

Teaching Subject Guide

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Programs of study are offered for students interested in teaching at the Primary/Junior level (K-Grade 6) and at the Intermediate/Senior level (Grades 7-12). For those pursuing the Intermediate/Senior division, the following teaching subjects are offered at Trent, when entering the B.Ed. program:

Teaching Subjects at Trent	📍	Notes
• Anishnaabemowin (Ojibwe)	P	Second Teaching Subject ONLY
• Biology	P	
• Chemistry	P	
• Dramatic Arts	P	Refer to 'Course Listing'
• English	P & D	
• Environmental Science	P	
• First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies	P & D	Durham: Second Teaching Subject ONLY
• French as a Second Language	P	4.0 Credits Required for Second Teaching Subject
• Geography	P	
• Health and Physical Education	P & D	Refer to 'Course Listing' / Durham: Second Teaching Subject ONLY
• History	P & D	Durham: Second Teaching Subject ONLY
• Mathematics	P & D	Durham: Second Teaching Subject ONLY
• Physics	P	
• Visual Arts	P	Refer to 'Course Listing'

REQUIRED CREDITS: First Teaching Subject: 5.0 Credits / Second Teaching Subject: 3.0 Credits

TEACHING SUBJECTS AT TRENT

When applying to a Bachelor of Education program, it is important to note what schools offer as teaching subjects at the B.Ed. level, as they differ. We strongly encourage students to meet with an academic advisor to ensure degree requirements are met, especially those entering the Teacher Education Stream at our Durham GTA campus, where course options require careful considerations.



COURSE LISTINGS

Visual Arts, Drama, and Health & Physical Education

Three teaching subject areas (Health & Physical Education, Drama and Visual Arts) are available in the B.Ed. program at Trent despite the university not having undergraduate academic departments in each of these areas. As such there are no courses listed exclusively for each of these subjects. However, there are a number of courses offered by other departments that serve to meet the requirements of each of these areas. The lists of courses acceptable for application to Trent's B.Ed. program in each of these subjects can be found at the link below. Remember if you are applying to universities other than Trent for your B.Ed. to check the acceptability of these courses with them for their B.Ed. programs.

LIMITATIONS & EXCEPTIONS

For students enrolled in the Teacher Education Stream program.

For those pursuing **Intermediate/Senior**, the following are the **ONLY** degree programs that are possible at Trent:

- Ancient Greek & Roman Studies (Only possible by selecting numerous HIST cross-listed courses)
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Biology
- Biomedical Science
- Canadian Studies
- Chemical Physics
- Computer Science & Physics
- Conservation Biology
- Cultural Studies
- English Literature
- Environmental & Resource Science/Studies
- Environmental Chemistry (Teaching Subjects will be Chemistry & Environ. Science)
- French Studies
- Geography
- Health & Behaviour
- History
- Indigenous Environmental Studies & Sciences
- Indigenous Studies
- International Political Economy
- Mathematical Physics
- Mathematics
- Physics (Teaching Subjects will be Physics & Math)
- Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems (Teaching Subjects will be Environmental Science & Geography)

For those pursuing **Primary/Junior**, any degree program at Trent can work, with the exception of the following:

- Nursing
- Social Work
- Kinesiology
- Forensic Science
- Forensic Chemistry
- Chemistry
- Ecological Restoration
- Software Engineering
- Co-op Programs

Those interested in the P/J stream, we strongly encourage students to take a breadth of courses, potentially in their first year, to gain better content knowledge in course subjects (i.e. English, Geography, History, Sciences).

Other programs at the Intermediate/Senior level do not provide sufficient credit room to work with the TES requirements, plus the requirements for two Teaching Subjects that are available in the B.Ed. program. Some additional programs may be possible with credit overloading and/or taking additional summer credits.

A NOTE ABOUT FRENCH INSTRUCTION

For those interested in teaching French at the Primary/Junior level, you will need to take an "Additional Qualification" (AQ) course, which can be taken after you have later completed your B.Ed. program. Entry to that course will be granted upon successful completion of a French proficiency test. If you are at a B2 DELF level, you will very likely be successful on that test, while those at a B1 level MAY be successful.

Although there is no set number of undergraduate credits in French that will be required at that time, we recommend you take at least a few credits in French during your undergraduate degree, both to maintain/improve your French level, and to provide a strong foundation pedagogically for your later instruction in French.

Those wanting to teach French at the Intermediate/Senior level will need to make French one of your two teaching subjects, which will require at least 5.0 credits in French (first teaching subject) or 4.0 credits (second teaching subject) to join the B.Ed. program with that as one of your teaching subjects.

For teaching French at either the P/J or I/S level, please note that future teaching opportunities will likely be guided by your individual capacity level in French. For those at a high B1/low B2 level, you will likely be given the opportunity to teach only at the Core French level, while those at a high B2 or C1/C2 level may get the opportunity to teach at the Immersion level.

