Welcome
College of Education
College Connect
Orientation 2016

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Why UW?

Our teacher education programs provide opportunities:

- work with children in public school classrooms, beginning the sophomore year;
- over 40 scholarships with $240,000 given each year;
- dedicated faculty members with teaching experience who serve as instructors, supporters, and advisors;
- involvement in education service organizations, such as the National Science Teachers Association, Kappa Delta Pi, the Council for Exceptional Children, and others; and
- courses that will lead to additional teaching endorsements, such as the English as a Second Language Endorsement, Early Childhood Endorsement, and others.

Why UW?

Facilities

- Literacy Research Center and Clinic
- Education Annex
- UW Lab School
- Science and Mathematics Teaching Center
- Wyoming School-University Partnership
Why UW?

✿ 85% of our 2014-2015 graduates are working as classroom teachers, most in Wyoming and Colorado.
✿ Wyoming has the fourth highest beginning teaching salary in the country, at $43,269.

UG Programs

✿ What do you want to teach?
  ✿ Majors
  ✿ Minors
  ✿ Endorsements
  ✿ The Numbers
  ✿ Magical 15
UG Programs

Majors: 120-128 credit hours
- Elementary (K-6)
- Secondary (6-12)
  - Agricultural
  - Art (K-12)
  - English
  - Math
- Modern Language: French, German, Spanish
- Science: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics
- Social Studies: Geography, History, Political Science
- Technical Education (UW-Casper)

Minors and Endorsements
- Early Childhood Minor
- Early Childhood Endorsement (K- age 8)
- Literacy Minor
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Secondary Sciences
  - Must major in Science or Agricultural Education
- Special Education
  - Graduate Program ONLY

UG Programs – The Numbers

In General
- Class sizes
- College Population

Retention and Graduation
- 91.9% persistence in Education for freshmen from fall 2015 to spring 2016
- Average freshmen summer/fall 2015 entering H.S. GPA = 3.58
- Average freshmen UW GPA after Fall 2015 = 3.55
UG Programs – Magical 15

Highly Advise
- 15-16 credits per semester

2015 CoE Freshman (n=79)
- ≥15 credits = 3.265
- ≤14 credits = 2.696
- ≤12 credits = 2.305

Expectations
- Admission to the College
- Background Checks
- Legal Records
- FERPA
Expectations - Admission

- **Incoming Freshman**
  - ACT Math = 21 minimum
  - Math Placement Exam 2+
  - ACT Composite = 21 minimum

- **Change of Major**
  - 15 credit hours minimum successfully completed
  - 2.75 UW GPA
  - Approved background check on file with OTE

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Expectations - Admission

- Summer Bridge program: [http://www.uwyo.edu/studentaff/step/bridge/](http://www.uwyo.edu/studentaff/step/bridge/)
- Take 6 credits, including a strongly supported MATH class to increase your Math ACT score.
- Scholarship support is available.
- July 25-August 19, 2016
Expectations – Background Check

Background Checks
- Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation
- Wyoming Department of Family Services
- $50 total
  - $40 for the processing
  - $10 for fingerprinting through the UW Police Department
- MUST be complete prior to start of the fall semester

Criminal background checks are a standard for the profession.
Convictions can cause problems for placements and for licensure.

Expectations - FERPA

- Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act of 1974, as amended
  - Buckley Amendment
- Available
  - Directory Information
  - Privacy Flag
  - FERPA Waiver
- Restricted
  - Grades/GPA
  - Attendance
  - Financial Information
### Expectations - Relationships

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### Expectations - LiveText

- LiveText account is required
- Must purchase the “Field Experience Edition”
  - $133.00 from LiveText.com
  - $133.00 from the University Store
  - Can use Financial Aid to obtain your account
- Account valid for 5 years
Advising

- Process
- Tools
- Progress to Graduation
- Involvement

Advising - Process

- Orientation Advising - Group Setting
- Semester Advising – Individual
  - Faculty in your major area
  - Office of Teacher Education
- Mandatory for fall & spring registration
  - YOU must contact your advisor for an appointment
  - Come prepared
    - Proposed classes, questions written down, etc.
Advising - Tools

- WyoWeb for class schedules
- University Catalog: course descriptions & prerequisites
- Program sheets & Degree Evaluations
- Long-term plan

Advising – Progress to Graduation

- University Studies Program (USP)
- Professional Education Requirements
  - The Phases
- Major Content
- Additions
  - Other Majors, Minors, Endorsements and Study Abroad opportunities
Advising – Involvement

- College Ambassadors
- Student Wyoming Education Association (SWEA)
- Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) National Honor Society
- Alpha Tau Alpha (Ag Ed Majors)
- UW Science Teaching Club
- Wyoming Student Art Education Association (WSAEA)
- Numerous other student organizations

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