SPECIAL EDUCATION MINOR

Note: The minor in Special Education is under review. For further information, please contact the Office of Student Services, 1204 Benjamin Bldg, 301-405-2364 or ed-advising@umd.edu.

The minor in Special Education provides opportunities for undergraduates to enroll in a sequence of education courses to determine if working with students with disabilities is a viable career option. For individuals interested in pursuing this career option, a one-year M.Ed. program, leading to certification as a special educator, is also available.

Minor and M.Ed. Teacher Certification Program

For individuals interested in pursuing special education teacher certification, a one year M.Ed. program is available after completing the 18-hour minor in special education and an undergraduate degree. To be admitted to this M.Ed. Special Education program, program applicants must apply to the graduate school (www.gradschool.umd.edu) during their senior year and pass the Praxis CORE at scores established by the Maryland State Department of Education (https://education.umd.edu/test-scores-2). All teacher candidates at the University of Maryland must pass Praxis II prior to the teaching internship.

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Requirements

• 18 credits are required for this minor
• Two courses (6 credits) may overlap with a student's major
• Individuals pursuing the minor must select one of three age-based specializations: Early Childhood, Elementary, or Secondary Special Education.
• The minor incorporates coursework to meet the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) reading requirements that are part of the special education teacher certification requirements.
• A cumulative 2.75 GPA and junior status (60 credits) is required for enrollment in all professional education courses (i.e., all courses required for the minor except EDSP210/EDSP470).
• All courses for the minor must be passed with a grade of "C-" or better.
• No more than two courses (6 credits) may be taken at an institution other than the University of Maryland.

Specializations

Early Childhood Special Education

Course Title Credits
EDHD425 Language Development and Reading Acquisition 3
EDSP423 Early Childhood Special Education Assessment and Instruction 3
Total Credits 6

Elementary Special Education

Course Title Credits
EDHD425 Language Development and Reading Acquisition 3
EDSP485 Assessment and Instruction in Mathematics in Special Education 3
Total Credits 6

Secondary Special Education

Course Title Credits
EDHD426 Cognitive and Motivational Literacy Content 3
or TLPL462 Reading in the Secondary School
EDSP485 Assessment and Instruction in Mathematics in Special Education 3
Total Credits 6

Course Title Credits
Core Courses required for the Minor
EDSP210/470 Introduction to Special Education 3
EDSP413 Behavior and Classroom Management in Special Education 3
EDSP415 Assessment in Special Education 3
EDSP416 Reading and Writing Instruction in Special Education I 3
Select one of the following specializations: 6
Early Childhood Special Education
Elementary Special Education
Secondary Special Education

Total Credits 18