Siena College’s Teacher Preparation Program consists of a minimum of 30 hours of coursework (including Student Teaching) and 115 hours of fieldwork completed as part of a student’s baccalaureate program. The same requirements apply as a returning student for a person who already holds a baccalaureate degree. Students who apply to this program must complete a major in a content area in order to be eligible to be recommended for Initial New York State teacher certification, grades 7-12, in that content area. Approved certification areas at Siena College are English, Social Studies (which includes History, American Studies, Political Science and Sociology), Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Business and Marketing (including Finance, Economics and Accounting), French, and Spanish.

Students interested in Siena College’s Teacher Preparation Program must complete four 3-credit education core courses as a prerequisite for admission to the program:

**EDUC 210** *– Issues in Contemporary American Education (includes 15 hours of field experience)*

**EDUC 260** *– Educational Psychology (includes 20 hours of field experience)*

**EDUC 261** *– Foundations of Language and Literacy (includes 20 hours of field experience)*

**EDUC 365** *-Exceptional and At-Risk Learners (includes 20 –hours of field experience)*

***Applying to the Teacher Preparation Program- January of Junior Year***

After completing the prerequisite courses, students may apply to the Teacher Preparation Program. Applicants must then be accepted into the program through a process governed by the Education Professions Committee (EPC). This interdisciplinary review committee made up of faculty from the content areas and the Education Department considers many factors, among them:

**Academic record:** Applicants must maintain an Education GPA of at least 3.0 and meet the academic and overall GPA requirements established by their academic departments as outlined in the course catalog;

**Required portfolio:** Items include application, CAPP report, application essay, graded paper from the academic major, resume, and letter of recommendation from a professor in their content specific department;

**Demonstrated success** in working with students in an educational setting as documented by Siena’s Field Experience Activity Record and Assessment (Form E);

**Evaluation and recommendation** by the student’s academic major department and the Education Department;

**Completion of NYS Education Department** **requirements (**including a foreign language requirement) which vary among academic departments.

Once admitted into the Teacher Preparation Program, students enter the **Professional Year (Senior Year)**, which consists of the following:

**Fall Semester**

**EDUC 481** *– Instructional Theory and Practice in Inclusive Classrooms (includes two 20*

*hour field experiences), 3 credits*

**EDUC 482** – *Instructional Theory and Practice in Inclusive Classrooms Lab, 1 credit.*

Note:

* All core/graduation requirements must be completed this semester. You may not take any classes other than those listed spring semester.
* Field experience for EDUC 481 will take place over the course of the semester in the student teaching placement starting in September.

**Spring Semester**

**EDUC 487** *– Clinical Experience in the Middle School, 5 credits***EDUC 488** *– Clinical Experience in the High School, 5 credits*

**EDUC 461** *– Literacy and the Reflective Practitioner, 3 credits*

**EDUC 462** *– Literacy and the Reflective Practitioner Lab, 1 credit*

Please note that the following workshops must be completed during the professional year to be eligible for New York State Certification: Child Abuse Detection and Prevention, School Violence Awareness, and DASA

**Things to Consider:**

* Students working towards certification in Biology, Chemistry and Physics may also want to pursue a second certification in General Science. This would require an additional 18 hours of science in areas other than their academic major.
* Students seeking Physics certification should also consider pursuing a second certification in Math (requires 30 credits of any Math 100 level or above).
* In addition, students may extend their New York State adolescence, grades 7-12 certification to include a grade 5-6 extension by completing the following courses:

**EDUC 385** *– Teaching and Learning in the Middle School (includes a 20-hour*

*field experience), 3 credits*

**EDUC 360** *– Adolescence and Schooling (includes a 20 hour field experience),*

*3 credits*

Note: The grade 5-6 extension is not necessary for students in the Business and Marketing Education Program since that is already a K-12 certification.

* Students interested in serving students whose native language is not English (ENL) should consider taking **EDUC 275**. Those interested in ENL certification at the Master’s level must have 12 credits of foreign language before applying to graduate school.
* Students working toward certification in Math may want to consider adding a Computer Science Minor. Though there is not a NYS certification for Computer Science at this time (but is expected to be adopted in the next few years), having experience may add to the range of subjects one is able to teach.

*Siena College Requirements for Admission into the Teacher Preparation Program*

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| **Major** | **Overall GPA** | **Major GPA** | **Ed Dept**  **GPA**  **(Pedagogical Core)** | **Foreign Language Requirement** | **Major Course Requirements**  **(Content Core)** |
| **English** | 3.0 | 3.15 | 3.0  EDUC 210  EDUC 260  EDUC 261  EDUC 365 | 6 hours in a modern or classical language or American Sign Language | To be accepted into the program, students will be required to demonstrate effective communication skills, and have completed at least five courses in English at Siena.  Consult the College Catalog for specific course requirements. |
| **History** | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.0  EDUC 210  EDUC 260  EDUC 261  EDUC 365 | 6 credit hours in a modern or classical language  (American Sign Language **does** **not** fulfill this requirement) | 39 hours in History, including the College core requirement.  In addition, students must take one course each in economics, political science, and sociology.  Consult the College Catalog for specific course requirements. |
| **American Studies** | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.0  EDUC 210  EDUC 260  EDUC 261  EDUC 365 | 6 credit hours in a modern or classical language  (American Sign Language **does** **not** fulfill this requirement) | American Studies majors seeking initial certification in Social Studies must complete 33 hours in American Studies.  In addition, students must take at least 6 credit hours in European History, and 6 credit hours in non-Western history.  One course each in economics, political science, and sociology are also required for NYS certification. Consult the College Catalog for specific course requirements. |
| **Math** | 2.75 | 2.75 | 3.0  EDUC 210  EDUC 260  EDUC 261  EDUC 365 | NYS requires “College Coursework” in a Language other than English in order to apply for initial teacher certification. | Students must satisfy the requirements of one of the degrees offered by the Math Department and successfully complete the courses Euclidean and Non-Euclidean Geometry and Probability and Statistics. |
| **Biology** | 2.75 | 3.0 | 3.0  EDUC 210  EDUC 260  EDUC 261  EDUC 365 | NYS requires “College Coursework” in a Language other than English in order to apply for initial teacher certification. | Certification students are required to complete all courses required for the major in biology. Instructional Theory and Practice in Science (EDUC—481) will be allowed to substitute for one elective course in biology. |
| **Chemistry** | 2.75 | 2.5 | 3.0  EDUC 210  EDUC 260  EDUC 261  EDUC 365 | NYS requires “College Coursework” in a Language other than English in order to apply for initial teacher certification. | Satisfactory completion of any track for a degree in Chemistry.  The student must also demonstrate strong communication skills. |
| **Physics** | 2.75 | 2.5 | 3.0  EDUC 210  EDUC 260  EDUC 261  EDUC 365 | NYS requires “College Coursework” in a Language other than English in order to apply for initial teacher certification. | Students must complete 30 hours in Physics and the following cognate courses: Calculus I, II, III, Differential Equations, General  Chemistry I, II, and either Electronics or Introduction to Computer Science. |
| **Spanish** | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.0  EDUC 210  EDUC 260  EDUC 261  EDUC 365 | 30 hours in Spanish beyond the elementary level, including SPAN-301, SPAN-340(which must be taken at Siena), SPAN-401 and SPAN-402. | A semester of study abroad for at least one semester is strongly recommended.  Students planning to teach are also advised to take courses in a second foreign language. |
| **French** | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.0  EDUC210  EDUC 260  EDUC 261  EDUC 365 | 30 hours in French beyond the elementary level, includingFREN-301, FREN-410, FREN-401 and FREN-402. | A semester of study abroad for at least one semester and FREN 310 are both strongly recommended.  Students planning to teach are also advised to take courses in a second foreign language. |
| **Marketing and Management** | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0  EDUC 210  EDUC 260  EDUC 261  EDUC 365 | NYS requires “College Coursework” in a Language other than English in order to apply for initial teacher certification. | School of Business majors seeking initial teaching certification in Business and Marketing (all grades) should plan their program jointly with their advisor and the Education Department at Siena. |

**Note:**

**The New York State Education Department defines “acceptable grades” for Teacher Preparation Programs. At the undergraduate level, only courses with a grade of C or above are acceptable toward meeting the content area core and pedagogical core requirements.**