

SPECIAL EDUCATION, B.A.

Degree Requirements (120 hours)

Program of Study

Requirements	Credit Hours
1. Carolina Core	31-43
2. College Requirements	0
3. Program Requirements	9-21
4. Major Requirements	68

Founding Documents Requirement

All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade in the subject areas of History, Political Science, or African American Studies that covers the founding documents including the United State Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalist papers. This course may count as a requirement in any part of the program of study including the Carolina Core, the major, minor or cognate, or as a general elective. Courses that meet this requirement are listed here (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/founding-document-courses/>).

1. Carolina Core Requirements (31-43 hours)

CMW - Effective, Engage and Persuasive Communication: Written (6 hours)

must be passed with a grade of C or higher

- any two CC-CMW courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

ARP - Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving (6-8 hours)

- any two CC-ARP courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

SCI - Scientific Literacy (7 hours)

- any two CC-SCI courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>) (one must include a lab)

GFL - Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-6 hours)

To meet the GFL requirement, students in the BA in Special Education complete the Carolina Core approved courses in Foreign Language (GFL) or by achieving a score of 2 or better on a USC foreign language placement test.

- CC-GFL courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

GHS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Historical Thinking (3 hours)

- any CC-GHS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

GSS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Social Sciences (3 hours)

- any CC-GSS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

AIU – Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding (3 hours)

- any CC-AIU course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

CMS – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component¹ (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-CMS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

INF – Information Literacy¹ (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-INF course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

VSR – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility¹ (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

¹ Carolina Core Stand Alone or Overlay Eligible Requirements – Overlay-approved courses offer students the option of meeting two Carolina Core components in a single course. A maximum of two overlays is allowed. The total Carolina Core credit hours must add up to a minimum of 31 hours. Some programs may have a higher number of minimum Carolina Core hours due to specified requirements

2. College Requirements (0 hours)

No college-required courses for this program.

3. Program Requirements (9-21 hours) Minor (18 hours) *optional*

A student may choose to complete a minor consisting of 18 credit hours of prescribed courses. The minor is intended to develop a coherent basic preparation in a second area of study. Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the minor. No course may satisfy both major and minor requirements. All minor courses must be passed with a grade of C or better.

Electives (9-21 hours)

The number of elective hours required depends upon the number of hours used to fulfill other degree requirements. Minimum degree requirements must equal 120 hours. Courses applied toward the optional minor will reduce the number of electives needed to reach 120.

4. Major Requirements (68 hours)

A minimum grade of C is required in all major courses.

Education Core (15 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
EDTE 201	Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning	3
EDFI 300	Schools in Communities	3
EDPY 401	Learners and the Diversity of Learning	3
EDEX 205	Understanding the Foundations of Disability	3

EDEX 523	Introduction to Exceptional Children	3
Total Credit Hours		15

Multi-categorical Special Education Core (32 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
EDEX 301	Introduction to Students with Autism	3
EDEX 315	Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis in Special Education	3
EDEX 316	Introduction to Functional Behavioral Assessment and Behavior Interventions	3
EDEX 390	Introduction to Assessment in Special Education	3
EDEX 392	Collaborative Partnerships in Special Education	3
EDEX 491	Introduction to Inclusion of Students with Mild Disabilities	2
EDEX 580	Direct Instruction in Reading for At-Risk Learners	3
EDEX 582	Teaching Mathematics to Students at Risk	3
EDEX 640	Managing Problem Behavior in the Classroom	3
EDEX 670	Nature of Students with Multi-categorical Disabilities	3
EDEX 671	Instruction of Students with Multi-categorical Disabilities	3
Total Credit Hours		32

Clinical Experience and Seminar (21 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
EDEX 413	Internship I in Special Education	6
EDEX 426	Seminar in Special Education	3
EDEX 496	Internship II in Special Education	12
Total Credit Hours		21