**Course Sequence for 5-Year Program in Early Childhood Special Education - ENGLISH**

Please keep in mind this is a *suggested* sequence. There are times when alternative scheduling may be necessary and appropriate. Careful advisement from both a special education advisor and an advisor in English is imperative.

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| Year 1 | |
| Fall | Spring |
| * FSP—Freshmen Seminar * MAT 105 Mathematical Structures and Algorithms for Educators * SLP 102 Language, Speech and Communication Development * LIT 200 * SPE 099 & LIT 099 Advising seminars (no credit) | * WRI 102 if needed or U.S. History * SPE 103 Social and Legal Foundations of Special Education * LIT 201 * LNG 201 or LNG 202 (LNG 201 preferred) |
| Year 2 | |
| Semester III | Semester IV\* |
| * ECE 201 Child and Adolescent Development * RAL 222 Literacy Strategies, Assessment & Instruction (joint field experience with ECE 201) * LIT 202 * SPE 326 Models of Early Intervention & Preschool Special Ed | * ECE 202 Theories and Philosophies of Early Childhood Education (with field experience) * ECE 203 Infants and Toddlers in Inclusive Settings (with field experience) * SPE 324 – Severe Disabilities * Literary History 1 * BIO 104 Cancer, Genes, and the Environment |
| Year 3 | |
| Semester V\* | Semester VI⯎ |
| * SPE 214 Exploring Classroom Communities   (with field experience)   * LIT 310 for English Elective 1 * Literary History 2 – pre 1600 * U.S. History if not taken earlier * Elective | * RAL 322 Literacy Learning Across the Curriculum- ECE (joint field experience) * ECE 302 Concepts of Math and Science for P-3 * LIT 499 seminar I * Literary History 3 |
| Year 4 | |
| Semester VII | Semester VIII |
| * SPED 621 Assessment Young Children with Disabilities * IDS 401 Music, Movement & Creative Arts * ELEM 520 Multicultural Social Studies Methods (2 credits) * English Elective (LIT 316 recommended to meet gender and global requirements) * LIT 499 seminar II | * ECE 490 Student Teaching (2 units) * ECE 498 Capstone Seminar * ECED 530 Culturally Responsive Practices with Children & Parents |
| Awarding of B.S. degree § |
| Year 5 | |
| Semester IX (***Fall—Graduate Year***) | Semester X (***Spring—Graduate Year***) |
| * SPED 622 Intervention Strategies – Young Children with Disabilities (with field experience) * ECED 560 Curriculum Experiences for Young Children (3 credits) * EDUC 513 Collaboration & Consultation (3 credits) * SPED 521 Assistive Technology (3 credits) * SPED 700 Comprehensive Exam (0 credit) | * SPED 695 Student Teaching (Preschool SPED) (6 credits) * SPED 648 Positive Behavior Supports for Students with Extreme Behaviors (3 credits) * SPED 597-Stu Tch Seminar (1 credit) |
| M.A.T. awarded with Teacher of Students with Disabilities and P-3 certifications |

\* Students with a GPA of 3.3or higher may take a 5th course.

**Color Key:**

Courses comprising the UG early childhood special education major.

Courses comprising the masters degree program

Courses comprising the English major

⯎ Formal admission to the program is granted at the end of Spring semester, Sophomore year, provided that a student has a minimum of 16 earned course units, a grade of B- or higher in ECE 202 and in ECE 203 and a minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher. Praxis core scores are required of students based upon the cutoff scores on the SAT or ACT tests as determined by the State. Students are required to provide evidence of passing scores on the praxis core before receiving formal admission into the program.

Please note that academic program standards for retention in the program include:

* A minimum grade of B- for SPE 103, ECE 201, ECE 202, ECE 203, SLP 102, SPE 214, RAL 222, SPE 326, RAL 320 and SPE 324, RAL 322, ECE 302, ECE 490, and ECE 498.
* A minimum grade of C- for MAT 105 or MAT 106, US History and lab science
* A minimum grade of B- for all graduate courses

§ Students must have 32 units of undergraduate coursework to receive their Bachelor’s degree. The 3 graduate courses taken during Year 4 do NOT count towards the undergraduate degree. Students must make sure that they are on track to graduate on time by taking 3 UG courses as either 5th courses for 3 semesters, or by transferring in course credit.