

INDIVIDUAL MAJOR, BSE

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Individual Major: Sample Four-Year Plan

This four-year sample graduation plan is designed to guide your course selection throughout your academic career; it does not establish a contractual agreement. Use it along with your DARS report and the Course Guide to create a four-year plan reflecting your placement scores, incoming credits, and individual interests. Consult with an academic advisor to develop a personalized plan of study and refer to the Guide for a complete list of requirements. You will likely revise your plan several times during your academic career here, based on your activities and changing academic interests.

Development of the Major

Students must have an area of interest that they wish to develop into a 36–42 credit formalized program of study, or major. Advisors in the School of Education Student Services office, Room 139 Education Building, 1000 Bascom Mall, 608-262-1651, can discuss your interests and help frame the written narrative required of the major. Current students can schedule an appointment with an advisor online through the Starfish app (<https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>) in MyUW.

Applicants must develop a narrative describing the proposed course of study and its related career goals. Information should be included which will enable a faculty committee to identify the relationship among the proposed program of study, a general interest in education, and career goals. All courses in the major must be from School of Education course offerings and all credits in the major must be completed after admission into the major (IME classification). The title of the major cannot duplicate the existing title of any other major or program at UW–Madison. Consult the Guide for more information on creating an individual major and its requirements.

Freshman

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Communication A (fall or spring semester)	3	Communication A (fall or spring semester)	3
Liberal Studies course work	12–15	Ethnic Studies	3
		Quantitative Reasoning A	3
		Liberal Studies course work	6–9
	15		15

Sophomore

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Communication B	3	Develop and submit major proposal for approval	
Liberal Studies course work	12	Quantitative Reasoning B	3

Liberal Studies or General Elective course work

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Junior

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Major course work ¹	9–12	Major course work	9–12
Liberal Studies or General Elective course work	3–6	Liberal Studies or General Elective course work	3–6
	15		15

Senior

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Major course work (upper level)	9–12	Major course work (upper level)	9–12
Liberal Studies or General Elective course work	3–6	Liberal Studies or General Elective course work	3–6
	15		15

Total Credits 120

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At least 15 credits of major course work must be upper-level (numbered 300 and above) and taken in residence.