

Transition to Teaching

The Transition to Teaching (T2T) program is an alternate licensure program designed for individuals with an earned undergraduate degree prior to enrollment. The program is a 18-credit hour course sequence housed in the College of Education. In addition to 15-credit hours of coursework in pedagogy, students complete SS601 Content Methods for Alternative Licensure as part of the curriculum. To learn more about T2T, please contact the Education Student Services office at 812.237.3131.

Social Studies & T2T

The social studies program provides licensure in three of the following IPSB recognized content areas: Economics, Geography, Government, History, Psychology, and Sociology. All program participants must be eligible to meet the performance-based standards in three areas to successfully complete the program. The general admissions guidelines for the social studies program are outlined below. If you have any questions concerning the guidelines, please contact the program coordinator, Dr. Dan Clark dclark14@isugw.indstate.edu

SSE Transition to Teaching Program

Admissions Guidelines

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The adopted guidelines are to be considered the minimum for admission to the transition to teaching program. In some cases, exceptional candidates with unique experiences (including advanced degrees, exceptional undergraduate performance, or similar conditions) may be admitted provided they have met the core requirements concerning GPA and minimum course requirements in at-least two areas with a third area cluster of readily identifiable courses. However, the flexibility of these guidelines is heavily dependent upon the overall strength of the application packet with an emphasis on the academic record of the applicant.

I. COURSEWORK, TRANSCRIPTS & GPA

Admission to the social studies transition to teaching (T2T) program requires all of the following conditions be met: a) Applicants must have completed coursework in at-least 4 of the 6 recognized licensure areas; b) Applicants must adhere to the 3-area pattern of licensure; c) Applicants must have a major in one of the licensure areas; d) Applicants must have minor(s) in one (or two) of the licensure areas; e) Applicants must have a cluster of 4-5 courses in the third area including the foundational courses, if no second minor exists. If history is the selected third area, applicants must have at-least 6 courses including all four foundational courses (HIST101, 102, 201, & 202 or equivalent) (*see also related coursework and deficiencies below*); f) Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA in each area of licensure and all non-licensure social studies coursework; and g) The applicant's overall transcripts must demonstrate an ability to work independently (i.e., no excessive withdrawals, etc...).

II. EXPERIENCE v. NO EXPERIENCE

The ISU T2T guidelines provide for differing overall undergraduate GPA requirements for applicants with experience (2.5) and without (3.0). The non-experience standard of a 3.0 overall undergraduate GPA will be applied to all applicants except in those cases where an applicant has:

- a) Substitute taught for 5 or more years in the secondary environment; b) Been employed as a non-teaching staff member in a secondary-environment for 5 or more years; or
- c) Been directly employed as a professional "historian", "political scientist" "economist", "geographer", "sociologist", or "psychologist" for 5 or more years. Experience in the discipline will be limited to positions related to "research," "teaching," or positions with explicit "job titles." For example, the government designation "Geographer I" or the job title "Public Historian".

III. RELATED COURSEWORK

In the case of the third licensure area, a cluster of courses may be difficult to define. For this reason, the coordinator may—at her or his discretion—apply related coursework to a third area of licensure (except history) provided all other requirements detailed above are satisfied. Examples include:

- Indiana University SPEA courses counted as political science;
- Criminology courses counted as sociology;
- Earth science as geography; and
- Purdue's AGEC courses counted as economics.

Please note, the following areas will not normally be counted as "related" coursework: "educational psychology", "military science", "counseling", or "social work". In all cases, the specific title of the course will be a key determinant of licensure-area assignment.

IV. DEFICIENCIES & PREREQUISITES

In those cases where the third area is not well defined, students will be admitted with deficiencies (i.e., required courses) not to exceed 2 courses. In all other cases, applicants with a second or third area deficiency will not be approved for admission. Individuals who have been denied admission will be referred to the current undergraduate major.