

Grinnell College Education Department

Secondary Teaching Licensure Program Advising Guide

#157 5-12 American Government – Updated February 2021

This worksheet will assist you and your advisor in planning your courses.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REQUIRED COURSES FOR LICENSURE

Introductory Required Courses			
	EDU 101	Principles of Education in a Pluralistic Society	4 credits
	EDU 102	Participant Observation in Schools	2 credits

Four credits from the following:			
	EDU 210	Historical Perspectives on U.S. Education	4 credits
	EDU 211	The Politics of Educational Assessment	4 credits
	EDU 213	Cultural Politics of Language Teaching	4 credits
	EDU 214	Critical Literacy	4 credits
	EDU 215	Reading and Writing Youth and Youth Cultures	4 credits
	EDU 217	Comparative and International Education	4 credits
	EDU 218	Place Based Education	4 credits
	EDU 295	Education Special Topic	2-4 credits

Education Department Upper-Level Required Courses			
	EDU 221	Educational Psychology	4 credits
	EDU 250	Differentiating Instruction for All Students	4 credits
	EDU 340	Research and Methods in Teaching the Young Adult	4 credits
	EDU 343	Research and Methods in the Teaching and Learning in the Social Studies	2 credits

Student Teaching Semester Courses			
	EDU 460	Seminar in Teaching the Young Adult	2-4 credits
	EDU 469	Student Teaching Internship in the Disciplines	4-8 credits

K-12 FIELD EXPERIENCE

80 hours of K-12 based field experience are also required. 10 of those hours must be completed in an ethno-racially, linguistically, and/or culturally diverse placement.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete coursework in each of the following content areas. AP credit, courses taken S/D/F, and courses taken at other institutions can fulfill these requirements.

	American History or Government
	Humanities
	Mathematics
	Biological Science
	Physical Science
	Demonstrated Proficiency in Writing (met by Tutorial)

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Special topics courses (295, 395), OCS coursework, independent, directed and mentored advanced projects (299, 399, 499), and other classes with relevant content to the endorsement area may serve as substitutions if those courses are reviewed and granted permission by the appropriate education department faculty member. Permission to substitute courses must be granted in writing and recorded in the student's electronic folder.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Students may choose among two options for completing their content-area requirements for their American Government endorsement at Grinnell College.

Option 1- Total Credit Hours-24

Completion of 24 semester hours in American Government to include the following courses:

Introduction to Political Science- 4 credits			
	POL 101	Introduction to Political Science	4 credits

American Government- 16 credits			
	POL 216	Politics of Congress	4 credits
	POL 219	Constitutional Law & Politics	4 credits
	POL 220	Foundations of Policy Analysis	4 credits
	POL 237	Political Parties	4 credits
	POL 239	The Presidency	4 credits
	POL 310	Advanced Seminar in American Politics	4 credits
	POL 319	Advanced Seminar in Constitutional Law	4 credits

One of the following- 4 credits			
	POL 250	Politics of International Relations	4 credits
	POL 251	International Political Economy	4 credits
	POL 350	International Politics of Land and Sea Resources	4 credits
	POL 352	Advanced Seminar in the U.S. Foreign Policymaking Process	4 credits
	POL 354	Political Economy of Development	4 credits

Option 2- Total Credit Hours-30

Completion of thirty semester hours in the broad area of Social Studies (American Government, American History, Anthropology, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, World History) to include fifteen hours semester hours in American Government:

Introduction to Political Science- 4 credits			
	POL 101	Introduction to Political Science	4 credits

American Government- 12 credits			
	POL 216	Politics of Congress	4 credits
	POL 219	Constitutional Law & Politics	4 credits
	POL 220	Foundations of Policy Analysis	4 credits

	POL 237	Political Parties	4 credits
	POL 239	The Presidency	4 credits
	POL 310	Advanced Seminar in American Politics	4 credits
	POL 319	Advanced Seminar in Constitutional Law	4 credits

Electives in Social Studies- 14 credits			
			4 credits
			4 credits
			4 credits
			2-4 credits