

Elementary Education, BA

with Minor in Early Childhood Education



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/ced/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 US & 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
EDEC	2000	Engaging Families in Early Childhood Settings ***	3	C	
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.
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
EDEC	1020	Introduction to Early Childhood Education ***	3	C	Course must be completed with grade of C prior to declaring the minor.
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. #
GEOG	1000	World Regional Geography	3	C	Can substitute GEOG 1020 (Intro/World Geography).
HLED	2006	Health for Elementary Educators	1	C	
MATH	2120	Geometry & Measurement/Elem School Teachers	3	C	
		Music Elective	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:			18		

Sophomore Spring Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDEL	1430	Life Science in the Elementary School	1	C	Concurrent enrollment in LIFE 1020 is required.
EDEX	2484	Introduction to Special Education	3	C	Admission to Phase I of the program required. #
EDST	3550	Educational Assessment	2	C	Prerequisite of a 2.75 cumulative UW gpa.
FCSC	2121	Child Development ****	4	C	Can substitute PSYC 2300 (Child Psych - 3 hrs) and FCSC 2122 (Child Development Lab - 1 hr).
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.
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.
EDEL 2280 Literature for Children ***	3	C	Course substitutions available; consult with an advisor.
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.
Credit hours subtotal:			14

Junior Spring Semester

	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDEC 3000 Observing Young Children *****	2	C	
EDEC 3220 School Programs for Young Children ***	3	C	
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.
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: 123

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.

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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.

Elementary Education w/ Early Childhood Minor 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. • A minimum 2.5 gpa is required in courses required for the minor.

* 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)

*** **Core course** required for minor Early Childhood Education (18 credit hours total required).

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

***** 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)