Retention Requirements for the Secondary Education Option

Following entrance to the major to the Secondary English Certification Program, students will be evaluated for retention in the program based on:

1. maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
2. completion of required courses with a C or higher grade;
3. an acceptable or above rating on the Professional Dispositions for Teacher Education;
4. current and clear background checks as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

To be eligible to student teach, students must:

1. maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
2. complete with a C or higher grade all required Content and Education Courses;
3. satisfaction of any entrance testing requirements set out by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in effect at the time of application for entrance to major;
4. be rated acceptable or above on the Professional Dispositions for Teacher Education;
5. have current and clear background checks as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

In order to successfully complete the Secondary Education Certification Program, students must:

1. complete EDUC 490 with a grade of C or higher;
2. maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher for degree completion;
3. maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for Pennsylvania teacher certification;
4. complete all required Content and Education Courses with a C or higher grade;
5. complete a program portfolio; and
6. for Pennsylvania teacher certification, be rated acceptable or above for all criteria on the Final Professional Dispositions Review for Teacher Education.

For more detailed information see the Secondary Education Handbook