

Welcome!

College of Education
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Orientation 2017



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Overview

- Why UW?
- Undergraduate Programs
- Expectations
- Advising Process




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 Phi, 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.



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Facilities

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



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- 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.




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Undergraduate Programs

- What do you want to teach?
 - Majors
 - Minors
 - Endorsements
- The Numbers
- Magical 15






Majors: 120-128 credit hours


Elementary (K-6)
 Secondary (6-12)
 Agricultural
 * Art (K-12)
 English
 Math
 * Modern Languages: French, German, Spanish
 Science: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics
 Social Studies: Geography, History, Political Science

Minors and Endorsements

Early Childhood Minor
 Early Childhood Endorsement (K-age 8)
 Literacy Minor
 English as a Second Language (ESL/ELL)
 Secondary Sciences:
 Must major in Science or Ag. Ed
 Special Education – Graduate Program only



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Class sizes

College population


- ~1200 undergraduate & graduate

Retention and Graduation (n=60)

- Average incoming freshman H.S. GPA for fall 2016 = 3.64
- Average freshman UW GPA after fall 2016 = 3.25
- 88% retained in Education from fall 2016 to Spring 2017
 - 95% retained at UW




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Highly Advise 15-16 credits per semester
 allows a 4-yr. completion*



2016 College of Education Freshman (n=60)
 15-18 credits = 3.27
 13-14 credits = 2.98
 9-12 credits = 3.30



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Expectations

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





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 the Office of Teacher Education




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Background Check

- Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation = \$30
- Wyoming Department of Family Services = \$10
- Must be completed prior to the start of the fall semester
- Criminal background checks are a standard for the profession.
- Convictions can cause problems for placements and for licensure.

BRING YOUR PHOTO ID TO ADVISING TOMORROW!!



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FERPA


- Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act of 1974, as amended; the Buckley Amendment
- Office of the Registrar


Available information:

- Directory information
 - Privacy Flag
- FERPA Waiver

Restricted Information:

- Grades and GPA
- Attendance and schedule
- Financial information

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Student Responsibilities

- Pay attention to:
 - Program Requirements
 - Deadlines
- Ask Questions
- Talk to your instructors
- Meet with your advisor

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- Program sequencing
- Finding answers to questions
- Navigating the UW system
- Providing recourses for making informed decision

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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 is valid for 5 years

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Advising

- Process
- Tools
- Progress to Graduation
- Involvement






University Studies Program (USP)

Professional Education Requirements / The Phases

Major Content

Additions: majors, minors, endorsements, study abroad

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Tools

- WyoWeb for class schedules
- University Catalog for course descriptions and prerequisites
- Program sheets, 4-yr plans and degree evaluations
- Individualized long-term plan

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- 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, etc.




Progress to Graduation

- University Studies Program (USP)
- Professional Education Requirements
 - The Phases
- Major Content
- Additions – other majors, minors, endorsements, study abroad, etc.




BE INVOLVED!!!

- College Ambassadors
- Student Wyoming Education Association
- Kappa Delta Pi
- Alpha Tau Alpha
- UW Science Teaching Club
- OTHERS




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