Biology Education: Unified Science

Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED)

The B.S.Ed. in Unified Science-Biology prepares students who will be certified in all areas of high school science. This degree is very desirable from the school district’s point of view and is a necessity for teachers in very small districts where a single teacher may serve the entire high school. In larger districts teachers with unified science certification can be hired for more types of science positions. Southeast prepares highly qualified teachers, ready for certification, once all degree requirements and assessments are complete. Students have an exceptional program of professional preparation including multiple field experiences, theory and pedagogy courses. The major in biology and supporting sciences is well rounded helping teachers develop a strong foundation of knowledge. Science teachers are in high demand across most of the United States and particularly in Missouri. Because of this there are forgiveness programs for different types of Federal loans in return for teaching science in a high needs school district (most in Missouri). In addition, students may be eligible to participate in the TEACH grant program which can pay up to $16,000 in college costs over four years and has a similar loan forgiveness program. Be sure to visit the financial aid office for details.

**Becoming Career Ready…**

/ Faculty-mentored guidance will help you develop the professional skills needed to become a successful teacher and/or advanced study in graduate and professional programs.
/ B.S. in Unified Science-Biology graduates work in the education field. Examples of job titles include elementary and high school biology teacher, college laboratory technician and college biology professor.
/ 100% of Southeast programs offer real-world experience. B.S. Ed. in Unified Science-Biology students earn this experience through student teaching.
/ B.S. Ed. Unified Science-Biology students will study in the state-of-the-art, first-rate learning environment provided by the recently renovated Magill Hall of Science while gaining hands-on experience and training using a variety of lab equipment, chemical instruments, and tools in laboratory courses. Undergraduate research is also an option.
/ The Student Chapter of the National Science Teacher Association provides peer-support and guidance. The EdEvolution Center in Scully Hall provides assistance in preparing for the Missouri Content Assessment exams.
/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

**Transfer and Dual Credit Students**

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

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**Employment Opportunities and Graduate Schools of Recent Graduates:**

- **Graduate Schools:**
  - Southeast Missouri State – MNS in biology or science education
  - University of Missouri - Ph.D.
  - University of Miami, Ohio – Ph.D.

- **Employment**
  - Cape Girardeau and Jackson
  - Arcadia Valley
  - Farmington
  - Sikeston
  - Florida
  - Herculaneum
  - St. Louis area
  - Kansas City
  - California
  - St. Vincent’s
  - Cape Career Center
  - Shawnee
  - Most have secured positions by graduation

**Admission Requirements**

- 42 credit hours completed
- 2.75 cumulative GPA
- One of the following: 1) Composite/Superior score of 20 or higher on the ACT exam; 2) Passing scores on all sections of the Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA); or 3) A 4-year degree from an accredited college/university
- The following course requirements met:
  - A grade of C or above in CF/PY120 The Child (Elementary, Early, and Exceptional) or PY222 Development of the Adolescent (5-9, 9-12, and PK-12)
  - A grade of B or above in ED280 Introduction to Education as a Profession or ME222 Principles of Teaching Music

**Additional Information**

The state of Missouri has high expectations for future educators. Students matriculating into education programs must meet the following standards to be recommended for licensure following degree completion.

Students must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 3.0 GPA in both the area of content expertise and pedagogy courses. In addition, students must pass the MO Content Exam and the MO Educator Evaluation System for recommendation for licensure. Students must also fulfill other assessments such as a dispositions profile and be cleared through an FBI background check.

**Special Options with Secondary Education**

Southeast offers a Master of Arts in Secondary Education: Educational Studies or Educational Technology.
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This is a guide based on the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST**

“Critical Courses” are italicized and bolded. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

**Professional Education Courses:**

A grade of ‘C’ or better is required in education courses. A grade of ‘B’ is required in ED 280.

- ED 280 Introduction to Education as a Profession (3)
- EF 400 Student Teaching Seminar (1)
- ED 301 Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child (3)
- PY 222 Development of the Adolescent (3)
- SE 307 Content Literacy Methods for Middle and High School (3)
- SE 320 Techniques of Teaching Science (3)
- SE 355 Pedagogy 1: Principles of Effective Teaching (3)
- SE 356 Field Experience I (3)
- SE 357 Pedagogy 2: Secondary School (4)
- SE 380 Advanced Field (3)
- SE 385 Pedagogy 3: Advanced Methods of Middle and Secondary Teaching (3)
- SE 390 Instructional Interventions for Middle and Secondary Students with Special Literacy Needs (3)
- SE 465 Student Teaching (12)

**Biology Education – 63-65 Hour Major - No Minor Required**

Required Courses:

- BI 163 Evolution & Ecology (4)
- BI 173 Cell & Organismal Biology (4)
- BI 283 Genetics (4)
- BI 310 General Microbiology (4)
- BI 332 General Ecology (3)
- BI 405 Engineering in Science Education (1)
- MA 116 Precalculus A (3)
- UI 318 Earth Science: Proc Approach (3)
- UI 422 Scientific Reasoning (3)

**UNIFIED SCIENCE OPTION:**

- BI 310 Plant Biology (4)
- BS 113 Anatomy & Physiology I (4)
- BS 114 Anatomy & Physiology II (4)
- CH 185 General Chemistry (5)
- CH 186 Foundations of Inorganic Chemistry (3)
- GO 110 Physical Geology (3)
- MA 117 Precalculus B (3)
- PH 106 Physical Concepts (3)
- PH 120 Introductory Physics I (5)
- PH 121 Introductory Physics II (5)

**General Education Requirements** – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program:

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from at least two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

**SAMPLE FIVE-YEAR PLAN**

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Milestone: Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA, 42 hours completed; completed MEG: Passing score MoGEA

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Milestone: Pass Physics, Chemistry, Biology Mo. Content Exams; maintain 3.0 GPA in content and pedagogy courses

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Milestone: Prior to last semester: Passing score Mo Content Exams, 2.75 cumulative GPA, 3.0 GPA in content; 3.0 GPA in pedagogy; all content and professional education coursework complete.

A “Milestone” signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

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