



Bachelor of Arts in Education

Special Education

	Fall Term	J-term	Spring Term	Comments
First Year	PSYC 101 FYEP 101 GEN ED FTWL 100 (1 hr) PLUS 100 (1 hr)	GEN ED	MATH 123 FYEP 102* GEN ED GEN ED	*EDUC 205 recommended
Credits:	14	4	16	Credits for year: 34
Sophomore Year	MATH 124 Life/Physical Science** KINS 322 (2 hrs) MUSI 341 (2 hrs) GEN ED	GEN ED	Life/Physical Science** GEN ED*** GEN ED FTWL Activity (1 hr)	**One science course, Life or Physical, must include a lab. See table below. ***EDUC 385 recommended for Global Engagement
Credits:	16	4	13	Credits for year: 33
Junior Year	EDUC 320 (1 hr) EDUC 330 (0 hr)* EDUC 332 (2 hrs) EDUC 375 (2 hrs) SPED 307 (4 hrs) SPED 342 (4hrs)	EDUC 405 (2 hrs) EDUC 327 (3 hrs)	EDUC 361 (4 hrs) EDUC 372 (4 hrs) EDUC 404 (4 hrs) SPED 404 (2 hrs) SPED 376 (3 hrs) EDUC 370 (0 hr)*	60 semester credits (junior status prior to start of program) *EDUC 330 ~ 40 practicum hours *EDUC 370 is 75-90 practicum hours
Credits:	13	5	17	Credit for year: 35
Senior Year	EDUC 373 (4 hrs) EDUC 374 (4 hrs) EDUC 407 (2 hrs) SPED 454 (3 hrs) EDUC 402 (0 hr)*	SPED 409 (4 hrs)	EDUC 450 (2 hrs) EDUC 455 (15 hrs)**	*EDUC 402 is 90 practicum hours **Student Teaching
Credits:	13	4	17	Credit for year: 34
Total Credits Required by Degree:				Total Credits: 136

Sciences for Elementary Education Majors

Elementary Education majors are required to take 4 hours of Life Science and 4 hours of Physical Science. At least one of these courses must have a lab component. Some courses listed here are fewer than 4 hours and some have a separate Lab required for Lab Science credit.

Course	Prerequisites	Term(s) offered
Life Sciences with Lab		
ANTH 101: Human Biological Diversity		Fall
BIOL 111: Biology & the Modern World		Odd Spring
BIOL 116: Introductory Ecology		Spring
BIOL 205: Anatomy & Physiology 1	Math Placement Evaluation of MATH 140 or MATH 115 with a C or higher	Fall
BIOL 225: Molecules, Cells, & Organisms	Math Placement Evaluation of MATH 140 or MATH 115 with a C or higher	Fall & Spring
ESCI 102: General Oceanography		
Life Sciences without Lab		
ENVT 239: Environment & Culture		
Physical Sciences with Lab		
CHEM 104: Environmental Chemistry		
CHEM 115: General Chemistry 1	Math Placement Evaluation of MATH 151 or MATH 140 with a C or higher	Fall
ENVT/ESCI 104: Conservation of Natural Resources		Fall
ENVT 350: Environmental Methods of Investigation	Pre-Req: One, Multidisciplinary Courses in ENVT or consent	Fall
ESCI 102: General Oceanography		
ESCI 103: Earthquake/Volcano/Geologic Hazards		Spring
ESCI 105: Meteorology		
ESCI 201: Geological Principles		Fall & Spring
PHYS 110: Astronomy	Math Placement Evaluation of MATH 140 or MATH 115 with a C or higher	
PHYS 125 & 135: College Physics 1 + lab	Math Placement Evaluation of MATH 151 or MATH 140 with a C or higher	Fall
Physical Sciences without Lab		
ESCI 106: Geology of National Parks		
ESCI 107: Global Climate Change		
ESCI 109: Geology of Energy		

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General education course requirements are listed assuming that major classes will not count toward the general education course requirements. If a course counts towards a major and a general education requirement (e.g. PSYC 101 if the student is a psychology major), students will still need to take enough courses (shown here as Graduation Hr Req) to reach the 128 credits needed to graduate.

Departmental Requirements

- Requires **69** hours in coursework
- The School of Education offers direct admission for the Bachelor of Arts in Education (BAE) program. This allows students to pursue Elementary Education (K-8) at the time they are officially enrolled at PLU. No additional application or interview is necessary for the BAE program. The education program which culminates in a BAE degree and Washington State Teaching certificate begins in fall of your junior year.
- A 2.50 overall GPA is required to graduate for the major.
- All coursework designated by EDUC, SPED, or EPSY must be completed with a B- grade or better.
- [LINK TO COURSE CATALOG](#)
- Students have the opportunity to Study Away in Namibia. Juniors have the option of J-Term and spring semester. Seniors have the option of J-Term.

General Degree Requirements

- A minimum of 128 semester hours must be completed with a GPA of 2.00 or higher.
- In addition to the requirements of this major, students must complete all other requirements of the University as listed in the catalog.
- At least 32 semester hours must be completed in residence at PLU.
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- All students must complete a minimum of 40 semester hours of Upper-Division work (300-400 level) which includes courses in the major.
- Students should earn 32 semester hours per year to stay on track to graduate in 4-years (which requires a minimum of 128 semester hours).
- [UNIVERSITY CATALOG](#)