# Science Education

While the term "science" is applied generally to the study of natural phenomena, in the Science degree program at Bemidji State University it applies to a combined study of the life, earth, and physical sciences in the context of teacher certification for grades 5-8. This "broad science" degree is favored by school districts for their junior high/middle school science positions. Students in the Teacher Licensure Grades 5-12 degree program are also required to select at least one specialty for grades 9-12 from one of the following science areas: Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Life Science, or Physics.

**Programs**

- Science Education, B.S. (Life Science Specialty (Teacher Licensure)) *major*
- Science Education, B.S. (Chemistry Specialty (Teacher Licensure)) *major*
- Science Education, B.S. (Physics Specialty (Teacher Licensure)) *major*
- Science Education, B.S. (Earth and Space Science Specialty (Teacher Licensure)) *major*

**Career Directions**

Middle School Teacher
Junior High School Teacher
High School Science Teacher

**Preparation**

*Recommended High School Courses*

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Algebra
Trigonometry

## Science Education, B.S. *major*
## Life Science Specialty (Teacher Licensure)

Required Credits: 88
Required GPA: 2.50

**Core Courses for Science Teaching in Grades 5-8**

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- BIOL 1211 Introductory Biology I (4 credits)
- BIOL 1212 Introductory Biology II (4 credits)
- CHEM 2211 Principles of Chemistry I (4 credits)
- CHEM 2212 Principles of Chemistry II (4 credits)
- SCI 3100 Integrative Science for Teachers (4 credits)
- SCI 3450 Science Methods For Grades 5-8 (4 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- GEOL 1110 Physical Geology (4 credits)
- GEOL 1120 Historical Geology (4 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- PHYS 1101 General Physics I (4 credits)
- PHYS 2101 Physics I (5 credits)

**REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES**

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ED 3100 Introduction to the Foundations of Public School Education (3 credits)
- ED 3110 Educational Psychology (3 credits)
- ED 3140 Human Relations In Education (3 credits)
- ED 3350 Pedagogy: Planning for Instruction (3 credits)
- ED 3780 Adaptation and Management: Designing the Learning Environment (3 credits)
- ED 4737 Content Area Reading (3 credits)
- ED 4799 The Professional Teacher (1 credit)
- HLTH 3400 Health and Drugs in Society (2 credits)

Complete 12 credits of student teaching:

- ED 4830 Student Teaching - Secondary (1-12 credits)

**LIFE SCIENCE SPECIALTY**

A. REQUIRED BIOLOGY COURSES
COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- BIOL 2360 Genetics (4 credits)
- BIOL 2610 General Ecology (3 credits)
- BIOL 2620 Field and Laboratory Projects in Ecological Research (2 credits)
- BIOL 3710 Microbiology (4 credits)
- BIOL 4620 Organic Evolution (3 credits)
- BIOL 3720 Plant Form and Function (4 credits)
  *or* BIOL 3830 Aquatic Plants (4 credits)

B. REQUIRED BIOLOGY ELECTIVE
SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- BIOL 3150 Animal Behavior (3 credits)
- BIOL 3310 Entomology (4 credits)
- BIOL 3510 Ornithology (4 credits)
- BIOL 4520 Mammalogy (4 credits)
- BIOL 4534 Ichthyology (4 credits)

**SUGGESTED SEMESTER SCHEDULE FOR LIFE SCIENCE SPECIALTY, SCIENCE EDUCATION MAJOR, B.S. (TEACHER LICENSURE)**

The following is a list of required Science (Life Science) Major, B.S. courses arranged by year. This schedule is intended to assist students in planning their courses. There is some flexibility in this schedule, but graduation within four years will require close adherence to the specified sequence of courses. Always consult your Biology academic advisor as to the proper courses and sequence of courses needed for graduation. It is possible, in some circumstances, that courses

in a student's Liberal Education program may be used in his or her academic major.

Freshman

- BIOL 1211 Introductory Biology I (4 credits)
- BIOL 1212 Introductory Biology II (4 credits)
- CHEM 2211 Principles of Chemistry I (4 credits)
- Liberal Education requirements

Sophomore

- BIOL 2360 Genetics (4 credits)
- BIOL 2610 General Ecology (3 credits)
- BIOL 2620 Field and Laboratory Projects in Ecological Research (2 credits)
- BIOL 3720 Plant Form and Function (4 credits)
- GEOL 1110 Physical Geology (4 credits)
- or GEOL 1120 Historical Geology (4 credits)
- PHYS 1101 General Physics I (4 credits)
- or PHYS 2101 Physics I (5 credits)
- Consider starting Professional Education sequence
- Liberal Education requirements

Junior

- BIOL 3710 Microbiology (4 credits)
- SCI 3100 Integrative Science for Teachers (4 credits)
- SCI 3450 Science Methods For Grades 5-8 (4 credits)
- Other Professional Education requirements
- Liberal Education requirements

Senior

- Biology Elective (BIOL 3150, 3310, 3510, 4520, or 4534)
- BIOL 4620 Organic Evolution (3 credits)
- Complete Professional Education requirements, including one semester of student teaching
- Complete liberal education requirements

## Science Education, B.S. *major*
## Chemistry Specialty (Teacher Licensure)

Required Credits: 83
Required GPA: 2.50

**Core Courses for Science Teaching in Grades 5-8**

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- BIOL 1211 Introductory Biology I (4 credits)
- BIOL 1212 Introductory Biology II (4 credits)
- CHEM 2211 Principles of Chemistry I (4 credits)
- CHEM 2212 Principles of Chemistry II (4 credits)
- SCI 3100 Integrative Science for Teachers (4 credits)
- SCI 3450 Science Methods For Grades 5-8 (4 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- GEOL 1110 Physical Geology (4 credits)
- GEOL 1120 Historical Geology (4 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- PHYS 1101 General Physics I (4 credits)
- PHYS 2101 Physics I (5 credits)

**REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES**

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ED 3100 Introduction to the Foundations of Public School Education (3 credits)
- ED 3110 Educational Psychology (3 credits)
- ED 3140 Human Relations In Education (3 credits)
- ED 3350 Pedagogy: Planning for Instruction (3 credits)
- ED 3780 Adaptation and Management: Designing the Learning Environment (3 credits)
- ED 4737 Content Area Reading (3 credits)
- ED 4799 The Professional Teacher (1 credit)
- HLTH 3400 Health and Drugs in Society (2 credits)

Complete 12 credits of student teaching:

- ED 4830 Student Teaching - Secondary (1-12 credits)

**CHEMISTRY SPECIALTY**

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- CHEM 3110 Laboratory Management and Safety (2 credits)
- CHEM 3311 Organic Chemistry I (3 credits)
- CHEM 3312 Organic Chemistry II (3 credits)
- CHEM 3371 Organic Chemistry Laboratory I (1 credit)
- CHEM 3372 Organic Chemistry Laboratory II (1 credit)
- CHEM 3507 Analytical Chemistry (3 credits)
- CHEM 3570 Analytical Chemistry Laboratory (1 credit)
- CHEM 3980 Research (1 credit)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- CHEM 4411 Biochemistry I (3 credits)
- CHEM 4811 Advanced Inorganic Chemistry I (3 credits)

**SUGGESTED SEMESTER SCHEDULE FOR CHEMISTRY SPECIALTY, SCIENCE EDUCATION MAJOR, B.S. (TEACHER LICENSURE)**

The following is a list of required Science (Chemistry) Major, B.S. courses arranged by year. This schedule is intended to assist students in planning their courses. There is some flexibility in this schedule, but graduation within four years will require close adherence to the specified sequence of courses. Always consult your Chemistry academic advisor as to the proper courses and sequence of courses needed for graduation.

Freshman

- BIOL 1211 Introductory Biology I (4 credits)
- BIOL 1212 Introductory Biology II (4 credits)
- CHEM 2211 Principles of Chemistry I (4 credits)
- CHEM 2212 Principles of Chemistry II (4 credits)
- Liberal Education requirements

Sophomore

- CHEM 3311 Organic Chemistry I (3 credits)
- CHEM 3312 Organic Chemistry II (3 credits)
- CHEM 3371 Organic Chemistry Laboratory I (1 credit)
- CHEM 3372 Organic Chemistry Laboratory II (1 credit)
- CHEM 3507 Analytical Chemistry (3 credits)
- CHEM 3570 Analytical Chemistry Laboratory (1 credit)

- GEOL 1110 Physical Geology (4 credits)
- or GEOL 1120 Historical Geology (4 credits)
- PHYS 1101 General Physics I (4 credits)
- or PHYS 2101 Physics I (5 credits)
- Liberal Education requirements

Junior

- CHEM 4411 Biochemistry I (3 credits)
- or CHEM 4811 Advanced Inorganic Chemistry I (3 credits)
- SCI 3100 Integrative Science for Teachers (4 credits)
- SCI 3450 Science Methods For Grades 5-8 (4 credits)
- Other Professional Education requirements
- Liberal Education requirements

Senior

- CHEM 3110 Laboratory Management and Safety (2 credits)
- Chemistry Electives numbered 3100 or above
- Complete Professional Education requirements including one semester of student teaching
- Complete Liberal Education requirements

## Science Education, B.S. *major*
## Physics Specialty (Teacher Licensure)

Required Credits: 90
Required GPA: 2.50

**CORE COURSES**

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- BIOL 1211 Introductory Biology I (4 credits)
- BIOL 1212 Introductory Biology II (4 credits)
- CHEM 2211 Principles of Chemistry I (4 credits)
- CHEM 2212 Principles of Chemistry II (4 credits)
- PHYS 2101 Physics I (5 credits)
- SCI 3100 Integrative Science for Teachers (4 credits)
- SCI 3450 Science Methods For Grades 5-8 (4 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- GEOL 1110 Physical Geology (4 credits)
- GEOL 1120 Historical Geology (4 credits)

**REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES**

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ED 3100 Introduction to the Foundations of Public School Education (3 credits)
- ED 3110 Educational Psychology (3 credits)
- ED 3140 Human Relations In Education (3 credits)
- ED 3350 Pedagogy: Planning for Instruction (3 credits)
- ED 3780 Adaptation and Management: Designing the Learning Environment (3 credits)
- ED 4737 Content Area Reading (3 credits)
- ED 4799 The Professional Teacher (1 credit)
- HLTH 3400 Health and Drugs in Society (2 credits)

Complete 12 credits of student teaching:

- ED 4830 Student Teaching - Secondary (1-12 credits)

**PHYSICS SPECIALTY**

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

(Select PHYS 2101 from the core for this specialty)

- MATH 2471 Calculus I (5 credits)
- PHYS 2102 Physics II (5 credits)
- PHYS 2500 Electronics I (4 credits)
- PHYS 3600 Modern Physics (4 credits)
- PHYS 4580 Optics (4 credits)

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSE:

- PHYS 4980 Research (3 credits)

**SUGGESTED SEMESTER SCHEDULE FOR PHYSICS SPECIALTY, SCIENCE EDUCATION MAJOR, B.S. (TEACHER LICENSURE)**

The following suggested schedule includes the courses required in the Science (Physics) Major, B.S., arranged by year. There is some flexibility, but because of the sequential nature of Physics courses, it is very important that Calculus I and Physics I be taken as early as possible.

Freshman

- MATH 2471 Calculus I (5 credits)
- MATH 2472 Calculus II (5 credits)
- PHYS 2101 Physics I (5 credits)
- PHYS 2102 Physics II (5 credits)
- Liberal Education requirements
- *Students not scoring sufficiently high on the Mathematics Placement Exam should complete Precalculus (MATH 1470) before taking Calculus I and Physics I. This may delay taking other required Physics courses. Consult your Physics advisor.

Sophomore

- PHYS 2500 Electronics I (4 credits)
- PHYS 3600 Modern Physics (4 credits)
- Required Biology, Chemistry, or Geology core courses
- Liberal Education requirements

Junior

- PHYS 4580 Optics (4 credits)
- PHYS 4980 Research (3 credits)
- Required Biology, Chemistry, or Geology core courses
- Liberal Education requirements

Senior

- Physics courses not completed previously
- SCI 3100 Integrative Science for Teachers (4 credits)
- SCI 3450 Science Methods For Grades 5-8 (4 credits)
- Liberal Education requirements
- Complete Professional Education requirements

## Science Education, B.S. *major*
## Earth and Space Science Specialty (Teacher Licensure)

This program is designed to meet the requirements for Science teacher licensure

with a specialty in Earth and Space Science in the State of Minnesota. Students who complete this major will be eligible for teacher certification in Earth and Space Science in grades 9-12 and for teaching all sciences in grades 5-8. Students should consult their academic advisor in Earth Science prior to developing their program.

Students should complete the science core courses listed below prior to beginning the Earth and Space Science specialty. Consult with your academic adviser if you wish to have an alternative method of satisfying this requirement considered or wish to begin a specialty prior to completion of the science core courses.

Required Credits: 91
Required GPA: 2.50

**Core Courses for Science Teaching in Grades 5-8**

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- BIOL 1211 Introductory Biology I (4 credits)
- BIOL 1212 Introductory Biology II (4 credits)
- CHEM 2211 Principles of Chemistry I (4 credits)
- CHEM 2212 Principles of Chemistry II (4 credits)
- SCI 3100 Integrative Science for Teachers (4 credits)
- SCI 3450 Science Methods For Grades 5-8 (4 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- GEOL 1110 Physical Geology (4 credits)
- GEOL 1120 Historical Geology (4 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- PHYS 1101 General Physics I (4 credits)
- PHYS 2101 Physics I (5 credits)

**REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES**

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ED 3100 Introduction to the Foundations of Public School Education (3 credits)
- ED 3110 Educational Psychology (3 credits)
- ED 3140 Human Relations In Education (3 credits)
- ED 3350 Pedagogy: Planning for Instruction (3 credits)
- ED 3780 Adaptation and Management: Designing the Learning Environment (3 credits)
- ED 4737 Content Area Reading (3 credits)
- ED 4799 The Professional Teacher (1 credit)
- HLTH 3400 Health and Drugs in Society (2 credits)

Complete 12 credits of student teaching:

- ED 4830 Student Teaching - Secondary (1-12 credits)

**EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE SPECIALTY**

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ENVR 2000 Introduction to Environmental Science (3 credits)
- GEOL 2110 Mineralogy and Petrology (4 credits)
- GEOL 3500 Topics in Paleontology (3 credits)
- GEOL 3600 Stratigraphy and Sedimentation (3 credits)
- SCI 2100 Astronomy (3 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- GEOL 3211 Environmental Hydrology (3 credits)
- ENVR 4050 Geochemistry (3 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- GEOL 4970 Internship (3 credits)
- GEOL 4980 Research (3 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES NOT TAKEN IN THE CORE:

- GEOL 1110 Physical Geology (4 credits)
- GEOL 1120 Historical Geology (4 credits)

## Science Courses

**SCI 1110 Physical Science I (4 credits)**
A single-semester survey of Physical Science, with laboratory. Includes selected topics in physics, chemistry, geology, astronomy, and meteorology. Includes laboratory and computer sessions. Liberal Education Goal Area 3 (LC).

**SCI 1120 Physical Science II (4 credits)**
Science and Technology in Society (STS). An alternative perspective on Physical Science, using selected topics to discuss societal concerns and responsibilities. Includes laboratory and related computer-based small group sessions. Liberal Education Goal Area 3 (LC).

**SCI 2100 Astronomy (3 credits)**
A one-semester survey course, with emphasis on the history of astronomy, the science of stellar and solar system formation, the evolution of stars and galaxies, and modern cosmology and the fate of the universe. Includes laboratory simulations and field exercises. Liberal Education Goal Area 3.

**SCI 2200 Meteorology (3 credits)**
A one-semester survey course, with emphasis on the science of the atmospheric dynamics of weather and climate, precipitation, storms, and forecasting. Includes laboratory simulations and field exercises. Liberal Education Goal Area 3.

**SCI 2651 Study-Travel Natural Science (1-6 credits)**
Study Travel course in Science for Lab Ed Goal Area 3.

**SCI 2925 People and the Environment: Science Perspective (3 credits)**
The discussions of this section will include the specific relation between air, water, and solid waste pollution and the effect on the environment, including the following: acid rain, smog, global warming, measurement of environmental pollutants, and the role of science in solving pollution problems. Liberal Education Goal Area 10.

**SCI 2951 Study-Travel Natural Science (1-6 credits)**
Study Travel course in Science for Lib Ed Goal Area 3.

**SCI 3100 Integrative Science for Teachers (4 credits)**
An interdisciplinary laboratory-based course incorporating the areas of biology, chemistry, earth science, and physics. Focuses on conducting a series of investigations by Science Inquiry and demonstrating the connection between the various disciplines. Prerequisites: 2 courses each in the life sciences and physical sciences.

**SCI 3450 Science Methods For Grades 5-8 (4 credits)**
Strategies for implementation of the Minnesota Graduation Standards in the areas of Science and Inquiry for grades 5-8. Strategies include laboratory activities, discussions, the development of classroom activities, and the adaptation of these strategies for use in the elementary and high school science classroom. Prerequisite: Senior status or consent of instructor.

### All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or

department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY
1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY
1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE
1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE
1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR
1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION
1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP
1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH
1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS