# Secondary Education, 2nd BA, 2nd BS

**Department:** School of Teacher Education and Leadership
**College:** Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Human Services

## Overview

### About This Degree

The second bachelor's degree in secondary education is designed for students who have earned their first bachelor's in a subject taught in secondary schools. They can complete this degree and take the courses needed to qualify for licensure to teach in middle schools and high schools.

Qualifying subject areas include chemistry, English, geography, history, health education, mathematics, physics, biology, theater arts, certain foreign languages, and more. Since each student's academic background is different, they will need to see an advisor for more information on approved teaching areas and to create an individualized plan of study.

The length of time required to complete the program varies, but if students have already completed the coursework required for an approved teaching major and minor in their first bachelor's degree, they will only have to complete the teacher education courses and student teaching, which takes approximately three semesters. Typically the program takes longer than this, as most students need to take additional courses in their chosen teaching major area or complete a teaching minor in its entirety.

Students receive a second **BS** by completing all required courses in the major. To receive a second **BA**, students must also gain proficiency in one or more foreign languages.

## Career Options

Students who graduate with this degree are qualified for licensure to teach their respective subject areas in middle schools or high schools.

Career Services provides counseling and information on hundreds of job and internship opportunities and even helps students apply and interview.

## What it takes

### Admissions Requirements

In addition to Utah State University's admissions requirements, students in the secondary education second bachelor's must be accepted into the STEP program:

- **STEP Requirements:** In order to be accepted into STEP, students must go through an application process, which includes the following:
  - Complete a speech and hearing test
  - Pass the Teacher Education Writing Exam
  - Provide an unofficial copy of transcript
  - Pass a criminal background check

International students have additional admissions requirements.

### Major Requirements

Click here to see course requirements for the **Second Bachelor or Arts**.

Click here to see course requirements for the **Second Bachelor of Science**.

## Contact

## Advisor(s)

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# Get Involved

## Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, and Clubs

Under the broad discipline of education, there are many professional organizations specific to different areas of interest and expertise. Students are encouraged to become members of organizations that are relevant to their area of study.