

NATURAL SCIENCE

MAJOR MAP 2024



GETTING STARTED

YOUR COURSE JOURNEY

- Explore the major through Educ 205 field experience
- Attend a teaching intent meeting
- Attend a graduation plan meeting
- Decide on your minor, certificate and elective credits
- Begin taking the core science classes

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Take relevant [General Education Program](#) (GEP) courses
- Earn grade of B- or better in ENGL 101 or 150
- Ask for help from the [Tutoring-Learning Center](#) (TLC)
- Apply for scholarships in [biology](#) or [chemistry](#) to support your journey
- Talk to your science professors about undergraduate research or teaching assistantships

ACT LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

- Join a [student organization](#) to connect with others
- Think about acquiring a second language
- Look into campus jobs using [Quest](#)
- Seek out volunteer opportunities working with children (YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, etc.)
- Look into [study abroad programs](#)

CAREER READINESS

- Apply to relevant summer jobs, seasonal work, or other volunteer opportunities, such as [Schmeekle Reserve](#) or the [Natural History Museum](#)
- Reflect on School of Education "disposition" expectations in the [SOE Advising Guide](#) at the end of every semester
- Create a [college resume](#) and [Handshake profile](#)
- Attend the [All-Major Career and Internship Fair](#)

MAKING PROGRESS

- Apply to [Professional Education Program](#) (PEP) after 24 credits are earned
- Meet with your adviser to review your [graduation plan](#)

- Maintain 2.75 or higher GPA
- Follow graduation plan
- Seek out experience working in science education through workshops or K-12 campus events ([College Day for Kids](#) or [STEAM workshops](#))

- Check out [Campus Activities and Student Engagement](#) (CASE)
- Continue membership in student organizations
- Explore [field courses](#) through the science department or [Research Experiences for Undergraduates](#) (REU)
- Take courses that will broaden your perspective or enhance your scientific knowledge

- Consider becoming a substitute to gain on the job experience (must be 20 years of age, achieve junior status and completed 15 hours in school settings)
- Admission to Professional Education Program
- Seek out volunteer and job opportunities working with children or in scientific fields
- Update your [Handshake profile](#), and/or create a [LinkedIn profile](#)

MAKING PROGRESS

- Attend a student teaching meeting
- Apply to student teach
- Maintain 2.75 or higher GPA
- Review your grad plan with your adviser to check all requirements are met prior to student teaching

- Schedule Praxis test if GPA is below 3.00
- Explore being a teaching assistant for a science class or working as a tutor at the TLC

- Continue membership in student organizations
- Gain leadership skills as an officer in a club

- Apply for substitute license
- Meet with a [Career Coach](#) about resume building and interview tips
- Continue to seek out volunteer and job opportunities working with children
- Talk with mentors about your next steps; if considering [graduate school](#), research your options and understand the application timeline

PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

- Student teach your last semester
- [Apply for graduation](#)

- Look for summer jobs that will enhance your scientific or education knowledge and skills

- Continue membership in student organizations
- Continue to seek out volunteer and job opportunities working with children or in scientific fields
- Join a professional association
- Network with alumni working in science education

- Set up a [Wisconsin Education Career Access Network](#) (WECAN) account to look for job openings
- Attend a career fair
- Apply for jobs
- Apply for license once requirements are met
- Ask for letters of recommendation
- Complete the Graduation Exit Survey; we want to celebrate your accomplishments!

CAREERS

- Science Teacher
- Activities Director
- Education Program Coordinator
- Educational Consultant

and many more!

AVAILABLE ONLINE

Major Map documents are available online with additional information!

The staff and faculty at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point want to help you craft your personal journey. Use this map as a jumping off point for conversations about your goals.

