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For Those Interested in Secondary Education (Grades 6-12) Certification with a BIOLOGY Degree

Students who plan to seek teacher certification after completion of the B.A. or B.S. Biology program may achieve this through the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) or a non-degree certification program. If all B.A. or B.S. Biology requirements are met, no other biology content courses are required. However, students are strongly encouraged to pursue “broad fields” Science certification which includes the areas of biology, chemistry, earth science, and physics. To meet broad fields content requirements, in addition to the biology degree, 15 credit hours in each of TWO additional content areas (Chemistry, Physics, or Earth-Space Science) are required.

Education Area F “Preprofessional Block” (PPB) courses may also be taken; however the PPB courses will not count toward meeting certification requirements but will not count toward MAT degree requirements.

Courses that a student can take as an undergraduate that will count toward certification requirements but will not count toward MAT degree requirements are:

**Chemistry (CHEM)** - advisor recommended

**Physics (PHYS)** - advisor recommended:

- PHYS 2211
- PHYS 2212
- PHYS 3536  Modern Physics I

**Earth-Space Science** - advisor recommended

The following education courses may also be taken as electives while enrolled in your bachelor’s program:

Courses that a student can take as an undergraduate that will count toward certification requirements but will not count toward MAT degree requirements are:

**Instructional Technology for P-12 Teaching Fields (ITEC 3430)** 3

**Content Literacy (READ 3330)** 3

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- **BA/BS/BBA** majors can take the complete 9 credit hour PPB block of courses with the required 50 credit hour field experience; OR
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  - Investigating Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education (EDUC 2110) (3)
  - Exploring Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity in Educational Contexts (EDUC 2120) (3)

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For Those Interested in Secondary Education (Grades 6-12) Certification with a CHEMISTRY Degree

Students who plan to seek teacher certification after completion of the B.A. or B.S. Chemistry program may achieve this through the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) or a non-degree certification program. If all B.A. or B.S. Chemistry requirements are met, no other chemistry content courses are required. However, students are strongly encouraged to pursue “broad fields” Science certification which includes the areas of biology, chemistry, earth science, and physics. To meet broad fields content requirements, in addition to the chemistry degree, 15 credit hours in each of TWO additional content areas (Biology, Physics, or Earth-Space Science) are required.

**Chemistry (CHEM)** - advisor recommended

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Students who plan to seek teacher certification after completion of the B.A. or B.S. Geography program may achieve this through the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) or a non-degree certification program. If all B.A. or B.S. Geography requirements are met, no other geography content courses are required. However, students are strongly encouraged to pursue certification in more than one social science field to enhance employment opportunity. Plan to complete at least 12 credit hours in one or more of the following fields: Economics, History, and/or Political Science, with advisor guidance in selection. These courses should be completed as part of the minor or electives.

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For Those Interested in Secondary Education (Grades 6-12) Certification with a MATHEMATICS Degree:

Students who plan to seek teacher certification after completion of the B.S. or B.S.Mat. Mathematics program may achieve this through the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) or a non-degree certification program. To meet content requirements, the following courses must be completed as part of or in addition to your current program of study:

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