

# DEPARTMENT OF LITERACY

## Reading Minor Guidance Sheet and Application Information

### Required Courses (18 credits total):

EDR 307 Foundations in Reading K-4 (3 credits)\*  
*Prerequisite EGP 210*

or

EDR 308 Foundations in Reading 4-8 (3 credits)  
*Prerequisite EDP 201*

EDR 317 Reading Instruction and Practicum K-4 (6 credits)  
*Prerequisites EGP 210, EGP 220, EDR 304\*\*, EDR 307, FATE\*\*\*, Clearances\*\*\*\**

or

EDR 318 Reading Instruction and Practicum 4-8 (6 credits)  
*Prerequisites EDP 201, MGP 220, EDR 306\*\*, EDR 308, FATE\*\*\*, Clearances\*\*\*\**

EDR 321 Assessment and Instructional Interventions in Reading and Language Arts (3 credits)  
*Prerequisites EDR 307 or 308, Clearances\*\*\*\**

EDR 420 Content Area Reading (3 credits)  
*Prerequisites EDR 307 or 308*

EDR 422 Seminar in Reading (3 credits)  
*Prerequisites EDR 307 or 308*

or

EDR 425 Teaching Multimodal Literacies (3 credits)

### **Reading Minor for Early Grades Preparation Program (EGP):**

- EDR 307 Foundations in Reading K-4
  - EDR 317 Reading and Instruction and Practicum K-4
  - EDR 321 Assessment and Instructional Interventions in Reading and Language Arts
  - EDR 420 Content Area Reading
  - EDR 422 Seminar in Reading
- or
- EDR 425 Teaching Multimodal Literacies

### **Reading Minor for Middle Grades Preparation Program (MGP):**

- EDR 308 Foundations in Reading 4-8
  - EDR 318 Reading Instruction and Practicum 4-8
  - Assessment and Instructional Interventions in Reading and Language Arts
  - EDR 420 Content Area Reading
  - EDR 422 Seminar in Reading
- or
- EDR 425 Teaching Multimodal Literacies

### **GPA and credit minimums for a Reading Minor:**

Students may apply for a minor in Reading if they meet their respective GPA and credits earned requirements.

**WCU students** must have completed 30 credits before submitting an application.

- Students applying with 30 – 47 credits must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.65
- Students applying with 48 or more credits must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8

**Transfer WCU students** must have completed 48 credits

- A minimum of 12 credits must be earned from WCU before applying to the Reading Minor
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8

\*\*\*\*Credits from courses students are currently taking do not count toward meeting the required credit minimums for a Reading Minor application\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*Students are required to maintain the minimum cumulative GPA under which they were admitted.\*\*\*\*\*

You must attach a current grade display from myWCU when submitting your application. For security purposes, your grade display will not be returned to you after it has been reviewed by the department chairperson. For more information about the minor contact:

Dr. Carol Smith  
Department of Literacy, Chairperson  
108B Recitation Hall  
(610)-436-2877

\* Dr. Solic's section of **EDR 307** requires clearances\*\*\*\* due to a service learning component. It is also part of a block schedule with a specific section of **EDR 304** (the section changes per semester). Students do not have to take EDR 304 and 307 in the same semester; however, this block is the only exception; students must enroll in both courses of a block-scheduled EDR 304 and 307 course. Find which courses are blocked-scheduled by logging into myWCU and selecting "Search Class Schedule." Specify a desired semester and select Literacy as the department. From the search results, click on individual sections of EDR 304 and 307 to bring up the Course Details screen of a course. In this display, look at the COURSE NOTES section! Course Notes will indicate if this particular section is part of the EDR 304/307 block. It will also include directions as to how to request permissions to enroll in these courses.

\*\* **EDR 304 and 306** are prerequisites for required courses in the program. Credits earned from these courses are not applicable toward the 18 credit Reading Minor

\*\*\* **FATE** is not a requirement to apply or be accepted into the Reading Minor program; however, it will be necessary in its overall completion.

\*\*\*\* **Clearances** must be current (done within the past year) and valid for the entire duration of the course.  
Clearances required: Criminal Background, PA Child Abuse, FBI Fingerprinting, and tuberculosis test results.

\*\*\*\*\* **EDR 321** is not a field course but still requires clearances\*\*\*\*.

# Undergraduate Admission to the Reading Minor

## - Application and Admission Requirements

### Before submitting your application:

Students may submit an application for a minor in Reading if they meet their respective GPA\* and credits earned requirements. *Credits from courses students are currently taking are not considered "earned credits" and do not count toward meeting the required credit minimums for a Reading Minor application.*

- **WCU students** must have a minimum of 30 credits:
  - Students applying with 30 to 47 credits must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.65
  - Students applying with 48 or more credits must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8
- **Transfer WCU students** must have a minimum of 48 credits, and a (WCU) minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8
  - A minimum of 12 credits must be earned from WCU

### Submitting your application:

1. Download, print, and complete the [Registrar's form for adding a minor](#). Be sure to input plan codes for your major and the Reading Minor.
  - Plan codes: Reading Minor –**Q018**
  - EGP –**E204**
  - MGP –**E205**
  - EDA pk-8 –**E206**
  - EDA 7-12 –**E207**
2. Obtain the signatures of your advisor and the chairperson of your major's department
3. Print and attach your unofficial transcript from your myWCU account to your application
4. Drop off your application and unofficial transcript to the Literacy office, Recitation 108B. The department will notify you when your application has been signed and ready for pick up Note: For privacy purposes, your unofficial transcript will not be returned to you; it is for department use only and not necessary for further processing of your application
5. Pick up your signed application from the Literacy department and take it to the Registrar's Office, 25 University Ave. (your minor will not be added to your account unless it is processed by the Registrar's Office)

### Once you are admitted:

You will receive e-mail announcements, updates, and notifications from "**WCU Literacy Department**," the Literacy department's 'announcement only' email account. Please be sure to monitor your WCU webmail account and read all notifications. Department emails are informative; they are intended to provide you with the most current and imperative information about scheduling, future course offerings, curriculum or course changes, clearances, or other important messages. If you do not receive department emails after adding the minor, please email the department secretary, Krista Carstens, at [kCarstens@wcupa.edu](mailto:kCarstens@wcupa.edu) or stop by the Literacy office (Recitation Hall, 108B) and speak to either Krista or a graduate assistant.

\*Students are required to maintain the minimum cumulative GPA under which they were admitted. Students who fall below the minimum cumulative GPA required are permitted to retake, in accordance with University policy, course work in the minor that contributed to their low GPA. Such students will not be permitted to take additional courses in the Reading Minor until the required minimum cumulative GPA is met.