MAJORING IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

Students in America’s secondary schools have diverse opportunities to acquire an education that will serve them well throughout their lives. New technology and expanding horizons of knowledge shape today’s middle and high school classrooms. Effective teachers who are knowledgeable in their subject areas know how to teach it and who care about their students make these classrooms come alive.

You may be interested in a career in secondary education because you clearly remember your own effective teachers. These teachers were effective because they knew their subject matter and they possessed the skills necessary to make these subjects interesting to you. You respected these teachers because they maintained high standards, and they cared about you and helped you achieve those standards. In the Department of Teaching and Learning, we care about our students. Our goal is to help our students become effective teachers who are skilled in the science and art of teaching, who are experts in their subject area, and who genuinely care about today’s youth. Our faculty is committed to assisting prospective secondary teachers to become competent, dedicated professional teachers. If you desire to join the ranks of effective teachers, and to make a difference in the lives of adolescents, please consider majoring in secondary education at UNLV.

THE CURRICULUM

Two degrees are offered in Secondary Education at UNLV: the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science. Most students earn the B.S. degree, because education is a social science. Some students opt for the B.A., which requires foreign language.

The Department of Teaching and Learning maintains a field–based program ensuring lots of hands-on experience in middle and high school classrooms. Through these experiences in classrooms, students become familiar with teachers and teaching, students and learning, and everyday life in schools. Thus, students pursuing a career in secondary education experience both traditional academic coursework and direct mentoring and supervision from teachers in the profession. Our goal is to provide a balance between theoretical and practical aspects of teaching and learning. We believe this represents the very best preparation possible.

In addition to general academic requirements and professional education courses, students must complete a teaching field. Students interested in teaching more than one area have the option of selecting a second teaching field.
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Secondary teachers interested in teaching in Nevada are enjoying a steady rate of employment. A high percentage of our graduates are readily employed by the Clark County School District, with those pursuing English, mathematics, and science in most demand at this time. The current effort to attract high-tech industry to Nevada will increase the need for teachers in the state—not only in science and mathematics, but also in other areas. Additionally, teachers of English as a second language are in demand. Although most graduates enter public school teaching, other opportunities exist for people interested in teaching in private educational settings.

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

John Dewey

FACILITIES AND FACULTY

UNLV’s well-equipped William D. Carlson Education Building provides excellent facilities that include resources for implementing state-of-the-art computer based instructional techniques.

Faculty involved with the secondary education program represent a cross-section of expertise. Although teaching is the primary focus, these faculty also provide sound advisement, pursue research and scholarship, and serve on committees with local, state and national professional organizations. Their primary objective is to provide a solid teacher education program.

THE UNLV CAMPUS

UNLV is committed to academic excellence in each of its more than 200 undergraduate and graduate programs. Following a decade of unprecedented growth in enrollment and facilities, the campus is now focusing its resources on those qualities which make a university great: its academic offerings, its faculty, and its students. All academic programs at UNLV are fully accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

UNLV is located on a 332-acre main campus and two satellite campuses in dynamic Southern Nevada. The university is classified in the category of Research Universities (high research activity) by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

ABOUT UNLV:
Student Enrollment: 27,000+
Degree Programs: Over 200
Undergraduate, Master’s, and Doctoral
Student to Faculty Ratio: 21:1

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