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B.A.Ed. in Science Education Description

The B.A.E. degree with a major in science education can be completed with an emphasis in biology, chemistry, or physics. The degree prepares graduates to be eligible for certification in Mississippi to teach one of these science subjects in grades 7-12. Graduates may also teach other subjects by gaining supplemental endorsements. (See an advisor for more information.)

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 122 General Education Requirements

The core/general education requirements for the B.A.E. degree are as follows: 6 hours of English composition (Writ 100 or Writ 101, and Writ 102 or Liba 102); 6 hours of American or English literature; Math 121 or higher; a 3-4 hour biological science course with laboratory; a 3-4 hour physics, astronomy, or physical science II course with laboratory; a 3-4 hour course in geology, chemistry, or physical science I; one additional 3-hour course in mathematics or science; a 3-hour course in fine arts (appreciation or history of); one additional 3-hour course in fine arts; 6 hours of history; 3 hours of humanities (from among classics, modern languages, philosophy, religion, literature, history, Southern studies, gender studies, linguistics, or African American studies); Psy 201.

Note: The Core Requirements are subject to change due to mandates from the Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL) and the Mississippi Department of Education. Therefore, it is important for all students to meet with School of Education advisers in the dean's office for the most recent information on the Core.

Course Requirements

The requirements for the B.A.E. in science education are the professional education courses (29 hours), shown below, plus the content courses and related areas courses to satisfy an emphasis in biology, chemistry, or physics.

Professional Education Courses (29 hours) - Edsp 308, Edci 352, Edci 353*, Edse 400*, Edse 446*, Edle 486*, and Edci 419* (*Admission to Phase II of the Teacher Education Program is required before taking these courses.)

Content area, related area, and elective courses to satisfy one of the three emphases.

Other Academic Requirements

Admission to Phase II: Professional Education Core

Students who wish to enter a teacher education degree program must submit a formal application for admission to Phase II to the Office of the Dean of the School of Education. Requirements for admission to teacher education are as follows:

1. Completion of 45 semester hours. Students are responsible for submitting grades to the Office of the Dean for courses taken at other institutions.
2. A grade-point average of 2.75 or above on the 45 semester hours described above. Those who meet the test requirement (see below) and have at least a 2.50 but less than the 2.75 on the core may appeal to the Admissions Committee by submitting a portfolio that should include an essay and examples of successful experiences working with children. Information regarding the details for appeal is available for qualifying students. An on-site writing test is required in the appeal process.
3. Appropriate scores on the Praxis 1: Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) or SAT or ACT scores (see below):
- PPST scores required: Reading-170; Writing-172; Math-169. - Students who provide proof of an SAT composite score of at least 860 or an ACT score of at least 21 with no subtest score below 18 may be admitted to the teacher education program without PPST scores. ACT or SAT scores must be from tests taken prior to admission to a college or university.
4. A formal application for admission to Phase II must be filed in the Office of the Dean by the deadline date announced.
5. Approval by the Teacher Education Committee. Criteria for acceptance include requirements 1-4.

Admission to Phase III: Student Teaching

Applications are available on the advising link of the School of Education's Web site http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/educ_school2. Fall student teaching (music only) applications are due the spring semester prior to fall student teaching.

To be admitted to student teaching, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Admission to Phase II: Professional Education Core.
2. A minimum grade of C in professional education courses. If this minimum of C is not met, the course(s) must be retaken before enrolling in the next level of professional education courses.
3. Completion of all but two courses in the teaching field (not including electives) with a minimum grade of C. Candidates missing more than the maximum of two courses with the minimum grade of C can submit a letter of appeal to the director of field experiences. A committee will convene to consider the appeal.
4. Completion of 15 hours in residency at The University of Mississippi (includes Tupelo and DeSoto campus centers).
5. Completion of courses taken by correspondence for admission to student teaching.
6. Evidence of professional liability insurance.

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other subjects by gaining supplemental endorsements. (See an advisor for more information.)

Course Requirements

The B.A.E. in science education with an emphasis in biology requires the professional education courses (32 hours) plus the following content area, related areas, and electives.

Content Area Courses (32 hours) - Bisc 160/161; 162/163; 322; one course from among 330, 516, or 545; 331, 333, 336, 440, and 498

Related Areas (18 hours) - Astr 101/Geol 101 (3 hours) - Phys 213/223 (4 hours) - Chem 105/115 and 106/116 (8 hours) - Math 123, 125, or 261 (3 hours)

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The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

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General Education

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
First Year Writing I	3	Complete Hon 101 , Writ 100 or Writ 101 with a passing grade.
First Year Writing II	3	Complete one of the following courses with a passing grade: Liba 102 , Writ 102 or Hon 102 .
6 hrs history	6	Complete 6 hours of History coursework with a passing grade.
3 hrs math 121+	3	Complete a mathematics course (Math 121 or higher) with a passing grade. Does not include Math 245 or Math 246 .
Physical science	3	Successfully complete 3-4 hour course with laboratory in physics, astronomy, or physical science II.
Physical sci lab	1	Complete a physical science lab to accompany physical science course.
Biological science	3	Successfully complete a biological science course with an accompanying lab.
Biological sci lab	1	Complete a biological science lab to accompany biological science course.
3-4 hrs science	3	Complete a 3-4 hours course in geology, chemistry, or physical science I.
6 hrs literature 200+	6	Complete 6 credit hours of literature at the 200 level or higher.
3 hrs fine arts, apprec or hist	3	Successfully complete 3 hours in the fine or performing arts. The course may be chosen from art history, music, dance, and theatre arts. Studio and workshop courses cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

General Education II

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Psy 201	3	Complete Psy 201 with a passing grade.
Add'l math/science	3	Successfully complete an additional 3-hour course in mathematics or science.
3 hrs humanities	3	Successfully complete 3 semester hours in courses chosen from the following areas: classics, modern languages, philosophy, religion, literature, history, southern studies, gender studies, linguistics, or African American studies.

Major Requirements

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Edsp 308 - C min	3	Complete Edsp 308 with a grade of C or better.
Edci 352 - C min	2	Complete Edci 352 with a grade of C or better.
EDSP 327	3	Complete EDSP 327 with a grade of C or better.
Edci 353 - C min	3	Complete Edci 353 with a grade of C or better.
Edse 400 - C min	3	Complete Edse 400 with a grade of C or better.
Edse 446 - C min	3	Complete Edse 446 with a grade of C or better.
Edle 486 - C min	9	Complete Edle 486 with a grade of C or better.
Edci 419 - C min	3	Complete Edci 419 with a grade of C or better.
Select an emphasis		Select an emphasis area within the BAE in Science Education program.

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Astr 101/Geol 101 - C min	3	Complete one of the following courses with a grade of C or better: Astr 101 or Geol 101 .



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Bisc 160 - C min	3	Complete Bisc 160 with a grade of C or better.
Bisc 161 - C min	1	Complete Bisc 161 with a grade of C or better.
Bisc 162 - C min	3	Complete Bisc 162 with a grade of C or better.
Bisc 163 - C min	1	Complete Bisc 163 with a grade of C or better.
Bisc 322 - C min	4	Complete Bisc 322 with a grade of C or better.
Bisc 330/516/545 - C min	4	Complete one of the following courses with a grade of C or better: Bisc 330 , Bisc 516 or 545 .
Bisc 331 - C min	4	Complete Bisc 331 with a grade of C or better.
Bisc 333 - C min	4	Complete Bisc 333 with a grade of C or better.
Bisc 336 - C min	4	Complete Bisc 336 with a grade of C or better.
Bisc 440 - C min	4	Complete Bisc 440 with a grade of C or better.
Bisc 498 - C min		Complete Bisc 498 with a grade of C or better.
Chem 105 - C min	3	Complete Chem 105 with a grade of C or better.
Chem 106 - C min	3	Complete Chem 106 with a grade of C or better.
Chem 115 - C min	1	Complete Chem 115 with a grade of C or better.
Chem 116 - C min	1	Complete Chem 116 with a grade of C or better.
Math 123/125/261 - C min	3	Complete one of the following courses with a grade of C or better: Math 123 , Math 125 , or Math 261 .
Phys 213 - C min	3	Complete Phys 213 with a grade of C or better.
Phys 223 - C min	1	Complete Phys 223 with a grade of C or better.

