Undergraduate Teacher Preparation at USM

Consists of

- USM Core
- Major
- Professional Teacher Preparation – Courses & Experiences
- Teacher Certification Requirements

Results in

- Graduates who have strong content knowledge and are well prepared for their first year of teaching
- Graduates with strong critical thinking skills and dynamic teaching skills
- Teachers who are passionate about their subject area
- Eligibility for Teacher certification in Maine
Curriculum Overview

- Core
- Major
- Teacher Preparation
- Certification Requirements
## Majors & Certification

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Core Curriculum - Education

- EYE 108: Culture, Identity and Education (strongly recommended)
- HRD 200: Multicultural Human Development (required)
- EDU 310: Purpose of Schooling in a Democracy (required)
- EDU 305: Foundations of Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (required)
- SED 335: Students with Exceptionalities in General Education (required and pre-requisite for SED 420)
- SED 420: Multi-Tiered Systems of Educational Support (required – must complete Teacher Declaration Process in order to enroll)
CORE Diagram with Recommended & Required Teacher Education Courses

The USM Core is a coherent, integrative, and rigorous liberal education that allows our graduates to be world-minded, intentional, life-long learners. Learning outcomes across the requirements are sequenced to help students develop increasingly sophisticated knowledge and skills. Courses throughout the curriculum involve close reading and oral and written communication.

- **USM Core and progress toward degree**
- **Entry Year Experience (EYE 108)**
- **Creative Expression (CE) (THE 102; ENG 201; EDU 230)**
- **International (may be completed at any level) (EDU 310* meets requirement)**
- **Cultural Interpretation (CI) (ENG 145)**
- **Capstone (in major)**
- **Science Exploration (Any qualifying SE)**
- **Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility, and Citizenship [Pre-requisites: any 3 of the 4 CE, CI, SE or SCA] (EDU 310*)**
- **Diversity (may be completed at any level) (EDU 305* meets requirement)**
- **Sociocultural Analysis (SCA) (HRD 200*)**
- **TC Course 1 EDU 305**
- **TC Course 2 SED 335* Pre-req for SED 420**
- **TC Course 3 SED 420**

**Five Goals of General Education**
1. Informed understandings of interrelationships between human cultures and the natural world;
2. Analytical, contextual, and integrative thinking about complex issues;
3. Effective communication using multiple forms of expression;
4. Critical reflection upon, and informed action in, their roles as participants in multiple communities; and
5. Ethical action to contribute to the social and environmental welfare of local and global communities.

Students may apply transfer credits throughout the Core. See your transfer credit report in MaineStreet.
Teacher Preparation Requirements

- Methods
- Curriculum design
- Seminar (reflective practice)
- Internship (student teaching)
Maine State Teacher Certification Requirements

• Candidates for the K-8 certificate must have 6 credit hours each in English, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics.

• Candidates for the 7-12 certificate must have 24 credit hours in the chosen content (major)

• Successful Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators & II exam scores

• Professional preparation

• Background check (fingerprinting)
Characteristics of USM’s Professional Preparation

- Courses connect theory and practice
- Students receive strong mentoring from faculty and internship mentors
- USM offers healthy partnerships:
  - Between Major and Education Departments
  - Between USM and Public School Faculty
  - Between Students and USM Faculty
  - Between Student and Student
- Internship is year-long
- Students maintain high standards in academics and in teaching practice
What you can expect from the program

- BA in content area
- Exceptional teacher preparation
- Eligibility for certification in 120(+) credits
- Excellent networking connections
- Good scholarship support
- Excellent job marketability
- Certification reciprocity with most other states
- Strong collegial relationships with peers
- Financial Support -- grants, loans, and scholarships.
  - FMI go to: usm.maine.edu/sehd/financial-aid
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• Your faculty advisor (by Major) will advise you on the core, teacher education, and major course requirements. Prior to each registration period, schedule a meeting with your advisor regarding the courses you want/need.