

University of St. Thomas
Licensure in Communication Arts and Literature, Grades 5-12
(Plan B)

Plan B refers to the opportunity to *begin* your teacher licensure program at the undergraduate level and *complete* it at the post-baccalaureate level. Most undergraduates participating in Plan B take all education coursework at the undergraduate level *except* the student teaching semester (EDUC 456 and 460). During their final semester as undergraduates, those students who elect to pursue Plan B should do the following:

1. Meet with their education advisor
2. Fill out a Plan B request form
3. Get signatures from their advisor and education department chair
4. Fill out the application for graduate education
5. Pay the \$50 application fee
6. Turn in the paperwork to MOH 217.
7. Request that an official undergraduate transcript be sent to Vicky Rasmusson at MOH 217 once their baccalaureate degree has been posted by the Registrar's office (this occurs after graduation).

In order for an English major to follow Plan B, the student must declare a stand-alone English major and officially drop their Education major. This can be done at the English department administrative office, located in JRC 333. After that, students should follow the instructions listed above regarding the paperwork for Plan B.

Students can also complete Plan B if EDUC 316, 336, 345, and 355, are missing in addition to those education courses that make up the student teaching semester, however, they may have additional credits required at the graduate level. The key to Plan B is that the undergraduate has been fully accepted into the education department; this acceptance process usually occurs during the EDUC 330 course and requires taking the Praxis I exam (PPST) and having an education department interview.

Pros of Plan B;

- Fewer education credits may be required at the graduate level
- Cost per credit is less at the graduate level
- Courses *may* be considered toward your first salary increase once you have a teaching job
- Graduate with a B.A. degree sooner, even though the licensure is not yet completed

Cons of Plan B:

- Graduate courses are offered in the late afternoon and evening only
- Financial aid may change
- Medical insurance coverage through parents *may* be dropped once a B.A. degree is completed