



ADOLESCENCE TO YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION

BGSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Adolescence to Young Adult (AYA) education program leads to a Bachelor of Science degree in education and an Ohio teaching license that enables a successful candidate to teach in grades 7–12 in the selected content areas.

College of Education and Human Development – Adolescence to Young Adult

Points of Pride

- BGSU is the largest producer of teacher education graduates in Ohio, and BGSU's teacher education graduates get paid more on average than any other graduates in the state, according to a study by Payscale.
- Field experiences start as soon as freshman year and will total nearly 1,000 hours by graduation, setting BGSU students apart from their competition.
- Nationally recognized specializations available include integrated language arts, integrated mathematics, integrated social studies and integrated science.
- Students take a combination of classes from their content areas as well as pedagogy classes from the College of Education and Human Development.
- Study abroad opportunities in such destinations as England, Ireland, Poland, Thailand and China.
- Quality teaching resources available through the Curriculum Resource Center and Technology Resource Center.
- Students have the opportunity to join the Educators in Context and Community (ECCO) learning community.



Faculty Success

Dr. Daniel Brahier is the director of Science and Math Education in ACTION, a scholarship program for high-performing students preparing to teach middle or high school. He also serves as president of the Research Council on Mathematics Learning, a national organization that examines research on best practices for teaching mathematics.

In addition to his duties at BGSU, Dr. Brahier has taught a local junior high math class for the past 27 years. He is the author of five books on mathematics teaching, including the most commonly used mathematics teaching methods textbook in the country. His experiences as a teacher, a former principal, a curriculum consultant, an author and a program director allow students in the AYA program to examine educational issues from a variety of perspectives.

What Our Graduates Are Saying

"I've been inspired to be **the best teacher I can be** because of the bar set by my own professors. I've had **incredible experiences both in and out of the classroom** that have motivated me in my pursuit to become an educator. In particular, the semester I spent abroad in Keele, England, provided **unforgettable lessons** and a **global mindset** that I'll carry into my work as a high school social studies teacher."

Andrew Menich '17

For more information
Adolescence to Young Adult Education
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MAJOR MAP

ADOLESCENCE TO YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION Bachelor of Science in Education

CLASS OPTIONS	Freshman What Does It Mean to Be a Teacher? Meet with your advisor in 102 ED and your faculty mentor to make sure you're achieving necessary GPA requirements. Aim for a 3.0 or higher.	Sophomore Who Are My Students? Review program admission requirements. Enroll in EDTL 2020 and EDFI 2980/EDFI 2990. A 3.0 cumulative and 2.8 major GPA or higher are required by the end of this year.	Junior How Do I Teach so All Students Can Learn? Ensure you complete content coursework. A 3.0 cumulative and 2.8 major GPA or higher are required by the end of this year.	Senior Who Am I as a Teacher? A 3.0 cumulative and 2.8 major GPA or higher are required to enroll in methods block and student teaching.
GOOD ADVICE	Meet with your academic advisor and/or your faculty mentor to make sure you're reaching necessary program requirements.	Talk with your advisor and faculty mentor about applying for admission to the AYA Education major. You will be required to apply for formal admission to the AYA program in the Spring Semester of this year.	 Meet with your faculty mentor to discuss extra-curricular experiences that will prepare you for teaching. Complete your application for student teaching.	Work closely with your faculty mentor, program coordinator and the Office of Student & Academic Services to complete licensure and graduation requirements.
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Make the most of the 60 hours of field experience you'll have in your first year to decide whether secondary-level teaching is the right option for you. 	Enroll in the Falcon Internship Guarantee Program at the BGSU Career Center bgsu.edu/career-center . Explore in-demand careers, career pathways and more at OhioMeansJobs.com . Take your OAE subject-area exams at the end of spring or over summer.	Take an active role in your 75 hours of field experience. Develop your skills in planning, implementing and assessing lesson plans. Complete methods request in January. Retake any OAE subject-area exams as needed. All exams must be passed by July 1st of this year.	Demonstrate your knowledge, skills and professional dispositions during a full-time teaching "internship."
USEFUL CONNECTIONS	Consider being part of the Educators in Context & Community Organization (ECCO) Learning Community. Join the AYA Student Association to make connections to other students in your field.	Participate in content-specific opportunities to learn from your peers about language arts, mathematics, social studies and science. Consider applying to be an EDHD Ambassador. Join your professional organization.	Consider pursuing a leadership role in one of our student organizations. Attend a professional conference such as the Ohio Council for the Social Studies, Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics or Science Education Council of Ohio.	Share curriculum resources and develop a strong professional network with other students in your program. Attend a professional conference if possible.
GLOBAL VIEWS	Talk to your academic advisor or faculty mentor about the numerous study abroad programs offered through the College of Education and Human Development and the Education Abroad and International Partnerships Program.	Attend international student events on campus, such as the World Student Association's International Dinner or the Japanese Student Association's Cherry Blossom Festival. 	Explore participating in a short-term trip to Thailand, New Zealand, Ireland or Poland.	Expand your horizons by doing your student teaching in English-speaking Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
CAREER PREP	Look for opportunities to work with young people by serving as a coach, camp counselor or volunteer at a school or community agency. Serve as a volunteer for Career Center events.(i.e., Teacher Job Fair).	Seek volunteer or employment opportunities in any capacity working with children. Start studying for your Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) exams. Information is available at www.pearsonvue.com/oea .	Complete methods request forms in January and take OAE subject-area exams in spring. Prepare for your methods placement interview with your classroom mentor teacher.	 Complete all of your program and licensure requirements and participate in BGSU's Teacher Job Fair, where schools from nearly 30 states attend.