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 (http://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 (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.

Course Title Credits
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

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Specializations

Early Childhood Special Education

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

Elementary Special Education

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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