Welcome!
College of Education
College Connect
Orientation 2017

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.

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

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)
* 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)
Liberty Minor
English as a Second Language (ESL/ELL)
Secondary Sciences:
Must major in Science or Ag. Ed
Special Education – Graduate Program only

Class sizes

College population

~1200 undergraduate & graduate

Retention and Graduation

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

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

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

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!!
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

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

College of Education
- Program sequencing
- Finding answers to questions
- Navigating the UW system
- Providing resources for making informed decision

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

Advising
- Process
- Tools
- Progress to Graduation
- Involvement

University Studies Program (USP)
Professional Education Requirements / The Phases
Major Content
Additions: majors, minors, endorsements, study abroad

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

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BE INVOLVED!!!
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Kappa Delta Pi
Alpha Tau Alpha
UW Science Teaching Club
OTHERS

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