NIU General Education Requirements

Foundation Studies (12)
Required grade of “C” or better
COMS 100
ENGL 103
ENGL 203A, 203B, 203C, or 203D
or ENGL 204 [if placed into ENGL 204]
MATH 101, 155, 206, 210, 211, or 229
or MATH 110+STAT 208

Knowledge Domain Studies (21)

There is a required minimum of 21 semester hours in the three General Education Knowledge Domains that cannot include more than two courses in any one department. A minimum of 6 semester hours in each domain and one additional 3 hour course from any knowledge domain area.

Creativity & Critical Analysis (6)
See catalog for entire list of Creativity & Critical Analysis Courses

ANTH 102, 210
ARTH 282, 292, 294, 340, 350
COMS 220, 230, 356
ENGL 110, 115, 116, 310, 315, 350
EPFE 321, 400, 410 (Major requirement)
[Writing Infused Course]
FLCL 271, FLFR 371, FLIT 272, FLRU 261
HIST 110, 111, 112, 140, 141, 171, 260, 261
IDSP 225, ILAS 100
MHL 220
PHIL 101, 105, 231
POLS 150, 251
TH-D 222, THEA 203
WGST 202

Nature & Technology (6)
BIOS 103 (3) [Recommended]
NUTR 201 (3) [Health minor elective, PRQ: BIOS 103]

Society & Culture (6)
PSYC 102 (3) [Major requirement]
Recommended courses:
EPFE 201 (3)
PHHE 206 (3) [Health minor requirement]

Knowledge Domain Studies Elective (3)
Complete 3 hour elective from one of the areas above
See catalog for entire list of Knowledge Domain Studies

Writing Infused Graduation Requirement

Students entering NIU with 30 or fewer credit hours, excluding credits awarded through NIU’s Credit by Examination Program, must earn credit in two upper-division courses that are designated as: “writing-infused.”

Human Diversity Requirement

All undergraduate students must complete the human diversity baccalaureate requirement either through a designated human diversity course, OR a non-course based experience that is designated as “human diversity.”

Physical Education Requirements (81-82)

Scientific Basis (12-13)
BIOS 311 Functional Human Anatomy (4)
or BIOS 357 Human Anatomy & Physiology (5)
[PRQ: Bios 103 + 105, CHEM 110]
KNPE 314 App Kinesiology (4)
[PRQ: BIOS 311 or 357 & MATH core “C” or better]
KNPE 452 Exercise Physiology (4)
[PRQ: BIOS 311 or 357 & MATH core “C” or better]

Professional Education and Content-Area (45)
Required grade of “C” or better
KNPE 302 Multicultural Dance (3)
[Human Diversity Course]
KNPE 200 Introduction to Physical Education (2)
KNPE 203 Early Clinical PE (1) [CRQ: KNPE 200]
KNPE 235 Fundamental Sport Skills (3)
KNPE 302 Assess in PE School (3) [SPRING ONLY]
KNPE 303 Clinical Exp in PE II (1) [SPRING ONLY]
KNPE 335 Development Skill-Based Approach to Teaching (3)
[PRQ: KNPE 235]
KNPE 340 Growth Motor Develop (3)
KNPE 343 Elem PE Methods (3) [Requirements below]
(FALL ONLY)
KNPE 344 Elem PE Field (1) [Requirements below]
(FALL ONLY)
KNPE 348 Educ Dance Children (2)
KNPE 364 Fitness Ed Methods (3) [PRQ: KNPE 335]
KNPE 365 Adventure Education (3) [PRQ: KNPE 335]
(SPRING ONLY)
[Writing Infused Course]
KNPE 368 Sport Education (3) [PRQ: KNPE 335]
(FALL ONLY)
KNPE 447 Methods of Secondary PE (3)
KNPE 466 Outdoor Environment (1) [Requirements below]
(SPRING ONLY)
KNPE 479 Field Experience in Secondary PE (3)
KNPE 490 Adapted PE (3) [Permission Required]
(FALL ONLY)
KNPE 492 SPEC Clinic (1) [Permission Required]
[CRQ: KNPE 490]
(FALL ONLY)

Permission required for clinical classes:
KNPE 302, 303, 343, 344, 466, 479, 490, 492

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TEACHER LICENSURE/EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS (24)

Select one (3)
EPFE 321  History American Education (3)
EPFE 400  Foundation of Education (3)
EPFE 410  Philosophy of Education (3)
Fulfills KNPE Major and Gen Ed Requirement and Writing Infused Course

Required courses (9)
EPS 405  Human Development (3)
LTIC 301  Teaching Multicultural Perspective (3)
         [Human Diversity Course]
         {SPRING ONLY}
LTRE 311  Content Area Literacy Instruction (3)
         [Permission Required]
         {FALL ONLY}

KNPE: K-12: Student Teaching (12)
KNPE 483  Elementary Student Teaching (6)
         {FALL ONLY}
KNPE 484  Middle School Teaching (6)
         {FALL ONLY}
or KNPE 485  Secondary Student Teaching (6)
         {FALL ONLY}

A minimum of 120 credits must be completed to earn a bachelor’s degree. Consult your academic advisor to determine any additional elective course work required to meet the minimum of 120 credits.

Student Teaching Requirements:
Refer to handbook from student teaching meeting. Submit requirements to Student Teaching Placement Coordinator for permission numbers.

Pre-Requisites/Requirements for Student Teaching
1) Minimum NIU GPA 2.75
2) Create Educator Account through ELIS: http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-Information-System.aspx
3) Successful completion of PE Content Test ILTS 144
4) Negative TB test (tuberculosis). NIU Health Services:
   NIU student with or without NIU Health Insurance - $15.00 fee
5) Valid CPR/1st Aid card each semester with professional clinical coursework
6) Criminal Background Check: To be completed in school districts

Teaching License Application Process:
1) Successfully complete NIU’s graduation requirements
2) Successfully complete EdTPA
3) After NIU recommends you for licensure, you must log into your ELIS educator account and accept entitlement.
4) IMPORTANT: If you apply for licensure before NIU recommends you, you will be evaluated by ISBE which will be 3-6 months longer and require additional money.

ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education) Endorsement Requirements
If you are licensed to teach, you may add an endorsement in your grade range to your current license. Endorsements are awarded through Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Please refer to the current ISBE’s endorsement structure effective September 2016: http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Subsequent-Teaching-Endorsements.aspx

ILTS: Illinois Licensure Test System
TAP Tutoring http://www.teachercertification.niu.edu/teachercertification/
EdTPA Information in student teaching handbook