

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE DUAL, MINOR

This minor may only be completed by students admitted to the Elementary Education (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-bse/>) or the Elementary Education and Special Education (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/rehabilitation-psychology-special-education/elementary-education-special-education-bse/>) programs. A minor is not required to complete either program.

Minors provide a depth of study in a particular area of interest and also inform classroom instruction. The completion of a minor is required to teach middle school in some states and may benefit students particularly interested in teaching at this level.

Students may wish to consult with an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office, 139 Education Building, to discuss course selection and other issues related to this field of study. Current students can schedule a Student Services appointment online through the Starfish app (<https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>) in MyUW. Appointments can also be made through email at studentservices@education.wisc.edu, (soeacademicservices@education.wisc.edu) by calling 608-262-1651, or in person.

Upon completion, the subject area of the minor will be posted on the UW-Madison transcript. Students will not receive an additional certification or license in the subject area. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction does not offer content licenses in association with the Elementary Education or Special Education teaching licenses.

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This minor may only be declared by students completing the Elementary Education or the Elementary Education and Special Education programs. To declare the minor, contact your academic advisor in Education Student Services any time after program admission.

REQUIREMENTS

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This minor is intended for Elementary Education and Elementary Education and Special Education majors wishing to enhance their content preparation in mathematics and science. It is particularly suitable for students who intend to teach mathematics and science in the middle school.

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 is required, based on all minor coursework taken on the UW-Madison campus.

MATHEMATICS COMPONENT

Students will contact a Student Services advisor or the Elementary Education Program Manager (see Contact Information) to choose a 12 credit group of mathematics courses that will:

1. Deepen their understanding of the reasoning, problem solving strategies, models, mathematical tools, structures, and principles, which underlie core elementary mathematics topics relevant to K-12 math education and related to fractions and rational numbers, proportional reasoning, measurement, algebraic thinking, Geometry and Measurement, and Algebra and Functions.
2. Develop the important mathematical practices, or habits of mind, that can support the learning of mathematics.

SCIENCE COMPONENT

The aim of the science component of this minor is for students to understand science as an intellectual activity. The goals of science and the diverse means by which scientific knowledge is generated and validated should be at the core of the science portion of this minor. Upon its completion, students should have had opportunities to understand some of the most powerful organizing ideas in the various scientific disciplines as well as how those ideas have been and are generated. Such an understanding should provide students with the fundamental tools and outlook necessary to teach the variety of science content typically taught in middle schools.

The committee that developed this science component has indicated that the primary purpose for the minor should be consistent with the goals of a liberal or general education, thus viewing the minor as an extension of the current liberal studies requirement. In addition to the 9 credits of science required for the liberal studies requirement, students completing this minor must also take 9 credits in science for the math-science dual minor. With these 18 credits it is possible to provide a minimal level of breadth and depth of science coursework. This minor is also expected to provide Elementary Education students with a background in the sciences that are most commonly taught at the middle school level.

Complete the following requirements:

- At least 18 credits from the courses listed below. Additional courses can be considered; please consult with an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office, 139 Education Building.
- One course in each of three of the four science areas of biology, chemistry, physics, and earth and space science from the approved list, below. Integrated Liberal Studies 153 does not count in any of the areas, but can count toward the 18 credit total.
- At least 6 credits of coursework from the courses listed below that are **not** marked with an asterisk (*). Courses with the asterisk are considered to be introductory level courses.

The following courses are approved for inclusion in the science component of the math/science minor:

Code	Title	Credits
ILS 153	Ways of Knowing in the Sciences *	4

Biology course options

Code	Title	Credits
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Biochemistry

All courses numbered 500 and above

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All courses

Biology

BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 101	Animal Biology *	3
BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 102	Animal Biology Laboratory *	2
BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 151	Introductory Biology *	5
BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 152	Introductory Biology	5
Botany		
BOTANY 100	Survey of Botany *	3
BOTANY/ PL PATH 123	Plants, Parasites, and People *	3
BOTANY/ BIOLOGY 130	General Botany *	5
BOTANY/BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 151	Introductory Biology *	5
BOTANY/BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 152	Introductory Biology	5
BOTANY/ENVIR ST/ ZOOLOGY 260	Introductory Ecology *	3
All courses numbered 300 and above		
Entomology		
ENTOM/ ENVIR ST 201	Insects and Human Culture-a Survey Course in Entomology *	3
All courses numbered 300 and above		
Forest and Wildlife Ecology		
All courses numbered 300 and above		
Genetics		
All courses numbered 400 and above		
Microbiology		
MICROBIO 101	General Microbiology *	3
MICROBIO 102	General Microbiology Laboratory *	2
All courses numbered 300 and above		
Plant Pathology		
PL PATH/ BOTANY 123	Plants, Parasites, and People *	3
All courses numbered 300 and above		
Zoology		
ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY 101	Animal Biology *	3
ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY 102	Animal Biology Laboratory *	2
ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY/ BOTANY 151	Introductory Biology *	5
ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY/ BOTANY 152	Introductory Biology	5
ZOOLOGY/ BOTANY/ ENVIR ST 260	Introductory Ecology *	3
ZOOLOGY/ ENTOM 302	Introduction to Entomology	4
ZOOLOGY/ ENVIR ST 315	Limnology-Conservation of Aquatic Resources	2

ZOOLOGY 316	Laboratory for Limnology- Conservation of Aquatic Resources	2-3
Courses numbered 350 and above		

Chemistry course options

Code	Title	Credits
Biochemistry		
All courses numbered 500 and above		
Chemistry		
CHEM 103	General Chemistry I *	4
CHEM 104	General Chemistry II	5
CHEM 108	Chemistry in Our World *	5
CHEM 109	Advanced General Chemistry *	5
CHEM 115	Chemical Principles I *	5
CHEM 116	Chemical Principles II	5
All courses numbered 300 and above		

Physics course options

Code	Title	Credits
PHYSICS 103	General Physics *	4
PHYSICS 104	General Physics	4
PHYSICS 107	The Ideas of Modern Physics *	3
All courses numbered 200 and above		

Earth and Space Science course options

Code	Title	Credits
Astronomy		
ASTRON 103	The Evolving Universe: Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology *	3
ASTRON 104	Our Exploration of the Solar System *	3
ASTRON 150	Topics in Astronomy	2
ASTRON 200	The Physical Universe *	3
ASTRON 236	The History of Matter in the Universe *	3
All courses numbered 200 and above		
Atmospheric and Oceanic Studies		
ATM OCN 100	Weather and Climate *	3
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ATM OCN/ ENVIR ST/ GEOSCI 102	Climate and Climate Change *	3
ATM OCN/ GEOSCI 105	Survey of Oceanography *	3-4
ATM OCN/ ENVIR ST 171	Global Change: Atmospheric Issues and Problems *	2-3
All courses numbered 200 and above		
Geography		
GEOG/ ENVIR ST 120	Introduction to the Earth System *	3
GEOG/ENVIR ST 127	Physical Systems of the Environment *	4
All courses numbered 300 and above and designated as Physical Science		
Geoscience		

GEOSCI 100	Introductory Geology: How the Earth Works *	3
GEOSCI/ATM OCN/ ENVIR ST 102	Climate and Climate Change *	3
GEOSCI/ ATM OCN 105	Survey of Oceanography *	3-4
GEOSCI 110	Evolution and Extinction *	4
GEOSCI 202	Introduction to Geologic Structures	4
GEOSCI 204	Geologic Evolution of the Earth	4
GEOSCI 304	Geobiology	3
GEOSCI/GEOG 320	Geomorphology	3
GEOSCI/G L E 370	Elementary Petrology	3
GEOSCI/GEOG 420	Glacial and Pleistocene Geology	3
GEOSCI 430	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	3
GEOSCI/G L E 455	Structural Geology	4
GEOSCI 456	Geologic Field Methods	2

All courses numbered 556 and above