

# Earth Science Education

## Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**  
www.ndsu.edu/education/ (<http://www.ndsu.edu/education/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Sample Program Guide:**  
[catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/earth-science-education/#planofstudytext](http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/earth-science-education/#planofstudytext) (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/earth-science-education/#planofstudytext>)

## Major Requirements

### Major: Earth Science Education

**Degree Type:** B.A. or B.S.

**Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate:** 120

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 30 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.
6. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
7. Students presenting transfer credit must meet the NDSU residence credits and the minimum upper level credit. Of the 30 credits earned in residence, a minimum of 15 semester credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 semester credits must be in the student's curricula for their declared major.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2023-24/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		<b>12</b>
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

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May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

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General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2023-24/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Teaching Specialty Requirements</b>		
BIOL 150 & 150L	General Biology I and General Biology I Laboratory	4
BIOL 151 & 151L	General Biology II and General Biology II Laboratory	4
CHEM 121 & 121L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	4
CHEM 122 & 122L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Laboratory	4
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences	3
GEOL 105 & 105L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Lab	4
GEOL 106 & 106L	The Earth Through Time and The Earth Through Time Lab	4
GEOL 350 & GEOL 303	Invertebrate Paleontology and Paleontology Field Course	4
GEOG 412	Geomorphology	3
GEOL 420 & GEOL 421	Mineralogy and Mineralogy Laboratory	4
GEOL 422 & GEOL 423	Petrology and Petrography	4
Pick one of the following math courses:		3-4
MATH 105	Trigonometry	
MATH 165	Calculus I	
PHYS 110 & 110L	Introductory Astronomy and Introductory Astronomy Lab	4
Pick one of the following:		4
PHYS 120 & 120L	Fundamentals of Physics and Fundamentals of Physics Laboratory	
PHYS 211 & 211L	College Physics I and College Physics I Laboratory	
SOIL 210	Introduction to Soil Science	3
SOIL 217	Introduction to Meteorology & Climatology	3
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	3
<b>Professional Education Requirements</b>		
EDUC 321	Introduction to Teaching	3
EDUC 322	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 451	Instructional Planning, Methods and Assessment	3
EDUC 475	Reading in the Content Area	2
EDUC 481	Classroom Practice Methods of Teaching I: (Science)	3
EDUC 482	Classroom Practice/Methods of Teaching II: (Science)	3
EDUC 485	Student Teaching Seminar	1
EDUC 486	Classroom Management for Diverse Learners	3
EDUC 487	Student Teaching	9
EDUC 488	Applied Student Teaching	3
EDUC 489	Teaching Students of Diverse Backgrounds	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>98-99</b>

## Degree Requirements and Notes

- See School of Education (<https://www.ndsu.edu/education/>) for admission requirements.
- Courses taken P/F may not be used to satisfy any requirements.
- A grade of 'C' or better is required in all professional education courses.
- To be placed in student teaching, a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 2.75 GPA in professional education coursework is required.
- To exit the program, a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 2.75 GPA in professional education coursework is required as well as completing the Praxis Subject test and the Principles of Learning and Teaching test.