Duluth Campus

Teaching Life Science B.A.Sc.

Biology, Education

College of Education and Human Service Professions

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2021
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 140 to 170
- Required credits within the major: 122 to 152
- This program is 9 terms (4½ years) long.
- This program requires summer terms.
- Degree: Bachelor of Applied Science

The Bachelors of Applied Sciences (B.A.Sc.) degree in Teaching Life Science prepares students to teach General Science (grades 5-8) and Life Science (grades 9-12). The major aligns to the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) standards for General Science in grades 5-8 and Life Science in grades 9-12 in Minnesota. The B.A.Sc. in teaching life science is offered by the Department of Education in conjunction with the Department of Biology. This major prepares students to teach all science areas in grades 5-8 and to teach life science in grades 9 through 12. Students have the option of also completing the environment education emphasis with this major.

Students should utilize a What-if APAS Report as the official tool to see all requirements for degree completion. Due to the complexity of the admission to the blocks process, students are strongly encouraged to meet with their assigned academic advisor on a regular basis to establish a plan for program completion,

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

Students must complete 45 credits before admission to the program.

Freshman and transfer students students are usually admitted to pre-major status before admission to this major

A GPA above 2.0 is preferred for the following:

- 2.50 already admitted to the degree-granting college
- 2.50 transferring from another University of Minnesota college
- 2.50 transferring from outside the University

Students entering the STEP (5-12 & K-12) licensure programs are bound by the policies in effect at the time of application; admission is based on criteria established by the UMD Department of Education, consistent with MN policies as established by the MN Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB). Students must complete the following to be eligible for admission to Block coursework: a minimum of a 2.5 of a major and cumulative GPA, lower division and upper division coursework with a grade of C- or better, liberal education requirements, advanced writing and all requirements outlined online at: https://z.umn.edu/stepapplication. Applications are due the 6th Friday of the semester prior to starting Block I. Application for admission can be only completed spring semester for fall semester into Block I. See advisor if out of sequence. Additionally, refer to the major sub-plans. These courses are additional admission requirements to the degree program.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

Required prerequisites

Introductory Course (1 cr)

This course will be waived for transfer students with 24 credits taken post high school or students who change to CEHSP from a collegiate unit where it is not required.

Register course for one credit.

UST 1000 - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

Lower Division Requirement (59 cr)

General Requirements (10 cr)

AST 1040 - Introductory Astronomy [LE CAT, NAT SCI] (3.0 cr)

EDUC 1101 - Education in Modern Society [LE CAT7, HUMANITIES] (3.0 cr)

MATH 1250 - Precalculus Analysis [LE CAT2, LOGIC & QR] (4.0 cr)

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Geology (8 cr)
EES 1110 - Geology and Earth Systems [LE CAT, NAT SCI, SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)
EES 2110 - Reconstructing Earth's Climate History (4.0 cr)
Physics (10 cr)
PHYS 1001 - Introduction to Physics I [LE CAT, NAT SCI] (5.0 cr)
PHYS 1002 - Introduction to Physics II (5.0 cr)
Biology (21 cr)
Biology I and II
BIOL 1011 - General Biology I [LE CAT, NAT SCI] (5.0 cr)
BIOL 1012 - General Biology II [SUSTAIN] (5.0 cr)
Additional Biology Requirements
BIOL 2201 - Genetics (3.0 cr)
BIOL 2801 - General Ecology (3.0 cr)
BIOL 2110 - Cell and Molecular Biology (3.0 cr)
or BIOL 3100 - Cell Biology (3.0 cr)
Biology Lab
BIOL 2102 - Cell Biology Laboratory (2.0 cr)
or BIOL 2202 - Genetics Laboratory (2.0 cr)
or BIOL 2802 - Ecology Laboratory (2.0 cr)
Chemistry (10 cr)
CHEM 1113 - Introduction to General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry I [LE CAT, NAT SCI] (5.0 cr)
CHEM 1114 - Introduction to General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry II (5.0 cr)

Upper Division Requirements (22 cr)
Biology
BIOL 3401 - Evolution (3.0 cr)
BIOL 3703 - Animal Physiology (3.0 cr)
BIOL 3771 - Human Anatomy (4.0 cr)
Education
EDUC 3412 - The Computer in Education (3.0 cr)
EDUC 4234 - Science, Technology, and Society [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
Health
HLTH 3202 - Drug Education (2.0 cr)
Advanced Writing
WRIT 3140 - Advanced Writing: Human Services (3.0 cr)
or WRIT 3150 - Advanced Writing: Science (3.0 cr)

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the Liberal Education Program.
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

1. Compliance with general regulations governing granting of degrees.
2. Students are expected make satisfactory progress each semester, including grades of C- or better in all courses required in the major and successfully achieve all standards aligned with assignments in each course.

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3. Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative and major GPA.
4. Demonstrate acceptable professional performance, including dispositions and teaching skills, in field placement; candidate proficiency is assessed throughout the teacher preparation courses by University faculty, University supervisors, and the cooperating teachers in all field experiences. The field experience assessment forms include knowledge, skills, and dispositions that are aligned to institutional and standards for all field experiences.
5. Abide by the MN PELSB and UMD Dept. of Education Code of Ethics.
6. Obtain an approved background check before being placed practicum, volunteering, or student teaching in schools and agencies. Students are required to obtain an approved background check every two years prior to placement in practicum, volunteering, or student teaching in schools and agencies. Proof of complete background check is required prior to any experience in public school and agency settings. Students are required to keep a printed copy of the background check to provide to the school or agency, if necessary.
7. Obtain personal liability insurance before being placed practicum, volunteering, or student teaching in schools and agencies. Students are required to have professional liability insurance purchased through the Education Minnesota Student Membership annually while they are completing field placement. Students can purchase the liability insurance online at: https://z.umn.edu/edmnstudentmembership. A paper copy of the liability insurance MUST be provided to the UMD Department of Education when signing the placement contract each term.
8. Seek out advising each term with assigned advisor throughout college career to ensure you are on track for program completion.
9. Adhere to university policies regarding attendance.
10. In addition to the above expectations, students must abide by all university policies (http://d.umn.edu/academic-affairs/academic-policies).
11. Students are required to complete a program clearance process as part of the student teaching application to review their degree status with their advisor and the Accreditation office. Student teaching applications are due the 4th Friday of the semester. Learn more online at: https://z.umn.edu/studentteach. Students must have grades of C- or better in all required courses, and meet the required GPA in the major to be eligible for student teaching.
12. Recommendation for licensure are based on successful completion of all program-related courses; demonstration of satisfactory outcomes required by the program; acceptable performance in field experiences, including student teaching (including final student teaching assessments); submission of the edTPA, completion of UMD Dept. of Education graduate exit survey, and successful completion of all tests required by PELSB.

Block Requirements (40 cr)

Application for admission to the blocks must be submitted by the 6th Friday of the spring semester. Applications are available online at: https://z.umn.edu/stepapplication. Application for admission can be completed SPRING SEMSTER ONLY for FALL SEMESTER ENTRY INTO BLOCK 1 Application must be completed the semester prior to starting the blocks.

Block 1 (12 cr)

Typically, all courses must be taken concurrently (alternate schedules by program consent). Students must have personal liability insurance and approved background check while in field placement settings.

EDSE 4204 - Designing Learning Environments and Lessons (3.0 cr)
EDSE 4100 - Teaching in a Diverse Society (3.0 cr)
EDSE 4501 - Adolescent/Adult Development and Learning Theory (3.0 cr)
SPED 3415 - Special Education in the Secondary School (3.0 cr)

Block 2 (15 cr)

All courses must be taken concurrently. Application for student teaching must be made by the 4th Friday of the semester before student teaching. Course deficiencies on Program Clearance Summary form must be cleared before filing application or plans for completing these deficiencies are discussed with and approved by academic advisor. Block 2 is the time to take the MTLE Content exams. Immediately following the completion of Block 2 prior to starting Block 3 take the MTLE Pedagogy exams.

EDSE 3206 - Apprenticeship: Secondary School (2.0 cr)
EDSE 4214 - Teaching Content-Area Reading (3.0 cr)
EDSE 4255 - Teaching Science: Grades 5-12 (3.0 cr)
EDSE 4525 - Assessment for Secondary Education (3.0 cr)
EDUC 4381 - Teaching Indigenous Students (3.0 cr)
EDUC 4110 - Advanced Earth Science for Teachers (2.0 cr)

Block 3 (13 cr)

All courses must be taken concurrently. Liability insurance and approved background check must be complete. Students must have grades of C- or better, meet the required GPA in the major, and complete at least 85% of teaching courses to be eligible for student teaching. EDSE 4600 (register for 12 cr) Students must complete and submit the edTPA for scoring as outlined in the course requirements of EDSE 4600.

EDSE 4600 - Student Teaching (3.0 - 24.0 cr)
EDUC 4500 - Professional Issues and Ethics (1.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

Environmental Education

Students may complete the environmental education emphasis with this major. The environmental education emphasis is offered by the

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Department of Education in conjunction with the Department of Biology and the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. This emphasis enhances the student's major by integrating environmental education into formal (pre-K-12), as well as nonformal education settings such as parks and nature centers. This emphasis must be taken in conjunction with the teaching life science or teaching earth and space science majors. The emphasis is noted on the student's diploma.

Students must complete 30 credits for the environmental education emphasis. The below sub-plan requirements are a part of the total admission requirement that should be completed prior to admission to the degree program. These are considered prerequisites to the blocks.

Requirements (24 cr)

Lower Division (7 cr)

HLTH 1700 - First Responder (3.0 cr)
ENED 1203 - Outdoor Skills I (2.0 cr)
ENED 1204 - Outdoor Skills II (2.0 cr)

Upper Division (14 cr)

ENED 3309 - Outdoor Leadership (1.0 cr)
ENED 3310 - Outdoor Leadership Field Experience (2.0 cr)
ENED 3341 - Field Interpretive Techniques Fall (3.0 cr)
ENED 3342 - Field Interpretive Techniques - Winter & Spring (3.0 cr)
ENED 4163 - Outdoor Education Methods (3.0 cr)
PETE 3507 - Teaching Outdoor Skills - Winter & Spring (2.0 cr)

Practicum 3 cr)

ENED 4997 - Recreation Practicum (3.0 cr)

Electives (6 cr)

Pre-approved natural science courses may be substituted.
Take 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

- BIOL 3603 - Plant Taxonomy (3.0 cr)
- BIOL 4731 - Entomology (3.0 cr)
- BIOL 4761 - Ichthyology (3.0 cr)
- BIOL 4763 - Ornithology (3.0 cr)
- BIOL 5833 - Stream Ecology (3.0 cr)
- BIOL 5861 - Lake Ecology (3.0 cr)
- ENED 5325 - Sustainability Issues Investigation (2.0 cr)
- ES 2803 - Issues in Global Ecology [LE CAT] (3.0 cr)
- GEOG 3401 - Weather and Climate (3.0 cr)
- EES 1610 - Oceanography [LE CAT, NAT SCI, SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
- EES 5210 - Glacial and Quaternary Geology (4.0 cr)

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