

# Special Education (BS)

## Degree Requirements

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The Department has three undergraduate Special Education Certification Options, each leading toward a Bachelor of Science Degree: Collaborative Teaching K-6, and Early Childhood Special Education, as certification options in K-6 Teacher Education and Collaborative Teaching 6-12.

The programs in Special Education are designed to prepare teachers to function in a variety of settings with birth-through-high-school-level students.

Students must obtain a minimum grade of "C" in each professional studies and teaching field course in the area of Special Education.

Non-majors seeking enrollment in courses should obtain permission from the department chair. Successful completion of the program and eligibility for the Bachelor of Science degree and/or teaching certificate necessitates that requirements of the Department, the College of Education and Professional Studies, the University of South Alabama, the Alabama State Department of Education, and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education be met.

### The Bachelor's Degree Program

Special Education undergraduate Collaborative Teacher 6-12 program include a minimum of 125 semester hours. Advisors provide the specific course information for each student. Professional courses are organized into blocks which must be taken in a specified sequence.

### Admission To Candidacy

Students must apply in the College of Education and Professional Studies Advising Center, for admission to teacher candidacy. Students must have satisfactorily completed 12 semester hours (as specified on the advising sheets or in PAWS) in each of the following disciplines: English language arts, mathematics, social sciences, and sciences with a grade of "C" or higher in each course, and professional studies courses. All previously listed requirements of the University and College must have been met also. Students must apply as early as possible preferably by the end of the sophomore year.

### Minimum General Studies (60 semester hours)

See College of Education and Professional Studies section or departmental advising sheets for general studies requirements.

### Professional Studies (33 semester hours minimum)

Visit the web for specific information at:

<http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/ceps/programs.html>.

### Areas of Specialization (32 semester hours)

Collaborative Teaching

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### Alabama State Department Of Education Certification Requirements:

A Student applying for initial teacher certification will be required to pass the appropriate Praxis II test (s) and have a successful score on his/her edTPA portfolio. ALSDE certification requirements are subject to change and students will be required to meet those which are in place the semester they are applying for certification. Prior to registering for any Praxis II exam, please verify current requirements by going directly to the ALABAMA portion of the Praxis II website at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/al>.

## Graduation Plan

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**4-Year Progression Special Education Collaborative Teacher 6-12**

<b>First Year</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>
Fall Semester		16
*EH 101 English Comp I (I)	3 hrs	
BLY 101 + Lab Life Science I(III)	4 hrs	
Fine Art (II)	3 hrs	
MA 110 or higher (III)	3 hrs	
KIN 100 Concepts of Health & Fitness (V)	3 hrs	
Spring Semester		16
*CA 110 Public Speaking (II)	3 hrs	
*EH 102 English Comp II PR(I)	3 hrs	
History (IV)	3 hrs	
MA 201 Math for Elementary Teachers <sup>PR</sup> (III)	3 hrs	
Science + Lab (III)	4 hrs	
<b>Second Year</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>
Fall Semester		17
History/Social Science Elective (IV)	3 hrs	
Literature <sup>PR</sup> (II)	3 hrs	
MA 110 or higher (III)	3 hrs	
PE 101-157 PE Activity Course (V)	1 hr	
Science + Lab (III)	4 hrs	
Social Science Elective (IV)	3 hrs	
Spring Semester		18
*EDM 310 Microcomputing Systems In Educ	3 hrs	
Content Teaching Field 300-499	3 hrs	
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Literature <sup>PR</sup> /Fine Art Elective (II)	3 hrs	
Math Elective MA 100 or higher or ST 210 (III)	3 hrs	
Social Science Elective (IV)	3 hrs	
<i>Take Core Academic Skills Test</i>		
<b>Third Year</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>
Fall Semester		16
*EDU 400 Ed of Exceptional Children & Youth	3 hrs	
*EPY 351 Human Growth & Development	3 hrs	

Content Teaching Field 300-499	3 hrs	
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EDU 321 Field Experience	1 hr	
<i>Apply for Candidacy</i>		
Spring Semester		16
<b>EDU 322 Field Experience</b>	1 hr	
<b>EDU 340 Fundamentals of Teaching (W) (spring, summer only)</b>	3 hrs	
<b>EDU 354 Curriculum Methods</b>	3 hrs	
<b>EDU 372 Behavior Management</b>	3 hrs	
<b>EDU 410 Formal &amp; Informal Assessment</b>	3 hrs	
Content Teaching Field 300-499	3 hrs	
<b>Fourth Year</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>
Fall Semester		15
<b>EDU 341 Teaching Skills (W) (fall only)</b>	3 hrs	
<b>EDU 342 Secondary Field Experience (fall only)</b>	3 hrs	
<b>EDU 363 Teaching Special Needs Learners (fall only)</b>	3 hrs	
<b>EDU 451 Content Area Literacy (fall only)</b>	3 hrs	
<b>EDU 453 or 454 or 456 or 457 Cont Methods (fall only)</b>	3 hrs	
<i>Apply for Graduation</i>		
Spring Semester		12
<b>EDU 496 Student Teaching (6-12 SPE)</b>	9 hrs	
Content Teaching Field 300-499	3 hrs	

**Key**

<sup>PR</sup>=Prerequisite course required

\*= Prerequisite for Candidacy

Courses in **BOLD** indicate Candidacy required

(I)-(V) = General Education Area

(W) = Courses that satisfy USA writing requirement

## Department Information

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Chair	Dr. Susan Santoli
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Assistant Professors	Brannan, Delmas, Guffey, Johnson, Morton, Parrish, Reeves
Emeritus Professors	Cronis
Senior Instructor	Byrd, Simpson
Instructors	Holland, Szatkowski

Department of Leadership and Teacher Education website  
<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/ceps/lte/>

## Undergraduate

The Department offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Education leading to Alabama Class B certification in the following areas: Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education. The department offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a major in Early Childhood Studies.

## Graduate

The department offers the M.Ed. degree leading to Alabama Class A Certification in the following areas: Art Education, Instructional Leadership, Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Secondary Education, and Special Education. The department offers the M.Ed. degree in Educational Administration with an emphasis in higher education leadership. The department also offers the Instructional Specialist degree (Ed.S.) leading to Alabama Class AA Certification in the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Instructional Leadership, Reading Specialist, Secondary Education, Special Education and Teacher Leader. The department offers the Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership.