



Welcome to UW-Stevens Point! If you are interested in pursuing teacher certification, please read this information carefully. It provides valuable information about your advising and class selection processes for today.

Early Childhood, Elementary, Physical, and Special Education majors:

- Students who have already declared one of these three majors, or would like to declare one of these majors today, should attend the advising session offered by the School of Education today.
- Students who wish to declare one of these four majors after today, should call the School of Education Advising, Recruitment & Retention Office, 715-346-2040, and make an appointment to see an adviser. This meeting should take place as soon as possible. You will need to bring a newly printed Degree Progress Report to this meeting. A Degree Progress Report can be printed from your MyPoint account.

All other teacher certification majors:

Step 1:

Students interested in any other teacher certification program should attend the advising session offered by the department of their major. *For instance, if you want to teach high school English, you should be advised by the Department of English today.*

The courses in this guide are specifically required for teacher certification and will impact some of the General Education Program requirements you choose for your first semester.

Step 2:

Declare your teaching intent in the School of Education. This group meeting typically runs 50 minutes. You will receive a wealth of information regarding teacher certification, including:

- an academic planning sheet for teacher certification,
- a School of Education Undergraduate Advising Guide,
- Professional Education Program application requirements, and
- Professional Education Program completion requirements.

To schedule your Secondary/K-12 teaching intent appointment, call the School of Education Advising, Recruitment & Retention Office, 715-346-2040, or visit the office in person, 469 College of Professional Studies.

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The School of Education website, www.uwsp.edu/education, includes our SOE Undergraduate Advising Guide and other important information.



The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point offers certification in many majors (✓), secondary education minors (■), elementary education minors (●) and “add-on” areas. Make sure that you are following the requirements for the “teaching” major or minor in the UWSP catalog. While examining the list of available majors, minors and add-on certifications, keep your academic strengths and interests in mind.

Grade levels were realigned by the Department of Public Instruction to age levels for licensure after August 2004. Job assignments will ultimately be determined by school districts.

License categories:

- **Early Childhood Education Major**
Minor - Requires an Early Childhood Special Education minor at UWSP
Licensed to teach - Early Childhood Level, ages 0-8, regular education and Early Childhood Special Education (~grades PK-3).

- **Elementary Education Major**
Minor - Requires a 22 credit minor. The minors from the “elementary minor” column “teacher certifiable minors” and are highly recommended, especially for those interested in middle school. A list of ALL approved minors is available on the Elementary Education Planning Sheet.
Licensed to teach - Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence Level, ages 6-13, (~grades 1 -8).

- **Special Education Major**
Requires a minor in one or two specialties: Cognitive Disabilities (CD), Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (EBD), and/or Learning Disabilities (LD)
Licensed to teach – Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence Level, ages 6-13 (~grades 1-8), Cross Categorical and two specialties,
OR Early Adolescence through Adolescence Level, ages 10-21 (~grades 5-12), Cross Categorical Special Education and one specialty,
OR Middle Childhood through Adolescence Level, ages 6-21 (~grades 1-12) in Cross Categorical Special Education and one specialty.

- **Secondary/K-12 teaching majors**
Major - Requires a teaching major in the content subject of licensure and additional courses for teacher certification
Licensed to teach - Either Early Adolescence through Adolescence Level, ages 10-21, (~grades 6-12), **OR** Early Childhood through Adolescence, ages 0-21 (~grades PK-12), depending on availability of grade level.

UW-Stevens Point Teaching Majors and Minors

Area	Major	Secondary Minor	Elementary Minor
Biology	✓	■	
Bilingual/Bicultural available as add-on to ESL minor		(add on)	(add on)
Chemistry	✓	■	
Coaching		(certificate)	
*Communicative Disorders (Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology)	✓ (Master's Degree Required)		
Early Childhood Education (not minor) - ages 0-8	✓		(add on) summer
Earth Science (Earth/Space)		■	
Economics	✓	■	
Elementary Education-Ages 6-13	✓		
English (optional Broadfield Language Arts license also available)	✓	■	●
English as a Second Language		■	●
Environmental Studies		Concentration for Science majors	●
*Family & Consumer Education	✓		
*French	✓	■	●
Geography	✓	■	
*German	✓	■	●
Health Education		■	●
History	✓	■	●
Mathematics	✓	■	●
*Music Education, General	✓		
*Music Education, Instrumental	✓		
*Music Education, Choral	✓		
Natural Science (Broadfield Science)	✓		●
*Physical Education	✓		
*Physical Education - Adapted		(add on)	
Physics	✓	■	
Political Science	✓	■	
Psychology	✓	■	
Social Science (Broadfield Social Science)	✓		●
Sociology	✓	■	
*Spanish	✓	■	●
Special Education w/ specialization in:			
Early Childhood Special Ed – Required as a minor for the Early Childhood major OR available as an add-on Ages 0-8 once a person has completed their Elementary or Special Education major.			
Cognitive Disabilities & Cross Categorical 6-13, 6-21, or 10-21	✓	■	●
Emotional /Behavioral Disabilities & Cross Categorical 6-13, 6-21 or 10-21	✓	■	●
Learning Disabilities & Cross Categorical 6-13, 6-21, or 10-21	✓	■	●
*Indicates licensure level will be ages 0-21 if it is an initial teaching major.			

NOTES: Teaching minors or second majors – licensure age level will match the ages of the initial major EXCEPT for the Coaching minor (ages 0-21 for all).



General Education & Teacher Certification Requirements:

The following courses meet DPI requirements that can be fulfilled within your General Education requirements.

Natural Sciences

Students registered at UWSP during the 1990-91 academic year and who completed 30 credits or more by June 1, 1991, and those receiving a 4 year baccalaureate degree prior to July 1, 1992, are exempt from these requirements. Choose one from each area:

_____ **Physical Science:** Any non-biological course that is approved as a Natural Science, or Physics 100 (*Physics 100 does not meet GEP Nat. Sci. req.*)

_____ **Life Science:** Any biology, botany, or zoology course

Arts and Humanities

Students registered at UWSP during the 1990-91 academic year and who completed 30 credits or more by June 1, 1991, and those receiving a 4 year baccalaureate degree prior to July 1, 1992, are exempt from these requirements.

_____ One Fine Arts Course

Catalog Year prior to Fall 2013: Any humanity area 1 OR art, dance, drama, music or theater course

Catalog Year Fall 2013 or later: Any course that meets the General Education “Arts” requirement.

_____ One Literature Course

Catalog Year prior to Fall 2013: Any Humanity Area 2 General Degree Requirement

Catalog Year Fall 2013 or later: Choose one of the courses from the following list. Meets the General Education “Humanities” requirement.

C LT 102, 350; ENGL 106, 108, 200, 211, 212, 213, 214, 280, 282, 283, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 319, ENGL 320, 329, 361, 363, 365, 366, 367, 378, 382, 383, 395; FREN 340; GERM 340; SPAN 340; MUS 320

Social Sciences

_____ Economics 110 (*formerly Econ 210*) OR 272 [3 credits]

Note: Only required for all Social Science majors and minors

_____ Political Science 101 OR 201 [3 credits]

Note: Only required for Broadfield Social Science majors

_____ Political Science 242 [3 credits] Spring only

Note: Only required for Broadfield Social Science majors – not required if student completed PS 201

_____ Psychology 110 [3 credits] (Pre-requisite for Education 381)

Note: Educ 381/382 will also count as a Social Science if taken Fall 2015 or later.

Environmental Literacy or Environmental Responsibility

_____ P Natural Resources 370 [3 credits]

Note: Only required for all Social Science and Science majors and minors - except psychology majors if you are not going to be certified in any other social science or science field.

Secondary/K-12 Certification Requirements:

_____ Education 205 Education in a Pluralistic Society [2 credits] Meets General Education “Experiential Learning Requirement”

_____ P Education 200 Professional Portfolio Development [1 credit]

Not required for: English or Physical Education majors

_____ P Education 300 Professional Portfolio Development II [1 credit] Pre-req: Educ 200

Not required for: English or Physical Education majors

_____ P Education 331 Educational Technology (*formerly Instructional Resources 331*) [3 credits] Fundamentals Block

Not required for: English, Family & Consumer Science, Math, Music, or Physical Education majors

_____ P Education 351 Educating Students w/Special and/or Other Needs in the General Educ. Environment [3 credits] Pre-Req: Psych 110. Fund. Block

_____ P Education 381 Educational Psychology [2 credits] Pre-Req: Psychology 110. Concurrent registration in Educ 382. Fundamentals Block

_____ P Education 382 Learning Environments [1 credit] Pre-Req: Concurrent registration in Educ 381

_____ P Education 385 Teaching the Early Adolescent [3 credits] Pre-Req: EDUC 381 – Offered Summer and Winterim only!

Not required for: Family & Consumer Science, Music, or Physical Education majors.

_____ P Education 386 Literacy in the Secondary School [3 credits]

Not required for: English majors

_____ P Education 390WE Reading & Writing for Content Understanding [3 credits] Pre-req. Education 386 or instructor consent

Not required for: English, Family & Consumer Science, Music, or Physical Education majors

_____ P Education 398 Student Teaching OR Dept. Equiv. [12-16 credits]

_____ P Education 400 Seminar on Student Teaching OR Dept. Equiv. [1 credit] To be taken in conjunction with student teaching.

_____ P Teaching Methods in Major [2-3 credits]

_____ P Teaching Methods in Minor [2-3 credits]

(P-Education 337 Techniques in Secondary Education – Science [3 credits] and P-Education 339 Techniques in Secondary Education – Social Studies [3 credits] Both Education 337 and 339 are offered FALL only.

Note: “P” in front of a course number indicates that student must be accepted into the Professional Education Program to enroll.

Competencies

- _____ All students must have the equivalent of a UWSP teaching major.
- _____ 2.75 GPA is required in the overall, major, minor, concentration, and education course work to student teach.
- _____ 40 credits of 300 and 400 level credits
- _____ You must receive a grade of C- or better in all “Early Childhood Education” AND all “Education” coursework.
- _____ Early Childhood Education and Education courses taken more than 10 years prior to student teaching may not be applied to the program requirements. Students may appeal the currency of courses. The ADSOE will convene a review panel of appropriate faculty/advising staff to make a decision about that appeal.
- _____ A portfolio and content tests are required for certification.

Enrollment Caps

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Certification

Secondary Education students will be certified in the Early Adolescence through Adolescence Level – ages 10-21 (approximately grades 6-12).

Students who complete a program in Family and Consumer Science Education, Foreign Language Majors, Music and Physical Education will be certified in the Early Childhood through Adolescence Level – ages 0-21.

Effective:

Catalog year 2012-13