

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION
AND CERTIFICATION IN FIELD OF STUDY
JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION — THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

For Students Entering the
Oklahoma State System for
Higher Education
**Summer 2017 through
Spring 2018**

Credit Hours and Grade Average Requirements	
Minimum Hours for Graduation.	124
Minimum Overall Grade Point Average	2.75
Minimum OU Residence Grade Point Average	2.75
Minimum Grade Point Average in Major	2.75
Minimum Requirements for Certification:	
Undergraduate Degree PLUS Certification Exams	

Science Education:
Physical Science
B833
Bachelor of Science
in Education

OU encourages students to complete at least 31 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS—41 Hours			MAJOR REQUIREMENTS			
These General Education courses meet minimum University, College and State General Education Requirements.			PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION 31 Hours		SPECIALIZED EDUCATION 52 Hours	
			Courses	Hours	Courses	Hours
Communication Skills-9 hours	ENGL 1113, Prin. of English Composition (Core I) ENGL 1213, Prin. of English Composition (Core I), or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing COMM1113, Prin. of Communication (Core I), or COMM2613, Public Speaking	3 3 3	*EIPT 3473, Learning, Development, & Assessment for Teachers	3	Biological Science - satisfied under gen Ed	
Mathematics-6 hours	MATH 1523, Precalculus & Trigonometry or higher (Core I) MATH 1823, Calculus & Analytic Geometry I, or higher	3 3	EDSP 3054, Understanding & Accommodating Students with Exceptionalities	4	Chemistry - 13-18 hours CHEM 1315, General Chemistry, and CHEM 1415, General Chemistry, or CHEM 1425 Gen. Chemistry for Majors	5 5
U.S. History & Government-6 hours	HIST 1483, U.S. 1492-1865, or (Core IV) HIST 1493, U.S. 1865-Present and P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3 3	EIPT 3043, Learning with Educational Technologies	3	CHEM 3005, Quantitative Analysis CHEM 4333, Adv. Inorganic Chemistry	5 3
Biological and Physical Sciences-8 hours	BIOL 1114, Introductory Zoology (Core II-NL) GEOL 2014, The Earth System (Core II-LAB)	4 4	*EDS 4003, Schools in American Cultures	3	Physics - 10 hours †PHYS 2414, Gen. Phys. for Life Sci. Majors, PHYS 1311 General Physics Lab I	4 1
Arts & Humanities-6 hours	Any one course chosen from Core IV-Artistic Forms. _____ (Core IV-AF)	3 3	*EIPT 3483, Motivation & Classroom Management for Teachers	3	PHYS 2424, Phys. for Life Sci. Majors, PHYS 1321, Physics Lab II	4 1
Social & Behavioral Sciences-3 hours	GEOG 3253, Environmental Conservation (Core III-SS)	3	*EDSC 4513, Teaching Science in Secondary Schools	3	Earth & Space Science - 7 hours †ASTR 1504, Astronomy: Exploring the Universe, or †ASTR 1514, Astronomy: Exploring the Universe with Lab	4
Foreign Language-0-10 hours	Students must meet both requirements outlined below: University-Wide General Education Requirement: Two college-level courses in a single foreign language are required; may be satisfied by successful completion of 2 years in a single foreign language in high school. (Core I), and, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Requirement: Teacher candidates must demonstrate conversational skills at a novice-high level in a language other than English. *The novice-high level language requirement may be satisfied by classical, modern, Native or American Sign Language.	0-10	EDSC 4533, Advanced Methods in Science teaching (Capstone)	3	†GEOL 1003, Volcanoes & Earthquakes	3
Non-Western Culture-3 hours	HSCI 3313, Science & Technology in Asian History, or HSCI 3453, Science & Civilization in Islam, or HSCI 3483, Technology, Politics, & International Development (Core IV-NWC)	3	*EDUC 4060, Teaching Experiences in the Secondary School	9	Statistics - 3 hours †PSY 2003, Understanding Statistics	3
Senior Capstone	EDSC 4533—Satisfied under Professional Education requirements. (Capstone, Core V)		*These courses require field experience.		Research - 3 hours CHEM 3990, Independent Study CHEM 4990, Independent Study PHYS 3990, Independent Study, or PHYS 4990, Independent Study	3
			Students must maintain a minimum of 2.75 grade point average with no grade less than a C in the Professional Education courses for graduation.			
			A minimum of 40 hours must be completed at the upper-division level.			

The 41 hours above, along with 14 hours noted by † in the Specialized Education column, comprise the 55 hours required for Liberal Arts & Sciences.

CERTIFICATION: To be fully certified, students must pass Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators, apply for a license, and successfully complete the residency program.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Science Education: Physical Science - B833

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), or	3
	MATH 1523, Precalculus & Trigonometry (Core I)	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	3
	HIST 1483, U.S. 1492-1865, or HIST 1493, U.S. 1865-Present	3	MATH 1823, Calculus & Analytic Geometry I or higher	3
	COMM 1113, Prin. of Communication, or	3	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3
	BIOL 1114, Introductory Zoology	4	GEOG 2014, The Earth System (Core II-Lab)	4
			CHEM 1315, General Chemistry	5
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18
SOPHOMORE	EIPT 3473, Learning, Development, and Assessment for Teachers	3	EDSP 3054, Understanding & Accommodating Students with Exceptionalities	4
	GEOG 1003, Volcanoes and Earthquakes	3	PHYS 2414, General Physics for Life Sci. Majors	4
	PSY 2003, Understanding Statistics	3	PHYS 1311, General Physics Lab I	1
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV-AF)	3	CHEM 3005, Quantitative Analysis	5
	CHEM 1415, General Chemistry (continued)	5	GEOG 3253, Environmental Conservation (Core III-SS)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	17	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	17
JUNIOR	EDS 4003, Schools in American Cultures	3	EIPT 3043, Learning with Educational Technologies	3
	HSCI 3013, History of Science to Newton, or 3023, History of Science Since 17th Century.	3	HSCI 3313, 3453, or 3483 (Core IV-NWC)	3
	PHYS 2424, Gen. Physics for Life Sci. Majors	4	Science Elective	3
	PHYS 1321, General Physics Lab II	1	Science Elective	3
	ASTR 1504, Astronomy: Exploring the Universe, or 1514, Astronomy: Exploring the Universe with Lab	4	Science Elective	2
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14
SENIOR	EDSC 4513, Teaching Science in Secondary Schools	3	EDUC 4060, Teaching Experiences in the Secondary School	9
	EDSC 3233, Environmental Issues in the Community	3	EDSC 4533, Advanced Methods in Science Teaching (Capstone, Core V)	3
	EIPT 3483, Motivation & Classroom Management for Teachers	3		
	CHEM/PHYS 3990 or 4990, Independent Study	3		
	CHEM 4333, Advanced Inorganic Chemistry	3		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12

Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 40 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.

Additional credit hours may be required in the same college-level foreign language. Teacher candidates must demonstrate conversational skills at a novice-high level in a language other than English. This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

CERTIFICATION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS—JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Students are eligible for admission to the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education with:

- a. a minimum of 24 semester hours earned from an accredited institution of higher learning;
- b. a minimum of 2.75 combined retention grade point average on all coursework attempted;
- c. a declared major in education.

FULL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS—TEACHER EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMS

Students are eligible for admission to Teacher Education with:

- a. a minimum of 30 semester hours from an accredited institution of higher learning to include the following 24 hours as defined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education with a grade of C or better: English (Composition and Literature)-6 hours; MATH, Gen. Ed. Core I -3 hours; American History-3 hours; American Government-3 hours; Humanities to include Artistic Forms, Western Civilization, Non-Western Culture, World Language, or other adviser-approved Gen. Ed. course -3 hours; Social and Behavioral Sciences-3 hours; Natural Sciences-3 hours.
- b. a minimum of 2.75 grade point average (OU retention and combined retention) on all coursework attempted;
- c. successful completion of the OGET (Oklahoma General Education Test) or PPST (Pre Professional Skills Test) The OGET Exam requires a minimum score of 240. All three portions of the PPST must be passed with minimum cut scores of MATH 171, WRITING 172, and READING 173.

Admission to a teaching program requires submission of an application, essay, background check, and an interview with the admission committee prior to enrollment in the first education course.

RETENTION REQUIREMENTS—JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- a. When a student accepts an offer of admission into a JRCoE department or program, he or she commits to comply with all its regulations, including those regarding professional conduct and dispositions that are contained in the JRCoE [Professional Behavior Policy](#).
- b. Students must maintain a minimum 2.75 grade point average (OU retention and combined retention) in all **undergraduate** coursework and a minimum 3.00 grade point average in all **graduate** coursework attempted.
- c. Students must maintain a minimum of 2.75 **undergraduate** grade point average in both professional education courses and in specialized education courses with no grade less than a **C** and must maintain a minimum of 3.00 grade point average in **graduate** professional and specialized education courses, with no grade less than a **B**.
- d. Students must earn a C or better in Communication 1113 or Communication 2613.
- e. Students whose OU retention or combined retention grade point averages at the **undergraduate** level fall below 2.75 will be subject to dismissal from the college. At the **graduate** level, students must meet Graduate College requirements.
- f. Students who have not earned OU retention and combined retention grade point averages of 2.75 after the completion of 60 semester hours will be dismissed from the College.
- g. Because one college level math course is a requirement for full admission into both the college and the teacher preparation program, declared Education majors must complete at least one college-level Math within the first four semesters of enrollment at OU. Transfer students who have not completed a college level Math course will have two semesters to complete the requirement. Students who fail to meet the requirement within the time limits specified will be subject to dismissal from the College.
- h. Coursework more than 10 years old in the teaching specialization and professional education may not be credited toward the completion of a teacher education degree and/or certificate program. However, coursework over 10 years old may be reviewed by the appropriate certificate committee for possible credit toward the completion of a teacher education degree and/or certificate program.
- i. A student has 6 years to complete a teacher education degree and/or certificate program after full admission. After the 6-year period, a student must seek readmission to that program and meet the catalog requirements in effect at the time of readmission.
- j. Students **will be** withdrawn from courses for failing to observe prerequisites and corequisites. Continued disregard of prerequisites and corequisites is grounds for dismissal from the College.

FIELD EXPERIENCES: Transfer students without appropriate field experiences may be required to enroll in EDUC 2400.

PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT: Only general education electives may be taken under the pass/no pass option.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS: Students must complete either the last 30 hours or 45 of the last 60 hours after being fully admitted to a teacher education program to satisfy this requirement.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE COMPLETED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STUDENT TEACHING INTERNSHIP: Students must be in good standing and have completed **all** baccalaureate degree requirements with the exceptions of EDUC 4060 and EDSC 4533.

JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS: Students transferring from a junior college may use the transferred credit to meet certain lower-division course requirements only; that is, freshman and sophomore-level courses.

DEGREE COMPLETION RESPONSIBILITY: Although the Dean's Office checks each student's records, **the responsibility for meeting degree requirements lies with the student** and not with the adviser or the Dean. Each student should obtain a copy of his or her requirements for graduation and check it regularly as he or she completes his or her degree program.

GRADUATION APPLICATION: The final step to be completed by the student before graduation is the filing of an official Application for Graduation. The Application for Graduation should be filled out online by September 15 for fall graduation, February 15 for spring graduation, and June 1 for summer graduation. **The student's degree will not be conferred, nor any completion statement entered on his or her transcript, until the required application is filed.**