About the major:
Students who wish to teach in grades 1 through 8 obtain certification in Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence (MC-EA). They must choose a certifiable minor in addition to the MC-EA major. See the list of minors at the end of this document.

NOTE: Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence majors also may choose a second major in French, German, or Spanish instead of a certifiable minor.

Required GE or University Courses:

I. Communications: 12 credits
A. Language Skills - CJ 201, 202, 205 (choose one)
B. Math 203, 204, 305 (Mathematics for Elementary/Middle School Teachers I, II and III)

II. Natural Sciences: 9-12 crs; 2 subcategories; 1 lab
Biol 100 General Biology
Phys 100 Physical Science OR
Phys 205 Renewable Energy
Geol 106 Earth Science

III. Social Sciences: 9-12 crs; 2 subcategories
Pols 110 American National Politics
Psyc 261 Psych. Dev. & Classroom Processes
At least one additional course

IV. Humanities: 9-12 crs, 2 subcategories
One course from GE-IVA Fine Arts
One course from English/Foreign Language Literature.
And electives to satisfy minimum credits and subcategories.

V. University Wide:
ES 385 Social Foundations of Human Relations

A Western history or contemporary Western culture course and a non-Western history or contemporary non-Western culture course must be completed. These courses can be either GE III or GE IV.

Other University Requirements

- Foreign language/foreign culture requirement
- University Writing requirement
- Wellness: 1 cr. physical activity

NOTE:
- See UW-Eau Claire Catalog for details on requirements.
- Service Learning and Cultural Diversity are met through the degree requirements.

Essential Courses:
Students need to complete the majority of their General Education course work prior to admission to the Teacher Education Program in the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Second Program: Students must choose one of the following majors or minors:

Majors: French
German
Spanish

Minors:
Language Arts
Social Studies
French
Spanish
General Science
Special Education-Learning Disabilities
German
Teaching of English to Speakers of
Library Science
Other Languages
Mathematics
Theatre Arts
Science of Coaching
**Admission:**
Admission to the Teacher Education Program in the College of Education and Human Sciences is a sequential process. Students should declare a minor or a dual major no later than the second semester of the freshman year.

**Praxis Core or appropriate ACT scores required:**
Students are required to pass a standardized test—the Praxis Core—preferably in their first year of study. The Praxis core may be waived if a student has a composite ACT score of 23 with a minimum score of 20 on the English, math, and reading subject tests from a single ACT taken within the past 5 years. If a student does not meet all of these ACT criteria, they must take the entire Praxis Core.

Upon completion of 14 credits, and having earned a C or better in WRIT 116 or equivalent, students will be eligible to enroll in ES 203 (Exploring Schooling in Grades 1-8). If they receive a grade of C or better in ES 203, have a resident and total GPA of 2.75 or better, and have completed or are in-progress with Psyc 261 (Psychological Development and Classroom Processes) and CJ 201, 202, or 205, students may apply to program. Many of the major requirements cannot be taken until a student has been admitted to the program. Admission to this program is selective and cannot be guaranteed. At present time enrollment to program is limited to 60 students per semester. Experience with learners at the grade level sought for certification is expected prior to admission to program. The application process and guidelines are described in the MCEA Handbook. These criteria as well as all information needed to proceed through this program can be found on the departmental Web pages: www.uwec.edu/ES/programs/elementary-mcea.htm

**Helpful Tips:**
General Education for MCEA is very prescribed. Students should not enroll in:
- Any math course other than those listed under General Education IB (except for math minors).
- Any science courses not listed (except for science minors)
- Wellness theory course (met in Kins 361)
- It is not recommended that students take more than one lab course per semester

Foreign language/foreign culture requirement may be met in one of four ways:
- Demonstrate competency at the 102 level in a foreign language or complete a foreign language course at the 102 level (or AIS 112 or CSD 103)
- Successfully complete one semester in a study abroad program
- Successfully complete 9 credits of courses designated as fulfilling the foreign culture requirement per listing in your catalogue
- Successfully complete a 101- or 102-level foreign language course (or a course from AIS 111, 112; CSD 101, 102) AND six credits in foreign culture courses

**Information for exploring students:**
The best thing a student can do to explore this major is to work with children in a school setting. Many opportunities are available through the Center for Service-Learning and through the College. SWEA (Student Wisconsin Education Association) and the Future Teachers Club provide excellent opportunities to talk with others interested in education; they also provide sponsor programs in the schools.

**Contact information:**
Teacher Education
www.uwec.edu/coehs
Centennial Hall 3102
(715) 836-4565

UW – Eau Claire respects individual differences; this guide compliments rather than substitutes for individual advising.
For instructions about how to declare this major:
www.uwec.edu/Registrar/student/chgofmajor