



UW-RIVER FALLS GENERAL EDUCATION FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION (College of Education and Professional Studies)

I. GENERAL EDUCATION. This is a summary of the UWRF General Education requirements. This may be used as a guide when selecting courses for transfer to complete elementary or secondary teaching degrees in the UWRF College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS). See the CEPS website <http://www.uwrf.edu/college-of-education> for program requirements and links to the CEPS Dean's Office and departments. Contact the CEPS or the Admissions Office, phone 715-425-3500 or email admit@uwrf.edu, with questions.

A. COMMUNICATION.

1. College Level English Composition (1 course)
2. Advanced College Level English Composition (1 course)
3. Speech/Oral Communication (Public Speaking, not Interpersonal Communication) (1 course)

B. SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES. Select one course from two different areas:

1. Cultural Anthropology (not Physical Anthropology/Archaeology)
2. Economics (a survey course in U.S. or international economic issues, not macro or micro economics)
3. Cultural Geography (Human Geography, World Regional Geography, not Physical Geography)
4. History (a survey course in Western or World Civilization, or U.S. History)
5. Political Science (Intro to American Government and Politics, or Intro to International Relations/World Politics, or Comparative Government)
6. Psychology (General/Intro Psychology)
7. Sociology (General/Intro Sociology)

C. HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS. Select one course from two different areas:

1. Art Appreciation/Art History (not art studio, drawing or design courses) (Art Appreciation required for Elementary Educ majors)
2. English Literature Survey (typical titles might be Intro to Lit, Survey of Lit, Types of Lit, Modern Lit, World Lit)
3. Dance History/Appreciation (not social dance, ballet, modern dance or other dance technique courses)
4. Film Studies/Intro to Film
5. Music Appreciation/History (not music theory, ensembles or private lessons) (Music Appreciation required for Elementary Educ majors)
6. Philosophy (Intro Philosophy, History of Philosophy, or Ethics)
7. Theatre (Intro to Theatre/Drama, not acting or technical theatre courses) (Intro Theatre is required for English Education majors)

D. MATHEMATICS. One course. Minimum math level depends on major. Consult catalog of major department for specific math level.

1. Generally, College Algebra or higher, or statistics. (Math for Elementary Teachers is required for Elementary Educ majors)

E. SCIENCES. One course from two different areas, at least one must include a lab. Some programs require more than the minimum sciences as required supporting courses. Consult the major department for specific questions.

1. Biology (Intro/survey or general biology)
2. Chemistry (Survey/intro chemistry or freshman chemistry with lab)
3. Physical Geography (Intro to physical geography, not human/cultural geography)
4. Geology (a survey course in physical geology or earth science, or oceanography)
5. Physics/Astronomy (a survey course in physics or physical science, or algebra-based or calculus-based freshman physics with lab, or a survey course in astronomy)

F. PERSONAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS.

1. A wellness/lifestyle course (a lecture course including fitness assessment, and development and maintenance of a healthy lifestyle)
2. Two PE lifetime activity courses (such as bowling, swimming, racquetball, tennis, golf, aerobics, weight training)

G. ETHICAL CITIZENSHIP. Select one course which identifies individual and collective responsibilities to the social and natural environment. Focus is on the process of decision-making regarding values and ethics in personal, professional and civic life. Typical courses in this category are Intro to Environmental Studies, Intro to Mass Communications, Personal Finance, Environmental Geology, Intro to Social Work, Business Ethics, Literature of Environmental Justice, and Plants and Society.

H. MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDY. One junior/senior level course, which generally would be taken at UWRF.

II. WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (DPI) AND UWRF CEPS REQUIRED COURSEWORK These courses are required for elementary or secondary teaching licensure. **They may be double counted in General Education, the major or minor.**

A. FINE ARTS.

1. If Elementary Educ, one course in art appreciation and one course in music appreciation. (Not art studio or music performance courses.)
2. If Secondary Education, one course, selected from art appreciation or music appreciation or dance appreciation or theatre appreciation or film appreciation. (Not studio or performance courses.)

B. LITERATURE (One course) Typical course titles may be Intro to Lit, Modern World Lit, Western World Lit, American Lit, British Lit.

C. NON-WESTERN HISTORY OR CONTEMPORARY CULTURE (One course) Typical courses may be Human/Cultural Geography, World Regional Geography, Asian History, Non-western Religious Philosophy, Native American History, Latin American History.

D. WESTERN HISTORY OR CONTEMPORARY CULTURE (One course) Typical course titles may be U.S. History, Western Civilization, American Music, History of Jazz, Intro to American Film)

E. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE (One course) Intro/General Biology

F. PHYSICAL SCIENCE (One course) Select an introductory or survey courses in chemistry, physics, astronomy, geology, physical science or physical geography.

G. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (One course) Required only for Elementary Education, or secondary education certification in social sciences, sciences or agriculture. Course must meet the Wisconsin DPI standards. Course may double count as the Biological Science course.

H. MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION (One course) Must meet the Wisconsin DPI standards.

III. ADDITIONAL COURSES should be selected based on the intended major/minor subject areas. Consult the CEPS website for program requirements and department contacts.

ADMISSION PRIORITY may be given to students who have completed the English composition, speech, mathematics, and science requirements prior to transfer. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 is required for Elementary Education applicants. Applicants for secondary teaching certification programs are expected to have a 2.75 gpa or higher.

APPLICATION PRIORITY DATES (Applications are considered after the priority dates until program enrollment targets have been met.)

For Fall Semester Admission – February 1 (For Elementary Education – November 1)

For Spring Semester Admission – December 1

UWRF CONTACTS:

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UWRF On-Line Catalog: <http://www.uwrf.edu/catalog>

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