Early Childhood through Adolescence (EC-A) (ages birth-21) Program

The primary purpose of the Early Childhood-Adolescence (EC-A) Program is to advance teaching and learning while preparing teacher leaders for a global society. Our teacher preparation program, in collaboration with our public school partners, contributes to the teaching profession by producing teachers who believe that all students have the ability to achieve high standards, who adapt their teaching to reach all students, and who respect the diversity of all students. We prepare teacher candidates to become teachers who ground curriculum in the lives of students; who embrace multicultural perspectives and uphold just teaching practices; value academically rigorous curriculum; and are culturally sensitive. Our graduates are reflective practitioners who continuously improve their abilities and are responsive to best practices.


1 Minors in French, German studies, and Spanish are certifiable at the early adolescence-adolescence developmental range only, unless another language is completed as a major. If a language major and language minor are completed, both languages may be certifiable at the early childhood-adolescence range.

Major requirements

EC-A Program admission requirements (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/educationalstudies)

Candidates must fulfill the requirements below and those associated with one or more certifiable majors to be eligible to apply for licensure to teach students from birth to 21 years of age. In addition to the major, students may choose to complete one or more minors to obtain further certifications.

Certifiable majors:

• Art (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/art/art-education-bs)
• French (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/modernlanguages/french-education)
• German studies (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/modernlanguages/german-education)
• Music-general (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/music/general-education-emphasis-bs)
• Music-choral (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/music/choral-education-emphasis-bs)
• Music-instrumental (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/music/instrumental-education-emphasis-bs)

• Spanish (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/modernlanguages/spanish-education)

1 Additional teacher education requirements can be found through the School of Education (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/educationalstudies) in order to register for professional coursework and complete the program.

Degree requirements

All teacher education students must complete the general education, School of Education, major/minor, and university degree requirements in order to qualify for a degree. The easiest way to track all of these requirements is to refer to the Advisement Report (AR) found in the Student Information System (WINGS) Student Center. All enrolled students have access to the AR.

• General education (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation)
• School of Education requirements (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/education)
Baccalaureate degree requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degrees must accomplish the following:

1. Fulfill the general education requirements.
2. Complete at least one ethnic studies (diversity) course.
3. Complete the courses prescribed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for the degree desired in the respective school or college. (No substitutions for graduation may be made in course requirements for a major or minor after the fourth week of the last semester of the senior year.)
4. Earn a minimum of 120 semester credits with at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA. At least 40 credits must be earned in 300/400 (senior college) level courses. Courses earned at the 100/200 level that transferred to UWL as 300/400 level courses do not apply to this requirement nor do courses from two-year schools.
5. Complete major and minor requirements with at least a 2.00 GPA in each major and minor (and concentration or emphasis, if selected).
6. A minimum of 30 semester credits in residence at UWL is required for graduation. (See undergraduate resident requirement ([http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/academicpolicies/graduation/#undergraduate-residence-requirement](http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/academicpolicies/graduation/#undergraduate-residence-requirement)])
7. Submit an application for graduation via the "Apply for Graduation" link in the WINGS Student Center as soon as the student has registered for his or her final semester or summer term in residence. December and winter intersession graduates should apply by May 1. May and summer graduates should apply by December 1.

Grade point average requirements for some programs will be considerably higher than 2.00. Re-entering students may be required to earn credits in excess of the 120 needed for graduation in any curriculum in order to replace credits earned in courses in which the content has changed substantially in recent years. Each case will be judged on its own merit.

No degree will be awarded unless all requirements are fulfilled and recorded within 30 days after the official ending date of each term.