

College of Education

Undergraduate Orientation
2026

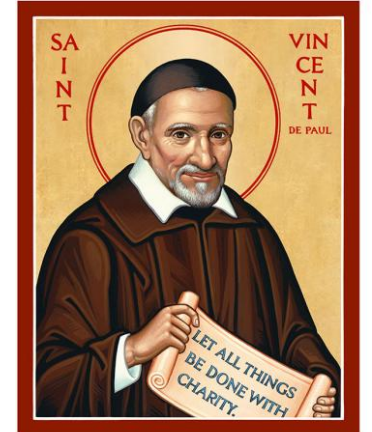


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UNIVERSITY



Who are these people and why do we care?

- **Vincent DePaul** and **Louise de Marillac** worked together for 35 years to improve the lives of the poor and those rejected by society.
- Their spirit and teachings live on in the College of Education.
- You are joining current students, alumni, staff, and faculty in a college guided by these goals:
 - **Justice** – Advocating for equity
 - **Diversity** – Valuing and learning from unique backgrounds
 - **Leadership** – Guiding with integrity and service
 - **Inclusivity** – Creating environments where everyone belongs
 - **Innovation** – Embracing new ideas and technologies to inspire and engage
 - **Collaboration** – Working together with colleagues, communities, and families



What is dialogue? Why dialogue now?

Dialogue is one form of discussion, driven by curiosity and shared humanity, where participants explore a range of perspectives and experiences without the pressure or objective to agree or find resolution.

- **Goals:** Building skills, relationships, and understanding
- **Context:** Needed in our classrooms, our society, and in the future
- **Building a culture:** Centering dialogue practices in our community
- **Opportunities and Programs:** Training for student dialogue facilitators, courses on dialogue, activities and events, practicing dialogue in courses



College of Education Majors

- **Early Childhood Education** (*birth–grade 2*)
- **Elementary Education** (*grades 1–6*)
- **Physical Education** (*grades PK–12*)
- **Secondary Education** (*grades 9–12 or 5–12*)
 - biology, chemistry, English, env science, history, math, physics
social science
- **Special Education** (*grades K–age 22*)
- **Visual Art Education** (*grades PK–12*)
- **World Language Education** (*grades PK–12*)
 - Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish
- **Exercise Science** (*non-licensure*)
 - General concentration
 - Pre-Physical Therapy concentration



Completing Your Program

- DePaul students take 4 courses each quarter. Quarters are 11 weeks long. The academic year is divided into fall quarter, winter quarter, and spring quarter.
- Throughout the 4 years in a bachelor's degree program, students take a mixture of general education courses, education courses, and subject area courses.
- Education programs require completion of coursework, field experience hours, standardized tests (called content area tests) and student teaching.



Grounded in the principle that we become free through knowledge, **the Liberal Studies Program is the foundation of your university education.**



All DePaul undergraduates take courses in the Liberal Studies Program (“LSP”), regardless of college or major.

The **broad scope** of your LSP courses complements the **specificity** of your major to ensure you leave DePaul with a **well-rounded education.**

Through the LSP, you will:

- **explore ideas** across time and space,
- **experience the world** in and beyond Chicago, and
- **develop reflective habits and skills** that will serve you long after you graduate.

The Liberal Studies Program consists of two components: the **Common Core** and the **Learning Domains**.

Courses in the Common Core teach you foundational skills and are ideally taken during specific quarters or years.

Learning domain courses can be taken throughout your time at DePaul and introduce you to the world of ideas across multiple disciplines and ways of thinking.

Your LSP courses are a great way to try out different areas as you fine-tune your degree plan and explore things like minors, additional majors, and certificates.

Your faculty and staff/academic advisors can help you select your LSP courses and discover new areas of interest.

Common Core



Chicago
Quarter



Focal Point
Seminar



First Year
Writing



Quantitative
Reasoning



Seminar on
Race, Power,
and Resistance



Experiential
Learning



Senior
Capstone

Learning Domains



Arts and
Literature



Historical
Inquiry



Philosophical
Inquiry



Social, Cultural
and Behavioral
Inquiry



Religious
Dimensions



Scientific
Inquiry



Math and
Computing

Study Abroad

- Studying abroad can enrich your understanding of our global community. These adventures also build confidence and independence.
- Think of the experiences you can bring into your classroom!
- DePaul offers both short- and long-term programs
- Attend a **Study Abroad 101 session** to learn more.
- Talk to your advisor about how it can fit into your program.



Teacher Education Coursework

- Early Childhood, Elementary, Physical Education, and Special Education majors begin education courses in **freshman year**.
- Secondary Education and World Language majors begin courses in **sophomore or junior year**. Focus on teaching subject or language in first two years.
- Academic advisors are assigned to you to help guide you through your program and assist in directing you to resources throughout the university.



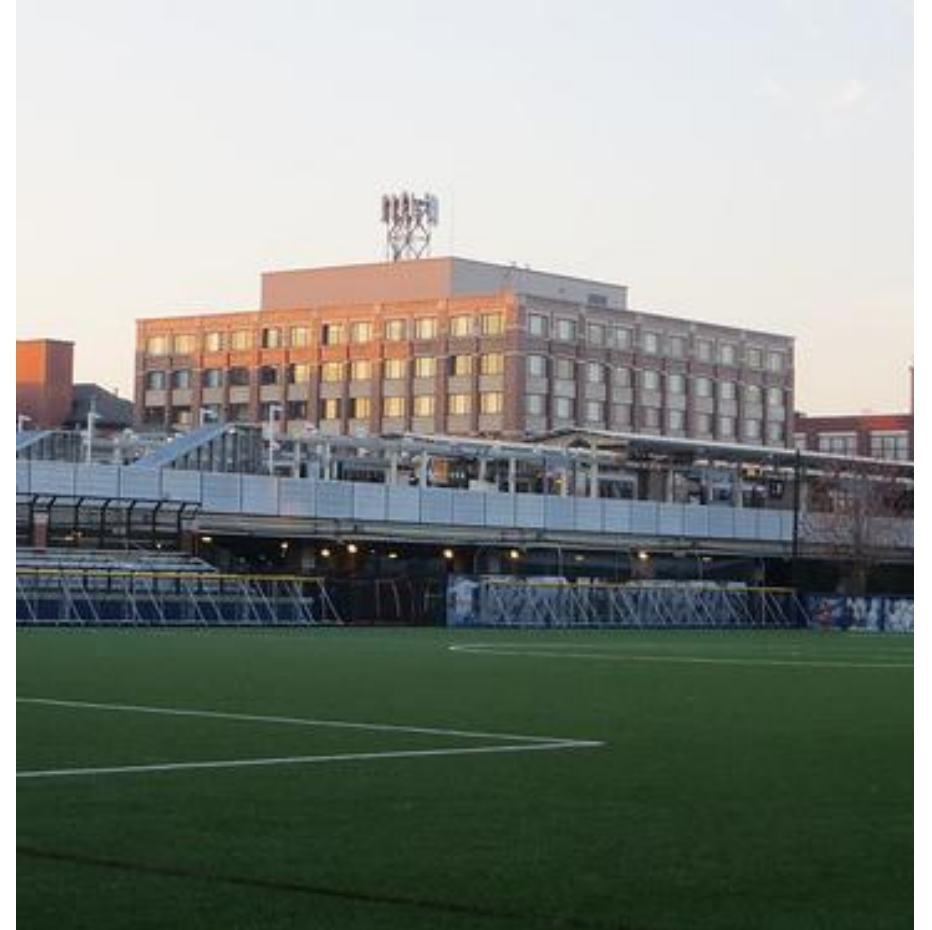
Exercise Science

General Concentration

- Need MAT 130 and MAT 131
- First two Physics classes in sequence
- BIO 201 and 202
- LSE 380 (Philosophy class for all COE students)
- US History
- PSC 120
- Internship during last quarter

Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration

- Need MAT 130 and MAT 131
- One year of each: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Year of Psychology including PSY 240 – Statistics
- LSE 380 (Philosophy class for all COE Students)
- US History
- PSC 120
- Internship during last quarter



OASIS

Offices of Advising, Student Success, Internships & Student Teaching



- OASIS is a group of student service offices within the College of Education to help you through your program. It includes:
 - Academic Advising
 - Academic Success Center
 - Counseling Internships
 - FEST: Field Experience & Student Teaching
- The OASIS office is located at the entry to the College of Education building

Academic Advising

- You will have a **College of Education Academic Advisor** assigned to you for the entirety of your program.
- Advisors specialize in different majors.
- **Check in with your advisor each quarter** to make sure you are on track, making expected progress toward graduation, and are aware of any upcoming deadlines.



Academic Success Center (ASC)

- The ASC provides **tutoring, workshops, academic counseling, and licensure test review.**
- They're located on the 2nd floor of the Education building.



Field Experiences

- **Field experience** is an opportunity to **visit, observe, and practice** within different school settings.
- Every teacher preparation program **requires** field experiences at various schools/sites.
- Field experience hours are **connected to course assignments** and completed in specified courses in each major.
- **Each program requires a specific total amount of field experience hours before student teaching.**
- Classroom hosts are **current teachers** at schools and sites all over Chicagoland!



Student Teaching

- Pre-service educators complete **student teaching** as their final course/experience in their degree program.
- A year in advance of student teaching, students attend a meeting to review all the details and **complete an application**.
- All coursework must be completed and attempts on content tests must be made **in order to be eligible to begin student teaching**.
- The student teaching experience is 11–12 weeks long for an entire quarter, **mentored by a cooperating teacher**.



Licensure & Endorsements

- Upon completing the program students are eligible to apply for their **Professional Education License (PEL)** through the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).
- We assist through the licensure process and submit recommendations for the license to ISBE.
- Students are also eligible for **endorsements** (added teaching credentials) which can be completed during or after the degree program.
 - Recommended endorsement areas include **Bilingual Education, English as a Second Language (ESL), Special Education, and Middle Grades** (for secondary education only).



Licensure Tests

Content Area Test(s)

- Typically taken at end of junior year or beginning of senior year
- First attempts must be made at least one quarter prior to student teaching
- Student take one content area test per endorsement

Coming Up:

Illinois Teacher Performance Assessment (IL-TPA)

- Portfolio demonstrating teaching including planning, instruction, and assessment
- Currently being developed--will begin pilot program in Fall 2026 and go into effect in Fall 2029



Tuition & Scholarships

- Tuition is charged at a **full-time** package rate that covers **12-18 credit hours**.
- Financial aid, scholarships, and payment plans are available.
- Scholarships are available for freshmen and transfers (both internal and external to DePaul).
- **College of Education-specific scholarships are available with application instructions on our webpage.**
- Federal and Illinois-based loan repayment options are available for teachers and public service employees.



BlueMail & COE Weekly E-mails

- As a DePaul student you have been assigned a @depaul.edu email account called your **BlueMail**.
- **All correspondence from the university** will be sent to your DePaul email address.
- **Be sure to check it frequently/daily to make sure you don't miss anything!**
- In the fall, we will begin including you on weekly newsletters and messages to update you on important information, events, and opportunities.
- Check it weekly to see what information you need to know.



Summer Homework

Complete your Field Experience Clearance Requirements!

Carefully read, follow all directions, and submit your clearance materials here:

go.depaul.edu/COEfieldclearance

Students do this just once and clearance is valid for your whole academic program before student teaching!

All College of Ed students need to:

- Complete the CPS Field Experience Registration Form
- Complete a Background Check with Accurate Biometrics
- Receive their CPS Approval Notice
- Complete DCFS Mandated Reporter training
- Acknowledge our Field Experience Guidelines
- Provide your new IEIN number



Field Experience Compliance Verification

In order to complete Field Experience within an approved site or school in Chicagoland, students must complete a site or school clearance process. Field Experience includes any students completing observations, pre-clinical hours, practicum experiences and any pre-student-teaching experiences in schools or sites where you will be interacting with Pre-K-12 students.



Get your **IEIN**:
Illinois Educator Identification Number

Create an account with the Illinois State Board of Education on their ELIS System:

<https://apps.isbe.net/iwasnet/login.aspx>



What questions do you have?

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