

Secondary Social Studies Education, BA

with Concurrent[†] Major in Political Science



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 and 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 Quantitative Reasoning	3	C	Q
		Language *	4		
POLS	1250	Introduction to Comparative Government	3	C	Can substitute POLS 2310 (Intro to International Relations).
EDST	2450	Foundations of Development and Learning **	3	C	H
Credit hours subtotal:			16		

Freshman Spring Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
		USP Physical & Natural World	3		PN
		Language *	4		
ENGL	1010	College Composition and Rhetoric	3	C	C1
ITEC	2360	Teaching with Technology	3	C	Prerequisite of a 2.5 cumulative UW gpa.
POLS	1000	American & Wyoming Government	3	C	V
Credit hours subtotal:			16		

Sophomore Fall Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDST	2480	Diversity and the Politics of Schooling	4	C	H; admission to Phase I of the program required. #
GEOG	1020	Introduction to Human Geography	3	C	Can substitute Geography 1000 (World Regional Geography).
HIST	1211	US to 1865	3	C	
POLS	1200	Non-Western Political Cultures	3	C	
POLS	2460	Introduction to Political Philosophy	3	C	Can substitute POLS 3600 (American Political Thought).
Credit hours subtotal:			16		

Sophomore Spring Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
ECON	1010	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	C	Cross listed with AGECE 1010.
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.
GEOG	1010	Introduction to Physical Geography	4	C	PN
HIST	1221	US from 1865	3	C	
POLS	3100	Politics and the Judicial Process	3	C	
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Junior Fall Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
ECON	1020	Principles of Microeconomics	3	C	Cross listed with AGECE 1020.
HIST	1110	Western Civilization I	3	C	Can substitute HIST 1320 (World History to 1750).
POLS	4100	Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers	3	C	
		Upper Division Political Science Elective	3	C	
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Credit hours subtotal:			15		

Junior Spring Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDST	3000	Teacher as Practitioner	6	C	C2; admission to Phase II of the program required. #
HIST	1120	Western Civilization II	3	C	Can substitute HIST 1330 (World History since 1750).
POLS	4110	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties & Rights	3	C	Prerequisites: POLS 1000; POLS 3100 recommended.
		Upper Division History Elective	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:			15		

Senior Fall Semester			Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
EDSE	3273	Methods I: Secondary Social Studies Education	3	C	Admission to Phase IIIa of the program required. #
EDSE	4273	Methods II: Secondary Social Studies Education	4	C	C3; admission to Phase IIIa of the program required. #
		Political Science Seminar	3	C	
		Upper Division Political Science Elective	3	C	
		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: 127

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 Social Science Education with Emphasis in Political Science 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 **single language** must be taken for eight (8) hours or two (2) semesters to fulfill the foreign language requirement for the program.

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