

# LIFE SCIENCE - B.S.E.

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## Description

The Bachelor of Science in Education degree in Life Science prepares students for teacher licensure in life science, grades seven to 12. Students take a broad range of science-content courses in geology, chemistry and physics, and specialize in biology content. Students in the Life Science major complete most of their content coursework during their first three years; methods coursework typically begins during the spring of their third year. During the final year of the program, students complete remaining content courses, science teaching methods courses and a year-long placement in a local school district, which concludes with 13 weeks of student teaching in the spring. Life Science students are encouraged to meet with their advisor early in their program because many courses must be sequenced carefully.

### Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

## Accreditation

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

## Admission Requirements

Admission to this major is selective. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to a major and/or admission to professional coursework for a selective admission program. To be admitted directly into a teacher education program, it is required that new freshmen have a 2.750 high school GPA. Students who do not meet the GPA requirement at the time of admission for this major will be admitted to the EHHS General non-degree program until which time they have established a Kent State GPA of 2.750. They may then submit a change of program to declare this major.

**Current Kent State and Transfer Students:** Active Kent State students who wish to change their major must have attempted a minimum 12 credit hours at Kent State and meet all admission criteria listed above to be admitted. Students who have not attempted 12 credit hours at Kent State will be evaluated for admission based on their high school GPA for new students or transfer GPA for transfer students. Transfer students who have not attempted 12 credit hours of college-level coursework at Kent State and/or other institutions will be evaluated based on both their high school GPA and college GPA.

**English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students:** All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE Academic score, or by completing the ELS level 112 Intensive Program. For more information

on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Interrelate and interpret important concepts, ideas, and applications in their fields of licensure; conduct scientific investigations.
2. Engage students effectively in studies of the history, philosophy and practice of science. They will be able to enable students to distinguish science from non-science, understand the evolution and practice of science as a human endeavor and critically analyze assertions made in the name of science.
3. Engage students both in studies of various methods of scientific inquiry and in active learning through scientific inquiry. They will be able to encourage students, individually and collaboratively, to observe, ask questions, design inquiries and collect and interpret data in order to develop concepts and relationships from empirical experiences.
4. Recognize that informed citizens must be prepared to make decisions and take action on contemporary science- and technology-related issues of interest to the general society. They will be able to require students to conduct inquiries into the factual basis of such issues and to assess possible actions and outcomes based upon their goals and values.
5. Create a community of diverse learners who construct meaning from their science experiences and possess a disposition for further exploration and learning. They will be able to use, and can justify, a variety of classroom arrangements, groupings, actions, strategies and methodologies.
6. Plan and implement an active, coherent and effective curriculum that is consistent with the goals and recommendations of the National Science Education Standards. They will be able to begin with the end in mind and effectively incorporate contemporary practices and resources into their planning and teaching.
7. Relate their discipline to their local and regional communities, involving stakeholders and using the individual, institutional and natural resources of the community in their teaching. They will be able to actively engage students in science-related studies or activities related to locally important issues.
8. Construct and use effective assessment strategies to determine the backgrounds and achievements of learners and facilitate their intellectual, social and personal development. They will be able to assess students fairly and equitably and require that students engage in ongoing self-assessment.
9. Organize safe and effective learning environments that promote the success of students and the welfare of all living things. They will be able to require and promote knowledge and respect for safety and oversee the welfare of all living things used in the classroom or found in the field.
10. Strive continuously to grow and change, personally and professionally, to meet the diverse needs of their students, school, community and profession. They will have a desire and disposition for growth and betterment.

## University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

**NOTE:** University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120
Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.	

## Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>36-37</b>

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA; min C grade required in all courses)</b>		
BSCI 10110	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (KBS) (KLAB)	4
BSCI 10120	BIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS (KBS) (KLAB)	4
BSCI 30140	CELL BIOLOGY	4
BSCI 30156	ELEMENTS OF GENETICS	3
BSCI 30360	GENERAL ECOLOGY	4
BSCI 40163	EVOLUTION	3
CHEM 10060	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	4
CHEM 10061	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II (KBS)	4
CHEM 10062	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
CHEM 10063	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1

CHEM 20481	BASIC ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I	4
CHEM 30284	INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY	4
GEOL 11042	EARTH AND LIFE THROUGH TIME (KBS)	3
GEOL 11043	EARTH AND LIFE THROUGH TIME LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
PHY 13001	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS I (KBS)	4
PHY 13002	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS II (KBS)	4
PHY 13021	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY I (KBS) (KLAB)	1
PHY 13022	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY II (KBS) (KLAB)	1
Biological Science Organismal Elective, choose from the following:		4
BSCI 30275	LOCAL FLORA (ELR)	
BSCI 30518	VERTEBRATE ANATOMY	
BSCI 30560	INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY	
BSCI 30580	ENTOMOLOGY	
BSCI 30582	ORNITHOLOGY	
BSCI 40364	LIMNOLOGY	
BSCI 40556	VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY	

<b>Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)</b>		
ADED 32142	PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING ADOLESCENTS (WIC) (min C grade)	3
ADED 32277	TEACHING SCIENCE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS (min C grade)	3
ADED 42277	TOPICS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHING (min C grade)	3
ADED 42292	FIELD WORK PRACTICUM (ELR) (min C grade)	3
ADED 42357	SECONDARY STUDENT TEACHING (ELR)	9
ADED 49525	INQUIRY INTO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (min C grade)	3
CI 47330	READING AND WRITING IN ADOLESCENCE/ADULTHOOD (min C grade)	3
CULT 29535	EDUCATION IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (min C grade)	3
EPSY 29525	EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (min C grade)	3
ETEC 39525	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (min C grade)	3
MATH 10041	INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS (KMCR)	3-4
or MATH 30011	BASIC PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS	
MATH 11010	ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS (KMCR)	3
MATH 11022	TRIGONOMETRY (KMCR)	3
MATH 12002	ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR)	5
PHIL 11001	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
SPED 23000	INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES (DIVD) (min C grade)	3
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Kent Core Composition (min C grade)		6
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one from each)		6
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>133</b>

## Progression Requirements

Students must meet all professional requirements for admission to advanced study. To be admitted, students must display evidence of the following:

- Adequate communication skills
- Sound content area knowledge (language arts, mathematics, science or social studies)
- Basic understanding of the teaching profession
- Basic understanding of adolescents
- Dispositions aligned with the conceptual framework of the College of Education, Health and Human Services, including being open-minded, flexible, caring and responsible

Faculty will select the most qualified applicants based on an interview; letters of recommendation; GPA<sup>1</sup>; Praxis Core scores; and performance in English and communication studies coursework.

Applicants must have experience working with young adults in a supervisory capacity, such as tutoring, camp counseling, volunteer work or related experience. Students should contact the College of Education, Health, and Human Services' Vacca Office of Student Services, 304 White Hall, during the first year of study to inquire about the procedures and criteria associated with admission to advanced study.

<sup>1</sup> Undergraduate students who have not completed a minimum of 12 Kent State University credit hours will be evaluated for advanced study and professional phase based on their high school GPA for new freshmen or transfer GPA for transfer students.

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.600	2.750

## Double Majors/Dual Degrees

Students in the this major seeking to declare an additional teacher education major in the B.S.E. degree (double major) or in a different degree (dual degree) may have the double major/dual degree approved as long as the following requirements are met:

1. Approval is received from the academic unit administrating each major. A program of study for those interested in pursuing a double major must be approved in writing by faculty from each major area prior to admission to advanced study.
2. All required content courses are completed for each major
3. All required methods courses are completed for each major.
4. Separate practicum and inquiry courses are completed for each major as listed below:
  - a. ADED 42292 (or the equivalent required by the major outside the college)
  - b. ADED 49525 (or the equivalent required by the major outside the college)
5. Students who have two majors from among the following only need to take ADED 42357, consisting of a 16-week classroom experience involving both subject areas: Life Sciences, Earth Science, Physical Sciences, Integrated Science, Integrated Mathematics, Life Science/ Chemistry, Integrated Social Studies and/or Integrated Language Arts.
6. Students who have a second major not included in the list above (#5) will have their student teaching requirements determined by

faculty from both program areas at the time the program of study is developed, with a minimum 16 weeks spent in the classroom.

## Licensure information

Candidates seeking Ohio licensure are required to pass specific assessments in order to apply for licensure. See Ohio Department of Education-Educator Preparation website for more information on assessments specific to licensure type. Taking and passing the licensure tests prior to graduation is encouraged but not required.

Students must apply for State of Ohio Licensure (defined by completion of all licensure program requirements) within 12 months of program completion. After 12 months, applicants must meet State approved program/licensure requirements that are in effect at the time of application. This means that students who apply after the 12 month deadline may have to take additional coursework if the content, methods courses, program requirements, or licensure requirements have changed from the catalog in force.

## Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
!	BSCI 10110 BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (KBS) (KLAB)	4
	MATH 11010 ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS (KMCR)	3
	PSYC 11762 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
	UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		17
Semester Two		Credits
Requirement: Successful completion of Praxis Core Reading, Writing and Mathematics		
!	BSCI 10120 BIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS (KBS) (KLAB)	4
!	CULT 29535 EDUCATION IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY	3
	MATH 11022 TRIGONOMETRY (KMCR)	3
	SOC 12050 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
	SPED 23000 INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES (DIVD)	3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Three		Credits
Requirement: minimum 2.600 major GPA; Note: minimum 2.750 overall GPA by end of term		
!	CHEM 10060 GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	4
!	CHEM 10062 GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
	GEOL 11042 EARTH AND LIFE THROUGH TIME (KBS)	3
	GEOL 11043 EARTH AND LIFE THROUGH TIME LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
!	MATH 12002 ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR)	5
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		17
Semester Four		Credits
Requirement: minimum 2.750 overall GPA and minimum 2.600 major GPA		
	BSCI 30156 ELEMENTS OF GENETICS	3
!	CHEM 10061 GENERAL CHEMISTRY II (KBS)	4
!	CHEM 10063 GENERAL CHEMISTRY II LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
!	EPSY 29525 EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
	PHIL 11001 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
Biological Science Organismal Elective		4
Credit Hours		18
Semester Five		Credits
Requirement: minimum 2.750 overall GPA; minimum 2.600 major GPA		
!	ADED 32142 PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING ADOLESCENTS (WIC)	3
	CHEM 20481 BASIC ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I	4
	CI 47330 READING AND WRITING IN ADOLESCENCE/ADULTHOOD	3
	EETC 39525 EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	3
	PHY 13001 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS I (KBS)	4
	PHY 13021 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY I (KBS) (KLAB)	1
Credit Hours		18

### Semester Six

Requirement: minimum 2.750 overall GPA; minimum 2.600 major GPA

!	ADED 32277 TEACHING SCIENCE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS	3
	BSCI 40163 EVOLUTION	3
	CHEM 30284 INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY	4
	PHY 13002 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS II (KBS)	4
	PHY 13022 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY II (KBS) (KLAB)	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		18

### Semester Seven

Requirement: minimum 2.750 overall GPA; minimum 2.600 major GPA

!	ADED 42277 TOPICS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHING	3
!	ADED 42292 FIELD WORK PRACTICUM (ELR)	3
	BSCI 30140 CELL BIOLOGY	4
	BSCI 30360 GENERAL ECOLOGY	4
	MATH 10041 INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS (KMCR) or MATH 30011 or BASIC PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS	3-4
Credit Hours		17

### Semester Eight

Requirement: minimum 2.750 overall GPA; minimum 2.600 major GPA

!	ADED 42357 SECONDARY STUDENT TEACHING (ELR)	9
!	ADED 49525 INQUIRY INTO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE	3
Credit Hours		12
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		133