Courses in education offer undergraduate and graduate students majoring in a wide range of disciplines the opportunity to explore the history, social context, organization and purposes of American education and the policies shaping our schools. The courses offer a strong emphasis on the diversity of children and their cultures, the role of schooling in democracy, and the issues facing contemporary education. Research seminars, including field experiences in urban schools, are open to students in sociology, anthropology, psychology, urban studies, cultural studies, policy studies and a number of other majors, allowing students to engage in projects in a wide range of topics significant to education.

While Rice does not offer an undergraduate major in education, Education Certification is available at the undergraduate level and in the Master of Arts in Teaching. Students interested in exploring alternative routes to teaching are encouraged to enroll as well. Please see the section on Education Certification for information on the three teacher education plans offered at Rice:

1. A secondary teaching certificate in combination with the undergraduate degree in the elected subject field(s)
2. A Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)
3. A Visiting Post-Baccalaureate plan that involves taking those courses and state examinations needed for certification but that does not confer a degree