



Become a High School Teacher

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) provides programs leading to an Illinois Professional Educator License at the secondary level, grades 9–12, in five subject areas.

What subject do you want to teach?

English

World Language (Spanish, French, German)

Mathematics

History and Social Sciences (Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology)

Natural Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space, Environmental, Physics)

Major coursework

Content Courses: Classes that give you a thorough understanding of the subject material you will be teaching; these will make up the bulk of your classes.

Professional Education Courses

Courses designed to prepare you to develop the necessary skills required to teach all learners. These include:

- **Methodology**
- **Technology**
- **Classroom Management**
- **Assessment**
- **Teaching Exceptional Students** (English Language Learners, Special Education, Gifted Students, etc.)

Reach out to one of our coordinators listed on the other side to find out more.

Clinical Experiences

Four sequential placements, referred to as clinicals, which take place in a variety of public school settings.

ILAS 201 — An introduction to the classroom that gives you a firsthand look at what teaching and the school context are really like.

ILAS 301 — A more hands-on course in which you will help the teacher and teach lessons you have prepared.

Final Clinical — A clinical in your subject area, the first semester of a year-long placement.

Student Teaching — A 14-16 week experience where you'll take on the roles and responsibilities of a professional educator.



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Our coordinators are happy to answer any questions you may have.

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