

## General Background and Teaching Subject Course Information

For admission to the Teacher Education (BEd) program at Western University:

- You must complete your undergraduate degree at an accredited university by August 31, 2023. Your degree must be conferred no later than Fall 2023. We give preference to students who have a four-year degree and/or have completed the equivalent of 20 full credits or more.
- You must successfully complete 10 full undergraduate university credits (or the equivalent) by August 31, 2023. We do not accept transfer credits from community colleges and Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel (CEGEPs).
- You must have a minimum average of 70% in your best 10 full undergraduate courses (or the equivalent).
- If you are applying to the Primary/Junior (P/J) program, it is strongly recommended that you complete at least one-half undergraduate or graduate credit in *four or more* of the following six **general background areas** (English, Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, Social Science/Humanities).
- If you are applying to the Junior/Intermediate (J/I) and Intermediate/Senior (I/S) programs, you must have a minimum average of 70% in those courses supporting your **teaching subject(s)**.
- Although we do not include courses taken after August 2022 in the calculation of your admission average, **we will count these courses in support of your teaching subject(s) and general background areas.**

Both general background areas and teaching subject(s) have **core** and **related** courses that can be used in your evaluation.

**Core courses** are those courses offered in a department directly related to your teaching subject (e.g., English 1020 in the Department of English).

A **related course** is a course with considerable content in your chosen teaching subject but that perhaps is offered in a different department and may be used towards the teaching subject (e.g., Classical Studies for History).

*The charts below provide examples of acceptable related courses, and meant to be used as guide. These lists of courses are by no means exhaustive. If you have a course from a related area that you believe meets the requirement, you can upload a detailed course description using the SAM Tool on the [TEAS application](#) to be reviewed as part of your application.*

### Primary/Junior and Junior/Intermediate General Background Areas:

General Background Areas (Core Area)	Related Area
<b>English</b>	Comparative Literature Literature courses from any subject area <i>Note: Courses not acceptable: English culture; linguistics; writing courses for business and science; and university essay courses.</i>
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Dance Drama(offered through Theatre Arts or Drama Department) Music Music History Visual Arts Visual Arts History
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education</b>	Kinesiology Nutrition Health Studies, Health Sciences Mental Health Human Kinetics Human Sexuality Sports Management

<b>Mathematics</b>	Statistics (Quantitative) Computational Sciences focused on Math History/Philosophy of Math
<b>Science</b>	Astronomy Biology Chemistry Earth Sciences Environmental Science History of Science History of Medicine Physics Physiology Geology Zoology
<b>Social Science/Humanities</b>	(Canadian History OR Canadian Geography recommended) Anthropology History Classical Studies Criminology Culture Philosophy Psychology Organizational Behaviour Political Science Law Sociology Social Justice Women's Studies

If you are applying to Primary/Junior French, please also reference the French area of the Junior/Intermediate and Intermediate/Senior Teaching Subjects chart.

**Junior/Intermediate and Intermediate/Senior Teaching Subjects:**

In addition to having four or more general background areas, if you are applying to Junior/Intermediate, you need to have four full (4.0) undergraduate or graduate level credits to support your selected teaching subject. It is strongly recommended you have three full (3.0) credits in the core area and *no more than one full (1.0) related area*.

If you are applying to Intermediate/Senior stream, you need to have five full (5.0) undergraduate or graduate level credits with three full (3.0) credits in the core area and *no more than two full (2.0) related credits*. To meet the subject requirements for a second teaching subject, you need to have a three full (3.0) undergraduate or graduate level credits with two full (2.0) in the core course and *no more than one full related credit*

Teaching Subject (Core Area)	Related Area
<b>Economics</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Labour Market Economics Marketing Economics Financial Economics Political Economy Health Economics Economic Geography Engineering Economics
<b>English</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Comparative Literature Literature courses from any subject area

	<i>Note: Courses not acceptable: English culture; linguistics; writing courses for business and science; and university essay courses.</i>
<b>Environmental Science</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Environmental Geography Environmental Geology Environmental Physics Environmental Biology
<b>Family Studies</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Family Law Child and Youth Studies Family-focused Psychology Family-focused Sociology Human Sexuality Multiculturalism Foods and Nutrition
<i>Family Studies Note: Applicants with course credits in the following areas receive preference for admission to Family Studies as a first or second teaching subject:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Child and Family Development</i></li> <li>• <i>Clothing and Textiles</i></li> <li>• <i>Family Resource Management (Consumer Economics)</i></li> <li>• <i>Foods and Nutrition Housing and Interior Design</i></li> </ul>	
<b>French as a Second Language</b> <i>(for Primary/Junior French, Junior/Intermediate, and Intermediate/Senior)</i>	French Civilization French History French Culture
<i>French as a Second Language (as either a first or second teaching subject) Note:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Normally, 5 full French courses (or the equivalent), at least 2 of which must be language courses, are required for admission.</i></li> <li>• <i>One or more full course equivalents in French Literature are desirable for those hoping to teach in French immersion settings.</i></li> <li>• <i>Fluent French speakers who do not have university-level French courses may apply for special consideration, prior to the application deadline, by emailing Western.</i></li> <li>• <i>The Faculty of Education reserves the right to test you (fee required) to ensure you meet the required standard.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Geography</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Environmental Studies Urban Planning Global Studies Earth Sciences Climate Studies
<i>Geography Note: Preference is given to applicants with Canadian Geography</i>	
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education:</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Kinesiology Nutrition Health Studies, Health Sciences Mental Health Human Kinetics Sports Management <i>Note: Human Sexuality is NOT accepted as a teaching subject course UNLESS offered by Kinesiology</i>
<i>Health &amp; Physical Education Note: Applicants with 3 or more activity course credits receive preference for admission to Health &amp; Physical Education as a first or second teaching subject</i>	
<b>History</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Canadian Studies Classical Studies Medieval Studies Historical Indigenous Studies History-focused Political Science

	Social History (race, gender, ethnicity, and class)
<i>History Note: Applicants with course credits in Canadian History receive preference for admission to History as a first or second teaching subject.</i>	
<b>Law</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Labour Studies Law and Society Law and Politics Criminal Justice Human Rights Philosophy of Law
<b>Mathematics</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Statistics (Quantitative) Mathematical Computational Sciences Actuarial Science Applied Mathematics Engineering Sciences Mathematical Economics
<i>Mathematics Note: Applicants with at least 1 full course credit in senior Mathematics receive preference for admission to Mathematics as a first or second teaching subject.</i>	
<b>Music – Instrumental and Music – Vocal</b> <i>(for Junior/Intermediate and Intermediate Senior)</i>	
<p>Music – Instrumental Note: Courses should include at least 1 Instrumental Conducting course, several minor instrument courses in Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion, and 1 Music Theory course.</p> <p>Music – Vocal Note: Courses should include at least 1 Choral or Vocal Techniques course, 1 Choral Conducting course, and 1 Music Theory course.</p>	
<b>Philosophy</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Ethics Religious Studies Human Rights Philosophy courses from other subject areas (e.g., Feminist Philosophy)
<b>Politics</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Human Rights Global Studies Political Philosophy
<b>Religious Education in Catholic Schools</b> <i>(for Junior/Intermediate and Intermediate Senior)</i>	Religious Studies World Religions
<p><i>Religious Education in Catholic Schools Note: Five full courses (or the equivalent) with Roman Catholic content are required. Applicants with course credits in the following areas receive preference for admission to Religious Education in Catholic Schools:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Catholic Church Teachings in Morality and Social Justice</i></li> <li>• <i>Old and New Testament Studies</i></li> <li>• <i>Sexuality and Marriage in the Catholic Tradition</i></li> <li>• <i>The Sacraments</i></li> <li>• <i>Vatican II Theology</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Religious Education is offered as a teaching subject only for Roman Catholic schools; student teaching in this subject area will occur in Roman Catholic elementary schools only.</i></p>	
<b>Science – Biology</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Anatomy Biochemistry Biophysics Botany Environmental Science Microbiology Physiology

	Plant Science Zoology
<b>Science – Chemistry</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Biochemistry Geochemistry Chemical Engineering
<b>Science – General</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Health Sciences
<i>Science – General Notes: Applicants with course credits in the following areas receive preference for admission to Science – General as a first or second teaching subject: Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Sciences, Environmental Science, and Physics.</i>	
<b>Science – Physics</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Biophysics Physics-focused Engineering Sciences Geophysics
<b>Social Sciences – General</b> <i>(for Intermediate/Senior only)</i>	Global Studies Indigenous Studies Classical Studies Social Work Family Law
<i>Social Sciences – General Note: At least 1 full credit from each of the areas of Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology is preferred. Social Sciences – General is an optional subject in the high school curriculum, and entry to this teaching subject is limited. We advise you to select this as a second teaching subject only.</i>	