

Graduate Internship in Secondary Teaching (GIST)

Graduate Internship in Secondary Teaching (GIST) is a Northwest graduate option designed for the person who wants to become a secondary teacher, and who possesses a college degree (B.S. or B.A.) in a certifiable field but lacks certification to teach. GIST candidates meet the same state and institutional requirements for secondary teacher certification as undergraduate students, but they substitute graduate-level courses for undergraduate-level courses wherever possible. The GIST option should not be confused with the Missouri Alternative Certification Program. The GIST option is restricted to students who are candidates for the M.S.Ed., Teaching: Secondary degree in Agriculture Education, English, History, and Mathematics.

A person with no undergraduate deficiencies who enters GIST in June may complete secondary certification requirements by the following May. An additional summer of study may enable the candidate to complete an M.S.Ed., Teaching: Secondary degree. As a practical matter, however, most candidates should expect a longer period of enrollment because of undergraduate deficiencies in general education and academic specialty requirements.

The option includes a trimester-long teaching internship in a secondary school and a series of professional classes in which GIST candidates enroll along with experienced teachers, allowing the candidates to benefit by working and studying with professional colleagues. All GIST students seeking certification must take and pass the PRAXIS examination.

GIST Option Requirements

Requirement for Missouri Secondary Certification (Professional Certificate I)

EDUC 61-695 Philosophy of Education OR	
EDUC 61-649 Issues in Education	3
EDCI 62-553 Reading Programs in the Secondary School	3
Special Methods Course (580) from area of specialization	2-3
EDUC 61-650 Improvement of Teaching	3
PSYC 08-603 Advanced Educational Psychology	3
PSYC 08-633 Advanced Adolescent Psychology	3
EDCI 62-641 Educating the Exceptional Child	3
EDUC 61-651 Seminar and Practicum in Teaching	3
EDUC 61-690 Internship in Secondary Teaching	8
Total	31-32
Any deficiencies will be added to the total.	

Additional Requirements for M.S.Ed., Teaching Secondary

EDUC 61-682 Improvement of Instruction through Action Research.	2
EDUC 61-683 Action Research Paper.	1
Graduate Courses in Major Area	14-15
Total	17-18