

Important information about registration for freshmen considering teaching

from the Education Department

We're delighted that you're considering teaching as a career and want to give you some guidelines for selecting classes for your spring 2009 schedule.

Education 220 (Education Psychology) and its field placement (Education 221) are usually the first classes selected by students with an interest in education. **Space in Educ 220/221 is very limited.**

- ▶▶ If you are considering teaching at the **elementary** (kindergarten through grade 6) or **secondary** level (grades 7 through 12), you *do not* need to enroll in Educ 220/221 during your first year. Your education coursework can be completed in four years by enrolling in Educ 220/221 in your second year.

Instead, you should focus on general education requirements and on exploring which majors seem most appealing to you. We suggest you consult the Education Department web site <http://www.hope.edu/academic/education/currentstudents.htm> You'll find lots of information about the department, application procedures, requirements for admission, major and minor requirements. It's a gold mine!

The Education Department has scheduled group meetings for those interested in teaching.

Thursday, October 23 rd	4 p.m.	VanZoeren 247
Thursday, October 23 rd	6 p.m.	VanZoeren 247

***potential SPECIAL ED majors:
please read this carefully***

- ▶▶ If you are *seriously* considering a major in **special education** (learning disabilities or emotional impairments), taking Educational Psychology (Educ 220/221) in your first year may be appropriate.

First year students seriously considering special education need to apply to the Education Department to be considered for early enrollment in Educational Psychology (EDUC 220/221). **Applications must be picked up in the Education Department Office** (second floor of Van Zoeren) **beginning Thursday, October 23rd, 2008, and are due by Wednesday, October 29th, 2008.** The Education Department faculty will review the applications and allow a limited number of freshmen to register for Educational Psychology in the spring semester. Students will receive e-mail notification from the Education Department.

Students interested in special education should also ***make an appointment with a special education professor*** (Professors Cherup or Finn or Cook—second floor of VanZoeren Hall) to explore scheduling options and planning.)

Thanks for your help and cooperation. Please contact the Education Department, x 7740, if you have questions.

IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING TO TEACH AT THE ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY LEVEL, THIS INFORMATION DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU!