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education.

Contact oumusic@ou.edu for information about their degree programs and admissions process, or visit ou.edu/finearts/music.



STEP 4

To receive full admission, you must:

- » Complete 30 college credit hours, 24 with a C or higher
- » Maintain a 2.75 GPA
- » Meet state teacher education performance criteria
- » Complete a background check
- » Write a 2–3 page essay
- » Participate in a full admission interview.

Once accepted, you can enroll in professional education courses.

Your academic advisor will guide you through each requirement.

STEP 5

Begin your professional education courses

After full admission, you'll:

- » Enroll in education-focused classes
- » Gain classroom field experience
- » Prepare for your student teaching semester

All professional education programs within the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education are nationally accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

Academic advising is an important part of your journey to graduation. Your advisor will help you stay on track, create a personalized academic plan, and connect you with campus resources.



For information about our admissions process and degree programs, contact the Undergraduate Advising Office at jrcoe.advising@ou.edu.

HOW TO JOIN THE OU FAMILY

Submit your application for OU admission at apply.ou.edu

Important dates for incoming freshmen:

AUGUST

1

Application Opens

NOVEMBER

1

Early Action
Admission Deadline

DECEMBER

15

Final Scholarship
Admission Deadline

FEBRUARY

1

Final Admission
Deadline

MAY

1

Enrollment Deposit
Deadline
commit.ou.edu

JUNE

15

New Sooner
Orientation
Deadline
ou.edu/newsooner

Important dates for transfer students:

AUGUST

1

Fall and Summer
Application Opens

OCTOBER

1

Spring
Priority Scholarship
Application Deadline

NOVEMBER

1

Spring
Application Deadline

MARCH

1

Summer and Fall
Priority Scholarship
Deadline

APRIL

1

Summer
Application Deadline

MAY

1

Fall
Application Deadline
and Spring
Application Opens

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