



Minor in Special Education

Program Description

Goal The Minor in Special Education provides an opportunity for undergraduate students who are not pursuing a career in special education to better understand and support the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families. This will be of interest to students across multiple fields of study outside of special education who are likely to work with students with disabilities and their families in the context of their chosen careers.

Successful completion of the Minor in Special Education will also create an opportunity for interested students to acquire a Special Education Master’s Degree with Licensure in an abbreviated time-frame. Specifically, as a result of competencies acquired through the undergraduate minor, students who are admitted into the Special Education Graduate Program will be able to complete a Master's degree plus licensure in approximately 1 year (as opposed to 2 years).

Program Description The Minor in Special Education consists of 18 credit hours (6 courses). Fifteen (15) credit hours are for required courses. The remaining 3 credit hours are completed by choosing one of two elective courses. Collectively, the courses required for this minor will prepare students for lives of impact as leaders and citizens, particularly as it relates to supporting individuals with disabilities and their families.

The majority of the courses required for this minor are offered several times per year (including summers) and many are offered in the evenings (4:35-7:05 pm), thereby enhancing flexibility for students.

Declaring a Special Education Minor Students interested in obtaining a Minor in Special Education should contact the Department of Special Education’s Academic Advisor, Kaitlin Lindsay, at k.lindsey@utah.edu or 801-581-4764.

Admission Requirements In order to declare a Minor in Special Education, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and must have a declared major *outside* of the Department of Special Education.

Graduation Requirements In order to graduate with a Minor in Special Education, all special education minor courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. A maximum of 6 approved transfer credits may be used towards the minor.

Courses

Minor in Special Education (18 Credit Hours)		Credit Hours	Term Offered*
SP ED 2010/5010	Human Exceptionality (Diversity)	3	F,S,U
SP ED 5021	Principles of Assessment and Data-Based Decision Making	3	F,S,U
SP ED 5022	Principles of Instruction & Behavior Support	3	F,S,U
SP ED 5030	Functional Communication and Language Development	3	U
SP ED 5040	Legal & Policy Foundations of Special Education	3	S,U
Choose one of these courses:			
SP ED 2011/5011	Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Classrooms	3	S
SP ED 2012/5012	Teaching Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Secondary Classrooms	3	+

*Semesters, dates and times of courses offered are subject to change

+ Check with your advisor

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