Advising for Minors in the Teacher Education Program  
(Primary, Middle School, or Secondary)  
Recommended Course Schedule for Year 1

Admission
Candidates seeking initial certification in either elementary or secondary education may make formal application to the teacher education program at any time. To have his/her application considered, a student must meet with a TEP representative, be admitted to UIS, and have an overall GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale) for all college work.

General Education Requirements for All Candidates
Pursuant to the State of Illinois Professional Teaching Standards, candidates in teacher education are expected to possess general education knowledge. General education is defined as "theoretical and practical understanding generally expected of a liberally educated person. General education includes developing knowledge related to the arts, communications, history, literature, mathematics, philosophy, sciences, and the social studies, from multicultural and global perspectives." The candidate must meet all general education standards prior to application for clinical practice.

Prerequisites for Admission
1. Passing score on the Illinois Test of Basic Skills. Links to registration and study guides may be found on the Teacher Education website.
2. Criminal background check. This form may be downloaded from the Teacher Education website.
3. PSY 327/TEP 227 or another course in educational psychology
4. PSY 322/TEP 222 or another course in child development (elementary minor)
   PSY 323/TEP 223 or another course in adolescence (secondary minor)
5. TEP 201 or another course in introduction to education
6. 30 hours documented experience with school-age children in an educational setting

Students seeking admission to the Teacher Education Program should make an appointment with the TEP Program advisor in the Spring of their freshman year and should take the following general education and prerequisite courses during the freshman year:

FALL
MAT 111: Quantitative Reasoning OR appropriate math for major

SPRING
TEP 201: Introduction to Education
PSY 322: Child Development (Primary Certification) OR PSY323 Adolescence (Secondary Certification)