

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

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Overview

The Department of Educational Foundations offers undergraduate and graduate courses providing the underpinnings of teacher education. The mission of the department is to foster the development of foundational knowledge, skills, and dispositions most vital to the future work of outstanding educators. Our focus is to identify common core experiences that provide the basis for informed, reflective, and efficacious practice, while also providing specialized preparation for various educational professionals. To be admitted into Professional Education, students are required to take a 9 credit foundations block (<https://www.uww.edu/coeps/edfound/foundations-block/>). The foundations block introduces students to the field of education by providing a field work experience in a K12 school as well as course work in educational history, philosophy, diversity, and psychology.

Library Media K-12 Minor

The school library media minor is a valuable addition to any education degree. A student can simultaneously work on both the 1902 school library license and another teaching license as an undergraduate. The following courses are required for the school library media minor. There are 24 credits in the minor plus a 3-credit practicum course to earn the 1902 license.

GPA requirement: Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in all content courses in order to enroll in the Practicum.

Library Science Minor

The library science minor can be taken by students in a wide range of majors who are interested in becoming public librarians in small libraries, who want a background in resources and research, or who plan to earn a master's degree in library science. Library science minors may take the library media courses at any time during their college careers. There are 24 credits in the minor including the practicum.

The minor in library science prepares students for Grade 2 or 3 certification in Wisconsin. This is for library directors in communities up to 5,999 people. Please note that this minor DOES NOT provide Grade 1 certification. Grade 1 certification requires a master's degree from an American Library Association accredited program. More information about certification levels is available from DPI: Public Library Director Certification (<https://dpi.wi.gov/pld/certification/>).

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Developmental Education Program

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The Developmental Education Program offers courses in Study/Academic Survival Skills and College Literacy. The courses are designed to assist incoming students with the skills necessary for success at the University.

The courses are small in size, offer individualized attention and provide additional assistance from the Tutorial Center.

Library Media Program

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Minors in Educational Foundations

- Library Media K-12 (<http://uww-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/education-professional-studies/educational-foundations/library-media-k-12-minor/>)
- Library Science (<http://uww-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/education-professional-studies/educational-foundations/library-science-minor/>)

Certificates in Educational Foundations

- K-12 School Library (<http://uww-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/education-professional-studies/educational-foundations/k-12-school-library-certificate/>)
- Library Science (<http://uww-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/education-professional-studies/educational-foundations/20library-science-certificate/>)