It is highly recommended that prospective University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL) students attending Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) that plan to eventually pursue a Teacher Education degree and Certification to teach in the state of Missouri complete either the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science at SWIC before transferring. For recommendations on specific courses to take within the this Associates program, please contact the Office of Advising & Student Services in the UMSL College of Education at (314) 516-5937 or at oasis@umsl.edu to schedule an appointment with an Education Advisor or find them online.

Degree Options
The UMSL College of Education offers the following Teacher Education degrees:
- Early Childhood Education (B-3) with Special Education
- Elementary Education (1-6) with secondary endorsements in Special Education, TESOL, or both
- Middle School Education (5-9): Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies
- Secondary Education (9-12): Biology, Chemistry, English, Foreign Languages, Math, Physics, or Social Studies
- Physical Education (PK-12)
- Art Education (K-12)
- Music Education (K-12)

More information on these programs can be found here.

Teacher Education Requirements
All Teacher Education students must meet the following requirements to enter the Junior-level of their UMSL degree program:
- A Cumulative College GPA of 2.75 or higher
- An Education GPA of 3.0 or higher
- A Content Area (Middle School and Secondary) GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Complete the Missouri Educator Profile (MEP)
- Achieve a score of 220 or higher on the following five sections of the MoGEA, Missouri General Education Assessment:
  - English
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Writing
- Students must also be able to pass the Family Care Safety Registry background check and a TB Test to enter the UMSL Teacher Education Program.

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