COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Secondary Education

BSED Secondary Education - General Science

This is a guide based on the 2023-24 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and winter/summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress. We recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
FYS100 First Year Seminar (Foundations)	3	SPE110 Intro to Indiv w/ Exceptionalities (Citizenship)	3
MSED110 Intro to Middle & Secondary Education	3	EDTC200 Technology for Teaching & Learning (Technologies)	3
EGGS120 Physical Geology (Natural World)	4	EGGS130 Historical Geology	4
MATH118 College Algebra, MATH140 Precalculus, MATH150 Essen Calculus or MATH160 Calculus	3	WRIT103 Composition (Writing)	3
Gen Ed (History)	3	STAT141 Intro to Statistics (Quantitative)	3
Semester Total	16	Semester Total	16

Second Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ELL320 Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity GE (Diversity)	3	EDUC222 Principles & Structures in PK12 Education	3
SPEC220 Data Driven Interventions for Indiv w/ Exceptionalities	3	BIOL111 Principles of Biology 2	4
CHEM118 Intro Chemistry or CHEM121 General Chemistry 1 (Natural World)	3	Gen Ed (Oral Communication)	3
BIOL110 Principles of Biology 1 (Natural World)	4	EGGS105 Environ Issues and Choices (Global Persp.)	3
ENGLxxx (Literature)	3		
Semester Total	17	Semester Total	13

Third Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
SPE330 Methods of Instruction for Indiv w/ Exceptionalities	3	EDUC358 Assessment & Differentiation for Inclusive Classrooms	3
EDUC334 Connecting Research and Classroom Practice	3	Gen Ed (Citizenship & Responsibility)	3
EDUC346 Teaching in Diverse Contexts (Diversity)	3	EGGS259 Oceanography	3
PHYS208 Introductory Physics 1 or PHYS211 General Physics 1	4	PHYS209 Introductory Physics 2 or PHYS212 General Physics 2	4
Gen Ed (Creativity & Expression)	3	ASTR103 Astronomy	3
Semester Total	16	Semester Total	16

Fourth Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
MSED453 Teaching Science in Secondary Schools	3	MSED491 Student Teaching 1	6
EDUC474 Classroom Management and Effective Discipline	3	MSED492 Student Teaching 2	6
EGGS255 Meteorology	3		
Elective	2		
Elective	3		
Semester Total	14	Semester Total	12

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

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Curriculum Checklist

Required Education Courses (36 credits)

- ____ EDUC222 Principles & Structures of PK12 Education
- ___ EDUC334 Connecting Research and Classroom Practice
- ___ EDUC358 Assessment and Differentiation for Inclusive Classroom
- ___ EDUC474 Classroom Management and Effective Discipline
- ___ MSED110 Intro to Middle and Secondary Education
- ____ MSED453 Teaching Science in Secondary Schools
- ___ MSED491 Student Teaching 1
- ___ MSED492 Student Teaching 2
- ___ SPEC220 Data Driven Interventions for Indiv with Exceptionalities
- ____ SPEC330 Methods of Instruction for Indiv with Exceptionalities

Required Content Area Courses (34 credits)

- ___ EGGS130 Historical Geology
- ___ EGGS255 Meteorology
- ___ EGGS259 Oceanography
- ___ ASTR103 Astronomy
- ___ PHYS208 Introductory Physics 1 or
 - PHYS211 General Physics 1
- ___ PHYS209 Introductory Physics 2 or
 - PHYS212 General Physics 2
- ___ BIOL110 Principles of Biology 1
- ___ BIOL111 Principles of Biology 2
- ___ MATH118 College Algebra or
 - MATH140 Precalculus or
 - MATH150 Essentials of Calculus or
 - MATH160 Calculus 1

Electives (2 credits)

___ Elective

General Education Requirements (45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
 - FYS100 First Year Seminar
 - MATH160 Calculus 1 (Quantitative)
 - o WRIT103 Composition (Writing)
 - History
 - o Oral Communication
- Interconnections (9 credits)
 - EDUC346 Teaching in Diverse Contexts (Diversity)
 - ELL320 Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity (Diversity)
 - EGGS105 Environmental Issues and Choices (Global Perspectives)
- Citizenship & Responsibility

(6 credits from at least two goals)

- SPEC110 Intro to Individuals with Exceptionalities (Citizenship)
- o Critical Reasoning
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
 - EDTC200 Technology for Teaching & Learning (Technology)
 - EGGS120 Physical Geology (Natural World)
 - CHEM118 or CHEM121 (Natural World)
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)
 - o ENGLxxx (Literature)
 - Arts or Creativity

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits, complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements. There is a PDE GPA minimum requirement for certification (not graduation).

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required. A 2.8 GPA is required for teacher certification.

Campus Locations

Bloomsburg	☑ Online; ☑ In-person; ☑ Blended
Lock Haven	oximes Online; $oximes$ In-person; $oximes$ Blended
Mansfield	oximes Online; $oximes$ In-person; $oximes$ Blended
Clearfield	☐ Online; ☐ In-person; ☐ Blended