Cowboy Credit: Secondary Education Pathway
2026-2027 University of Wyoming & Northwest College

Cowboy Credit is a planning tool that helps students identify coursework that may align with a UW academic pathway before transferring to the University of Wyoming.

START YOUR PATH

Planning for Secondary Education pathway at UW?

This pathway helps students build a strong academic foundation while exploring coursework commonly aligned with teacher preparation pathways at UW.

Professional Education Core

Commonly recommended foundational courses:

- Education Psychology
- Human Lifespan and Development
- Introduction to Special Education
- Teaching with Technology

General Education

- English Composition
- US and Wyoming Constitution

Quantitative Foundations and Applied Sciences

Build your math and science skills early:

- College Algebra
- Biology, Astronomy, Chemistry and/or Physical Geography

Content Area Foundations

Students interested in secondary education often benefit from early coursework aligned with their intended teaching area including:

English	Social Studies
Mathematics	Modern Languages
Sciences	Agriculture

Professional Readiness

Secondary education pathways combine disciplinary knowledge, communication, classroom learning, and student engagement. Students interested in teaching at the middle or high school level often benefit from early coursework aligned with their intended content area while strengthening instructional skills.

Every student's path is unique. You don't need to complete all of these courses before transferring—this guide helps you start building a strong foundation, and our team will work with you to make the most of your previous coursework, including AP, IB, CLEP, dual enrollment, and transfer credit.

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Professional Education Core	**UW Credit**	**Northwest College**
EDST 2450 Foundations of Development and Learning (H)	3	EDST 2450
ITEC 2360 Teaching and Learning with Ed Technology	3	ITEC 2360
EDEX 2484 Intro to Special Education	3	EDEX 2484
General Education	**UW Credit**	**Northwest College**
ENGL 1010 College Composition and Rhetoric (C1)	3	ENGL 1010
POLS 1000 American & Wyoming Government	3	POLS 1000
Quantitative Foundations and Applied Sciences	**UW Credit**	**Northwest College**
MATH 1400 College Algebra (Q)	3	MATH 1400
LIFE 1010 General Biology (PN)	4	LIFE 1010

Content Area Foundation
Students should consult with the College of Education Student Success Center for a comprehensive list of recommendations depending on which secondary content area they would like to teach.

1 Other approved courses that fulfill the US and Wyoming Constitution requirement include; HIST 1251: Wyoming History, HIST 1211: US History to 1865, HIST 1221: US History from 1865, and ECON 1200: Economic Law and Government.
2 For other approved courses that fulfill the Quantitative Reasoning (Q) requirement, please consult with an academic advisor.
3 For other approved courses that fulfill the Physical and Natural World (PN) requirement, please consult with an academic advisor.

Cowboy Credit is a planning tool designed to support transfer and pathway exploration. Final course equivalencies are determined after admission and receipt of official transcripts.

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