

Secondary Biology Education, BA

with Concurrent[†] Major in Biology



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 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
CHEM 1020 General Chemistry I *	4	C	PN
LIFE 1010 General Biology **	4	C	PN
MATH 2200 Calculus I ***	4	C	Q
Credit hours subtotal:	15		

Freshman Spring Semester

	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
COSC 1010 Introduction to Computer Science I ****	4	C	Can substitute COSC 1030 (Computer Science).
ENGL 1010 College Composition and Rhetoric	3	C	C1
EDST 2450 Foundations of Development and Learning	3	C	H; prerequisite of a 2.50 cumulative UW gpa.
ITEC 2360 Teaching with Technology	3	C	Prerequisite of a 2.5 cumulative UW gpa.
LIFE 2022 Animal Biology	4	C	Can substitute MOLB 2021 (General Microbiology).
Credit hours subtotal:	17		

Sophomore Fall Semester

	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
LIFE 2023 Biology of Plants and Fungi	4	C	Can substitute MOLB 2021 (General Microbiology).
PHYS 1110 General Physics I	4	C	
STAT 2050 Fundamentals of Statistics	4	C	
Earth/Space Science Elective	3	C	
Environmental Biology Elective	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:	18		

Sophomore Spring Semester

	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
USP US & Wyoming Constitutions	3		V
EDST 2480 Diversity and the Politics of Schooling	4	C	H; admission to Phase I of the program required. #
LIFE 3050 Genetics	4	C	
PHYS 1120 General Physics II	4	C	
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CHEM	2300	Introductory Organic Chemistry	4	C	
EDEX	2484	Introduction to Special Education	3	C	Admission to Phase I of the program required. #
LIFE	3400	General Ecology	3	C	Prerequisites: completion of LIFE 1010 and one of LIFE 2022,
		Upper Division Biology Elective *****	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:			13		

Junior Spring Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDST	3000	Teacher as Practitioner	6	C	C2; admission to Phase II of the program required. #
LIFE	3500	Evolutionary Biology	3	C	
MOLB	3610	Principles of Biochemistry	4	C	
Credit hours subtotal:			13		

Senior Fall Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDSE	3275	Methods I: Secondary Science Education	3	C	Admission to Phase IIIa of the program required. #
EDSE	4275	Methods II: Secondary Science Education	4	C	C3; admission to Phase IIIa of the program required. #
EDST	3550	Educational Assessment	2	C	Prerequisite of a 2.75 cumulative UW gpa.
LIFE	3600	Cell Biology	4	C	
		Upper Division Biology Elective *****	3		
Credit hours subtotal:			16		

Senior Spring Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDSE	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: 122

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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† **Concurrent Majors.** Students may pursue a concurrent major in one or more colleges. Only one degree (BA, BS, etc.) will be awarded from the college of the primary major. All university curricular requirements, including the University Studies Program requirements, must be met only once. Requirements for secondary major/s will be established by the academic departments and may include college requirements, in addition to all major requirements. An academic advisor in each major is required and each adviser must review requirements. The degree will be granted on one date only and only one diploma will be awarded. Both majors will be indicated on the academic transcript and diploma.

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.

Secondary Biology Education with Concurrent Major in Biology 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.

* Requires MATH ACT ≥ 23 , MATH SAT ≥ 600 , Math Placement Exam ≥ 3 , or concurrent enrollment in MATH 1400, 1405, or 1450. (University standard)

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

*** Requires MATH ACT ≥ 27 , MATH SAT ≥ 600 , Math Placement Exam ≥ 5 , or $\geq C$ in MATH 1405 or 1450.

**** Requires MATH ACT ≥ 25 , MATH SAT ≥ 600 , Math Placement Exam ≥ 4 , or $\geq C$ in MATH 1400 within one year prior to the start of the course. (University standard)

***** Please consult with an academic advisor or check the program sheet for allowable elective courses.