

BILINGUAL EDUCATION (SUPPLEMENTAL), MINOR

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee offers coursework for a supplemental certification in Bilingual Education. This program is designed for individuals who wish to teach in a classroom in which two languages (English and another language) are used for instruction. Students wishing to pursue this certification must be in process of or already have a certification.

Requirements

Criminal Background Check

Criminal Background Check (CBC). For all students, a background check shall be completed no more than 6 months prior to the date of admission (advance to professional sequence) into the educator preparation program. The background check shall include a review of criminal conduct at the state and federal levels.

Professional Sequence

Students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all professional education courses.

Code	Title	Credits
CURRINS 541	Principles and Methods of Teaching ESL *	3
CURRINS 542	History and Politics of Second Language Education *	3
CURRINS 543	Developing Biliteracy *	3
CURRINS 546	Language, Content, and Comprehensible Input *	3
CURRINS 655	Applied Educational Linguistics *	3
Student Teaching ‡		
CURRINS 350	Field Seminar in Language Education (Taken concurrently with CURRINS 442)	1
CURRINS 442	Student Teaching in Bilingual Education	3
CURRINS 445	Seminar in Language Education	3
Total Credits		22

* Content area course.

‡ Students must complete an application to request/be assigned a student teaching placement. To be approved for placement, additional criteria must be met. See Benchmarks (p. 1) for details.

Additional Requirements for Certification

- Oral Proficiency Interview.
- Undergraduate students must meet the graduation and certification requirements for their primary certification.
- Teachers with a World Language Spanish and Bilingual license can teach both Spanish as a World Language and Spanish for Native Speakers courses. The Bilingual license does not certify them to teach academic content outside of Spanish content.
- Successfully complete the content knowledge requirement for your program through one of the following:
 - Minimum 3.0 GPA in content coursework.
 - Successful performance on a proficiency test as applicable.

- Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all UWM and transfer courses.
- Demonstrate successful completion of the Pedagogical Knowledge Assessment (PKA).
- Meet all applicable Wisconsin statutory and testing requirements.
- Complete approved coursework in the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of American Indian tribes and bands located in Wisconsin, met through one of the following:

Code	Title	Credits
AIS 276	Introduction to American Indian Literature: (topic: History, Literature & Sovereignty of Wisconsin Tribes (GER-CP) ^{SR-3(a)}	3
ANTHRO 213	American Indian Peoples of Wisconsin (GER-CP) ^{SR-3(a)}	3
ENGLISH 276	Introduction to American Indian Literature: (topic: History, Literature & Sovereignty of Wisconsin Tribes (GER-CP) ^{SR-3(a)}	3
HIST 263	North American Indian History Since 1887 (GER-CP) ^{SR-3(a)}	3
ACT 31: History, Culture and Sovereignty Rights of Wisconsin Indians Workshop ^{SR-3(a)}		
Or an approved equivalent		

SR-3(a) Statutory Requirements-Equity (a)

Benchmarks

Student Teaching

Prior to requesting/being assigned a student teaching placement, students must:

- Demonstrate Foreign Language Proficiency - A minimum score of Intermediate-High on the ACTFL OPI or equivalent is required prior to student teaching placement. Submit scores from your language proficiency test to your academic advisor.
- Complete and submit an application. Deadlines for submission are posted by the Office of Clinical Experiences. (<http://uwm.edu/education/academics/clinical-experiences/>)

To be approved, students must **ALSO** meet the following criteria:

- Be advanced to the professional sequence.
- Complete all required coursework. An exception to allow a student to take a course concurrently with student teaching requires approval by the student's faculty advisor.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on all undergraduate coursework, including transfer courses.
- Have a minimum 2.75 GPA in all content area and professional education courses.
- Removal of all F and/or I (incomplete) grades.
- TB test results submitted to the Office of Clinical Experiences (may take up to 6 weeks).
- Criminal Background Check submitted to the Office of Clinical Experience.

Student Advising and Support Services

At the College of Community Engagement and Professions (CCEP), your success is our priority. Our dedicated student advising and support services team is here to help you navigate your academic journey, from your first semester through graduation.

Whether you're exploring majors, planning your course schedule, or preparing for your career, our advisors offer personalized guidance tailored to your goals. You'll also find a range of support services designed to help you thrive—academically, personally, and professionally. We're committed to providing a welcoming, inclusive environment where every student feels seen, supported, and empowered to succeed.

For more information, visit the [CCEP Student Advising & Support Services website](https://uwm.edu/community-engagement-professions/about/student-advising-support-services/) (<https://uwm.edu/community-engagement-professions/about/student-advising-support-services/>).

Email: ccep-advising@uwm.edu | **Phone:** 414-229-4707

Graduate Advising

If you are a School of Education graduate student, you may schedule an appointment with your faculty advisor by contacting your faculty advisor directly. Faculty contact information can be found in the Directory (<https://uwm.edu/education/directory/>). Your faculty advisor will be listed in your PAWS account.