

# EDUCATION STUDIES

*“The Berea College Education Department has been unwavering in its efforts towards preparing students to be excellent educators. I have been blessed to have such a committed group of professors. The journey has been nothing less than wonderful.”*

*- Brittany*



## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Education Studies. Education Studies majors may either seek a general curriculum in education studies or a certification curriculum designed for students wishing to become K-12 classroom teachers.

Students interested in classroom teaching choose from the following programs:

- Elementary education (grades K-5);
- Middle grades education (grades 5-9) in math or science;
- Secondary education in English, mathematics, social studies, biology, chemistry, or physics (grades 8-12);
- Music education (grades K-12) with vocal and/or instrumental emphases;
- Physical education and health (grades K-12); or
- Engineering and technology education (grades 5-12).

Seeking teacher certification requires meeting academic and professional criteria at designated checkpoints in the Teacher Education Program. The program concludes with a professional term of Student Teaching in the 9th semester.

## OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

Students have opportunities to:

- Observe teaching and interact with K-12 students and teachers in different communities.
- Participate in independent study and research projects supervised by faculty.
- Attend and present at conferences.
- Engage in culturally diverse experiences such as study abroad and internships.
- Note - Berea College provides funding for study abroad as well as two internships!

## CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Education Studies graduates find employment in a wide variety of educational settings and/or pursue studies at the graduate level. Graduates are working in:

- Local and international schools as teachers, counselors, and administrators
- Afterschool programming
- Peace Corps
- Child and youth organizations
- Non-profit agencies
- Adult education organizations
- Private tutoring agencies
- Museum education and libraries
- Colleges and universities



## WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



*"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."*

**Edward B. Rust Jr.**  
**Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies**