PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education degree is for students interested in teaching a particular subject in grades 6-12. Students will teach English or social studies (social studies students may teach economics, geography, government, history, psychology and/or sociology). In addition, a K-12 program is available in Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish). For information on teaching mathematics or the sciences, see OSUTeach. The last semester of the program is dedicated to the student-teaching experience, during which, students even have the opportunity to student teach abroad if they wish.

Students will leave OSU with a bachelor’s degree in secondary education and will have already passed two of the three required teacher certification exams prior to graduation. Our graduates find employment in both public and private schools, in Oklahoma and across the nation. The Secondary Education Program is an accredited program.

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OSU TEACH

The OSUTeach program, a collaboration between the College of Education, Health and Aviation and the College of Arts and Sciences, offers Secondary Teacher Certification options for degrees in biological science, chemistry, geology (choice of earth/space science or physical science), mathematics and physics. Core elements of the OSUTeach program include research based strategies for teaching and learning mathematics and science, extensive field teaching experience and personal guidance from master teachers and faculty. Students take two recruitment courses of one credit hour each, with a $125 scholarship for completing each course, so they may try out teaching without a financial commitment. Preparation includes clinical experiences in elementary, middle and high school classrooms under the guidance of master teachers. The OSUTeach degrees allow students to earn full teaching certification without added time or cost.

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NATIONAL JOB OUTLOOK & WAGES

Employment of high school teachers is projected to grow 8 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

Median Wages (2016)
$58,030 annually

OKLAHOMA MEDIAN WAGES

First year teachers in the public schools of Oklahoma shall receive in salary and/or fringe benefits not less than the amount of $31,600. When determining minimum salary, “fringe benefits” shall mean only the employee’s share of retirement, if paid by the district.

Median Wages (2016)
$42,460 annually
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TEACHING

Students may perform their clinical internship (student teaching) abroad in either Costa Rica or Mexico. The goal of the international internship program is to expand students’ personal and professional experience, and enrich their global perspectives as teachers. In addition, this experience can help students incorporate international teaching opportunities in their careers. education.okstate.edu/is/abroad

URBAN TEACHING PROGRAM

OSU and Tulsa Public Schools (TPS) have formed a partnership to prepare teachers for the urban classroom. Students complete field experiences in TPS partner schools and participate in TPS professional development alongside TPS teachers, then student teach in the TPS school district. Successful program graduates will be given priority-hiring status. education.okstate.edu/peu/tps

TEACH GRANT

The U.S. Department of Education’s Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH Grant) Program provides funds to students who are completing or plan to complete coursework that is required to begin a career in teaching, and who agree to teach full time for at least four years as a highly qualified teacher, at a school serving low-income students and in a high-need field. financialaid.okstate.edu/aid/grants/teach

LIVING LEARNING PROGRAM

The Education, Health and Aviation Living Learning Program (LLP) is a residential community for students with a declared major in the College of Education, Health and Aviation (EHA). Located on the third floor of Village E, this LLP provides students with an opportunity to meet fellow EHA students, faculty and staff. A focus is placed on leadership development, resources/strategies for academic success and personal growth. Community-building is paramount with a focus on creating meaningful relationships through genuine interactions. education.okstate.edu/llp

COURSE PREVIEW

- Role of Teacher in American Schools
- Teaching and Learning in the Secondary School
- Classroom Management in the Multicultural PK-12/Secondary School
- Applications of Educational Technologies
- Psychology of Adolescence

SIMILAR OCCUPATIONS*

- Career and Technical Education Teachers
- Childcare Workers
- Elementary, Middle and High School Principals
- Instructional Coordinators
- Kindergarten and Elementary School Teachers
- Librarians
- Middle School Teachers
- Postsecondary Teachers
- Preschool Teachers
- School and Career Counselors
- Social Workers
- Special Education Teachers

*Some occupations may require additional education.