About the Program

As a secondary education major at Slippery Rock University you will:
• Design classroom presentations to meet students’ needs and abilities.
• Use the latest technology in teaching.
• Work with students from various ethnic, racial, and religious backgrounds to meet the needs of diverse student populations.
• Become an expert in your content area.
• Join a family of thousands of highly qualified SRU graduates who have staffed public schools in Pennsylvania and throughout the nation since 1889.

Successful completion of a prescribed program can lead to a degree, the bachelor of science in education, and an Instructional 1 Certificate from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The undergraduate programs leading to secondary teacher certification are: English, French, Spanish and Social Studies. Secondary certification, except for modern languages, is grades 7-12. In Pennsylvania, modern language certification (French and Spanish) is grades K-12.

Career Opportunities

Secondary school teachers specialize in a specific subject, such as, English, Spanish, French, or social studies. You will learn to help children understand abstract concepts, solve problems and develop critical thought processes. In addition to teaching in a secondary school, you can obtain employment in museums and businesses where planning, presentation and evaluation skills are required in the informal education or training environments.

Secondary Education Club

The Secondary Education Club is committed to furthering the professional development of students majoring in secondary education. Members of the SEC travel to schools and other educational institutions to observe and learn about future careers.

Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi is national honor society in education eager to promote a closer bond and fellowship among students in education and those already in the teaching profession. The Delta Tau chapter was established at SRU in 1938.

Field Experiences

You will observe K-12 classes during your freshman and sophomore years. As you progress through the SRU teacher-preparation program, you will have additional supervised experiences. In your senior year, student teaching takes place. Student teaching can be in western Pennsylvania or in one of several distant locations.

Scholarships

Constantine N. Stroumbakis Scholarship for Academic Excellence
The Stroumbakis Scholarship is offered to a student majoring in secondary education who has a minimum of 60 earned credits, a 3.50 or higher cumulative grade-point average and evidence of exceptional potential as an educator.

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate assistantships are available for full-time students in the graduate program.