



Frequently Asked Questions for Graduate Students Taking Undergraduate Courses in the College of Education

I need to take one or more undergraduate content-area courses in addition to my graduate-level required courses. How will this affect my financial aid?

The undergraduate course(s) must be approved by the College of Education, and it is their decision whether it counts toward your graduate degree. You will register for the course as an undergraduate non-degree student. We recommend you work with your academic advisor to properly enroll. Enrolling in these undergraduate courses can affect your federal graduate-level student aid.

- You must enroll at least half-time (minimum 4 credit hours) in graduate-level courses that apply to your graduate degree to qualify for your federal graduate-level financial aid.
- You **will not qualify** for federal financial aid if you enroll in only undergraduate content-area courses; you must enroll *at least half-time in degree-applicable graduate-level courses* in addition to the undergraduate course to qualify for federal financial aid.
- You may add undergraduate content-area courses during the same quarter without affecting aid eligibility, and you will not receive additional aid. Financial aid appeals based on cost of attendance cannot be granted to cover the tuition expense associated with the undergraduate course work.
- Non-federal financial aid (such as some external scholarships or private loans) can be used to cover the cost of undergraduate content-area courses.

What federal student aid programs may I be eligible for?

A: Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal TEACH Grant. For more information, please visit [Federal Student Aid](#) website or the DePaul [Office of Financial Aid website](#).