

Teacher Education

We understand what drives you. It's your ambition to teach—your passion to make a positive difference in the lives of students. That's our passion, too. We also understand what it takes to shape you into a lifelong teacher leader: someone who collaborates with fellow educators and administrators to promote equity and excellence for all students.

There are many paths to becoming a teacher. For undergraduate students, we offer four-year degrees in Elementary Education, Special Education, and Early Childhood Education. If you're interested in a master's degree, our one-year Post-Graduate Master of Teaching (PGMT) is available in many areas, including Elementary Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education.

WHY STUDY TEACHER EDUCATION?

No matter the degree path you choose, our teacher education curriculum integrates content knowledge with professional courses in research-based instructional models, classroom management, and strategies for working with diverse learners designed to prepare you to teach in P-12 schools.

Bachelor's Endorsement Areas

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Special Education

Master's Endorsement Areas

- Elementary Education
- English Education
- English as a Second Language
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics Education
- Science Education
- Social Studies Education
- Special Education - General Curriculum

Youth & Social Innovation

The Youth and Social Innovation major is for undergraduate students who are passionate about making a contribution to youth. The curriculum is built around three core areas:

- 1) Youth Development (primarily ages eight to 25 years, but also younger children): understanding dynamic processes of biological, social, emotional, and cognitive development, with a focus on how youths' assets and school/community settings influence youth outcomes
- 2) Social Innovation: enhancing youth development through systematic approaches to developing and refining youth experiences or programs, with attention to what works for different youth in diverse settings and contexts
- 3) Policy: understanding how regulations and rules that affect schools and organizations serving youth are developed, and understanding the effects of those policies on youth outcomes

WHY STUDY YSI?

YSI students will acquire a foundational understanding of youth development and the social and cultural challenges that impact youth trajectory. They'll gain critical conceptual and practical skills in the development, implementation, and evaluation of programs and policy designed to address these challenges. Students will have ongoing opportunities in research labs and practicum placements to deepen their understanding of youth programming in and out of school.

Undergraduate training in Youth and Social Innovation provides preparation for students who wish to pursue careers that focus on youth, including:

- YOUTH PROGRAMMING**
- PUBLIC POLICY**
- RESEARCH & EVALUATION**
- EDUCATION**
- DESIGN THINKING**

Kinesiology

Kinesiology is an academic discipline which involves the study of physical activity and its impact on health, society and quality of life. As an undergraduate studying Kinesiology, you will establish a strong foundation in studies of biology, anatomy, exercise physiology, contemporary health issues, nutrition, athletic injuries, motor development and neuromuscular bases of human movement. This foundation can lead to a career in a wide variety of areas.

A number of outside experts contribute to the education of our students by teaching part-time, presenting guest lectures, accepting practicum students, and collaborating on research.

WHY STUDY KINESIOLOGY?

Every Kinesiology student will complete a hands-on practicum related to their career goals. A wide variety of practicum sites are available, including physical therapy clinics, sports performance labs, medically-supervised exercise programs, fitness centers, and schools settings. As a Kinesiology major, students get the opportunity to work with athletes, healthy adults, clinical populations, and/or children. Students work side-by-side with experienced professionals in the field, including physical therapists, athletic trainers, exercise physiologists, nurses, physicians, dietitians, and teachers.

Undergraduate training in Kinesiology provides preparation for students who wish to pursue careers in:

- ATHLETIC TRAINING
- MEDICINE
- PERSONAL TRAINING
- NUTRITION
- TEACHING HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- COACHING
- EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY
- FITNESS
- PHYSICAL THERAPY

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Speech Pathology & Audiology

Communication skills affect not only learning, but also everyday quality of life. Communicating effectively and effortlessly is a gift that not everyone shares, unfortunately. By helping those who struggle with various speech communication disorders, Speech Language Pathologists, Audiologists and those involved with research provide an invaluable service.

In the undergraduate speech pathology and audiology program we provide preprofessional learning experiences to prepare you for graduate studies in either speech-language pathology or audiology. We emphasize math, biological and behavioral sciences, basic human communication sciences, and critical thinking.

WHY STUDY SPEECH PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY?

Communication is an essential aspect of human existence. Through communication, we learn, share, achieve, develop relationships, and serve one another. As a speech-language pathologist (SLP) you'll evaluate and diagnose speech, language, voice, cognitive-communication and swallowing disorders. You'll treat people of all ages ranging from infants to elderly individuals and counsel patients and their family members. You'll most likely work as part of a multidisciplinary team set on enhancing people's lives and making their worlds just a little bit better.

Majoring in Speech Pathology & Audiology (SP&A) is a first step to a career as a speech language pathologist, an audiologist, a deaf educator, or as a speech, voice or hearing scientist.

We prepare you to choose from three career paths:

- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
- AUDIOLOGY
- SPEECH & HEARING-SCIENCE



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