

Elementary Education, BA



University of Wyoming, 2016-17

The College of Education maintains rigorous admission standards to ensure the quality of preparation for future educators. **New, first time students** who meet the University of Wyoming's standards for admission may declare a major in elementary education, secondary or K-12 education in a specific content area, or education undecided provided they have a minimum ACT composite score of 21 and ACT math score of 21; a lower ACT math score can be replaced by a UW Math Placement Exam (MPE) score of 2 or higher. If electing to pursue education undecided, it is recommended that students decide on their teaching content area no later than the first semester of their sophomore year.

Current UW students wishing to change their major, students seeking re-admission to UW, or those transferring to UW from another institution can learn more about the specific admission requirements for these groups at www.uwyo.edu/ed/admission/requirements.html.

All students must undergo and pass an initial criminal background check prior to full admission to the College of Education. Any costs associated with the background check are the responsibility of the student. A second background check is included as part of the state application process for the Wyoming Substitute Teaching Permit, which is required for admission to Phase II of UW's teacher education program. Criminal background checks are a standard for the profession.

Freshman Fall Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
		USP First-Year Seminar	3	C	FY
		USP UIS & WY Constitutions	3		V
EDST	2450	Foundations of Development and Learning *	3	C	H
ENGL	1010	College Composition and Rhetoric	3	C	C1
MATH	1100	Numbers & Operations for Elem School Teachers **	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:			15		

Freshman Spring Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDEL	1410	Elementary School Mathematics Seminar I	1	C	Consent of instructor required.
EDEL	1450	Earth Science in the Elementary School	1	C	Concurrent enrollment in ASTR/GEOL 1070 required.
GEOG	1000	World Regional Geography	3	C	Can substitute GEOG 1020 (Intro/World Geography).
GEOL	1070	The Earth: Its Physical Environment ***	4	C	Cross listed with ASTR 1070; concurrent enrollment in EDCI 1450 required.
ITEC	2360	Teaching with Technology	3	C	Prerequisite of a 2.5 cumulative UW gpa.
MATH	1105	Data, Probability, & Algebra for Elem School Teach	3	C	Q
Credit hours subtotal:			15		

Sophomore Fall Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDEL	2410	Elementary School Mathematics Seminar II	1	C	Consent of the instructor required.
EDST	2480	Diversity and the Politics of Schooling	4	C	H; admission to Phase I of the program required. #
HLED	2006	Health for Elementary Educators	1	C	
MATH	2120	Geometry & Measurement/Elem School Teachers	3	C	
		Area of Concentration Elective ****	3	C	
		Music Elective	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:			15		

Sophomore Spring Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDEL	1430	Life Science in the Elementary School	1	C	Concurrent enrollment in LIFE 1020 is required.
EDEL	2280	Literature for Children	3	C	
EDEX	2484	Introduction to Special Education	3	C	Admission to Phase I of the program required. #
LIFE	1020	Life Science	4	C	PN; concurrent enrollment in EDEL 1430 is required.
		American Diversity Elective	3	C	Consult with an academic advisor about course options.
		Area of Concentration Elective (if needed) ****	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:			17		

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Junior Fall Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDEL	1440	Physical Science in the Elementary School	1	C	Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 1090 required.
EDST	3000	Teacher as Practitioner	6	C	C2; admission to Phase II of the program required. #
PHYS	1090	The Fundamentals of the Physical University *****	4	C	PN; concurrent enrollment in EDEL 1440 required.
		Area of Concentration Elective (if needed) ****	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:			14		

Junior Spring Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDEC	4320	Oral & Written Language Acquisition	3	C	
EDEL	3170	Art in the Elementary School	3	C	Prerequisite of a 2.5 cumulative UW gpa.
EDST	3550	Educational Assessment	2	C	Prerequisite of a 2.75 cumulative UW gpa.
		Area of Concentration Elective (if needed) ****	3	C	
		Speech/Acting Elective *****	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:			14		

Senior Fall Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDEL	4109	Elementary Humanities Education	5	C	Admission to Phase IIIa of the program required. #
EDEL	4309	Elementary Literacy Education	5	C	Admission to Phase IIIa of the program required. #
EDEL	4409	Elementary Math/Science Education	5	C	C3; admission to Phase IIIa of the program required. #
Credit hours subtotal:			15		

Senior Spring Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDEL	4500	Residency in Teaching	15	S	Admission to Phase IIIb of the program required; offered S/U only. #
Credit hours subtotal:			15		

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 120

This is a guide for course work in the major; actual course sequence may vary by student. Please refer to the online student degree evaluation, and consult with an academic advisor. • Not all courses are offered every semester and some electives may have prerequisites. Students should review the course descriptions in the *University Catalog* and consult with their academic advisor to plan accordingly.

University of Wyoming requirements:

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate. • Students must complete 42 hours of upper division (3000-level or above) coursework, 30 of which must be from the University of Wyoming. • Courses must be taken for a letter grade unless offered only for S/U. • University Studies Program (USP) Human Culture (H) and Physical & Natural World (PN) courses must be taken outside of the major subject, but can be cross-listed with the major.

College of Education requirements:

This plan assumes student college readiness. Students should be able to start taking 1000-level courses the first semester of college. • All professional education courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. Grades of C- or lower will not satisfy this requirement.

The Wyoming Teacher Education Program operates in a series of phases: Phase I, Phase II, Phase IIIa, and Phase IIIb. Continuation in the program in any content area is dependent upon the successful completion of prerequisites for each phase. Specific information about these requirements can be found on the program sheets for each content area that are located at www.uwyo.edu/ted/majors-and-program-sheets.

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Elementary Education Program Notes:

• A minimum 2.5 gpa is required in major content. All major content courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. Grades of C- or lower will not satisfy this requirement.

* The prerequisite of a 2.50 cumulative UW gpa is waived for new, incoming freshmen who have declared education as their major.

** Requires MATH ACT ≥ 21 , MATH SAT ≥ 600 , Math Placement Exam ≥ 2 , or $\geq C$ in MATH 0921. (University Standard)

*** Requires Math Placement Exam ≥ 3 or equivalent courses. (University Standard)

**** **Areas of Concentration.** Elementary education majors must select one (1) of four (4) approved areas of concentration and complete at least 18 credit hours within that area. The areas of concentration are:

Interdisciplinary Early Childhood (Birth to Eight)

Creative Arts

International Education Studies/American Cultural Diversity

Environmental Studies

Please see www.uwyo.edu/elementary/undergraduate-programs/ for a description of each concentration and the approved courses from which electives may be selected. Please be aware that some courses may have prerequisites that are not included in this degree plan.

***** Requires Math Placement Exam ≥ 3 or MATH 1000 and major in elementary education. (University Standard)

***** **Speech/Acting Elective.** Choose one (1) course from the following:

COJO 1010 Public Speaking (3 hrs)

COJO 1030 Interpersonal Communication (3 hrs)

COJO 1040 Introduction to Human Communication (3 hrs)

EDCI 4140 Storytelling (2 hrs)

THEA 1100 Beginning Acting (3 hrs)