

# Special Education (BS)

## Degree Requirements

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### General Education Requirements (58 Hours: 45 Hours Plus 13 Hours To Meet ALSDE 4x12 Requirements)

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#### Area I - Written Composition (2 Courses, 6 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: EH 101
- B. 3 hours: EH 102

#### Area II - Humanities & Fine Arts (4 Courses, 12 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: CA 110
- B. 3 hours from: EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236
- C. 3 hours from: ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARS 101, \*DRA 110, MUL 101
- D. 3 hours from: AFR 101, ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARS 101, DRA 110, EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236, LG 101, LG 102, LG 111, LG 112, LG 121, LG 122, LG 131, LG 132, LG 141, LG 142, LG 151, LG 152, LG 153, LG 171, LG 172, LG 173, LG 201, LG 202, LG 211, LG 212, LG 213, LG 221, LG 222, LG 231, LG 232, LG 234, LG 241, LG 242, 251, LG 252, LG 271, LG 272, LG 273, LGS 101, LGS 102, LGS 106, LGS 107, LGS 110, LGS 111, LGS 131, LGS 141, LGS 142, LGS 161, LGS 162, LGS 171, LGS 172, LGS 181, LGS 182, LGS 201, LGS 202, LGS 206, LGS 207, LGS 210, LGS 211, LGS 241, LGS 242, LGS 261, LGS 262, LGS 281, LGS 282, MUL 101, PHL 110, PHL 120, PHL 121, PHL 131, PHL 231, PHL 240, REL 100, REL 200, REL 201

#### Area III – Natural Sciences & Mathematics (3 Courses & Labs, 11-14 Hours)

- A. 3-4 hours from: MA 110, MA 112, MA 113, MA 115, MA 120, MA 125, MA 126, MA 227, MA 237, MA 238
- B. 4 hours from: BLY 101 & BLY 101L or BLY 121 & BLY 121L
- C. 4-6 hours from: AN 121 & AN 121L, BLY 101 & BLY 101L or BLY 121 & BLY 121L, BLY 102 & BLY 102L or BLY 122 & BLY 122L, CH 101 & CH 101L, CH 103 & CH 103L, CH 131 & CH 131L, CH 132 & CH 132L, GEO 101 & GEO 101L, GEO 102 & GEO 102L, \*GY 111 & GY 111L, GY 112 & GY 112L, MAS 134 & MAS 134L, PH 101 & PH 101L, \*PH 104 & PH 104L, PH 114 & PH 114L, PH 115 & PH 115L, PH 201 & PH 201L, PH 202 & PH 202L

#### Area IV – History, Social & Behavioral Sciences (4 Courses, 12 Hours)

- A. 3 hours from: HY 101, HY 102, HY 121, HY 122, \*HY 135, \*HY 136
- B. 9 hours from: AN 100, AN 101, ECO 215, ECO 216, GEO 114, \*GEO 115, HY 101, HY 102, HY 121, HY 122, \*HY 135, \*HY 136, IS 100, \*PSC 130, PSY 120, PSY 250, SY 109, SY 112

#### Area V - Natural Sciences And Mathematics, Health/Physical Education And General Electives (7 Courses, 19 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: MA 201
- B. 6 hours from: MA 110, MA 112, MA 113, MA 115, MA 120, MA 125, MA 126, MA 227, MA 237, MA 238, \*MA 202, \*ST 210
- C. 4-6 hours from: AN 121 & AN 121L, BLY 102 & BLY 102L or BLY 122 & BLY 122L, CH 101 & CH 101L, CH 103 & CH 103L, CH 131 & CH 131L, CH 132 & CH 132L, GEO 101 & GEO 101L, GEO 102 & GEO 102L, \*GY 111 & GY 111L, GY 112 & GY 112L, MAS 134 & MAS 134L, PH 101 & PH 101L, \*PH 104 & PH 104L, PH 114 & PH 114L, PH 115 & PH 115L, PH 201 & PH 201L, PH 202 & PH 202L (NS for transfers)
- D. 3 hours: KIN 100
- E. 1 hour: PE 101 activity course

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Students must complete a 6 credit hour sequence either in literature (Area II – EH 215 & EH 216, EH 225 & EH 226, or EH 235 & EH 236) or history (Area IV – HY 101 & HY 102, HY 121 & HY 122, or HY 135 & HY 136)

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## Major Requirements (99 Hours: Includes 12 Hours From The General Education Areas I-IV)

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### Professional Studies (9 Courses, 33 Hours)

- A. 33 hours: EDM 310, EDU 400, EPY 351, **EDU 340, EDU 341, EDU 342, EDU 451, EDU 453 or (EDU 454, EDU 456, EDU 457), EDU 496**

### Teaching Field Core CT SPE 6-12 (6 Courses, 14 Hours)

- A. 14 hours: EDU 321, **EDU 322, EDU 354, EDU 363, EDU 372, EDU 410**

### Content Teaching Field (32 Hours)

Choose one content area from English/Language Arts; General Science; Mathematics; or Social Science

20 hours of 300-499 Content Coursework not already used in AREAS (IIV):

- A. English/Language Arts: EH 300-499  
B. General Science: BLY 300-499, CH 300-499, NS 300-499, or PH 300-499  
C. Mathematics: MA 300-499 or ST 300-499  
D. Social Science: See Area IV, History, Social and Behavioral Sciences

### Minor Requirements (0 Hours)

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A minor is not required for this degree program

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#### Notes:

\* Recommended Course

Courses in **BOLD** require admission to Candidacy as a prerequisite

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### Additional Information

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#### E-portfolio And Assessment

Students enrolled in education classes are required to purchase a LiveText membership.

- <https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/ceps/livetext.html>

#### Teacher Candidacy – Special Education 6-12

This major contains a professional component comprised of upper level education courses (300-400 levels), grouped into three semesters (as shown in blocks on graduation plan), and are only available to students who have gained admission to Teacher Candidacy.

Admission Requirements for Teacher Candidacy:

Courses and GPA

- Courses: 4 x 12 (12 semester hours in each of the four areas: English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Science with a grade of C or better). Plus, CA 110, EH 101, EH 102, EDM 310, EDU 400, and EPY 351
- Hours: 60 credit hours of degree requirements completed
- Minimum Grade Point Averages: 2.5 Program, 2.75 Professional Studies, 2.5 Teaching Field, and 2.5 USA GPA (all GPAs found in degree audit). No grade below a “C” is accepted in the 4 x 12, the Professional Studies, or Teaching Field.

ALSDE Background Check

- [https://www.alabamaachieves.org/teacher-center/teacher-preparation/#Background\\_Clearance](https://www.alabamaachieves.org/teacher-center/teacher-preparation/#Background_Clearance)

Application, Liability Insurance, and Interview

- Completed and scheduled in the UCOM Advising Center during the semester prior to beginning Teacher Candidacy

Internship Prerequisites and Certification/Graduation Requirements:

Internship Prerequisites

- Student Teaching Application
- GPAs at Admission Requirement Levels
- Successful Completion of the Two Previous Teacher Candidacy Blocks with Grades of C or Higher
- Praxis – Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications – Pass Score [https://www.ets.org/praxis/al/al\\_teacher\\_ed](https://www.ets.org/praxis/al/al_teacher_ed)

#### Certification/Graduation Requirements

- Successful Completion of the Internship with a Grade of C or Higher
- GPAs at Admission Requirement Levels
- Passing Score on edTPA
- Applications for Certification and Graduation

**NOTE: Praxis tests requirements are subject to change as prescribed by the ALSDE. Prior to registering for any Praxis exam, please verify current requirements by going directly to the ALABAMA portion of the ETS Praxis website at <http://ets.org/praxis/al>.**

## Graduation Plan

### Special Education 6-12 (BS): 120 Total Hours

#### First Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EH 101 (CP)	English Composition I	3
BLY 101 (CP)	Life Science I	3
BLY 101L (CP)	Life Science I Lab	1
Fine Art	**Area II, C	3
MA 110 or higher (CP)	**Area III, A	3
KIN 100	Concepts of Health and Fitness	3
Total Hours		16

#### First Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
CA 110 (CP)	Public Speaking	3
EH 102 (CP)	English Composition II	3
History (CP)	**Area IV, A	3
MA 201 (CP)	Math for Elementary Teachers I	3
Science and Lab (CP)	**Area III, C	4
Total Hours		16

**Second Year - Fall Semester**

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
*History/social Science (CP)	**Area IV, B	3
Literature (CP)	**Area II, B	3
*MA 202 (CP)	Math for Elementary Teachers II (**Area V, B)	3
PE 101 - PE 157	PE activity course	1
Science and Lab (CP)	**Area V, C	4
Social Science Elective (CP)	**Area IV, B	3
Total Hours		17

**Second Year - Spring Semester**

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EDM 310 (CP)	Microcomputing Systems in Education	3
***Content Teaching Field 300-499	Upper Level Course in Chosen Content Area	3
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Literature/Fine Art or Humanities	**Area II, D	3
MA Elective or ST 210 (CP)	Stat Reasoning and Application (**Area V, A)	3
Social Science Elective (CP)	**Area IV, B	3
Total Hours		18

**Third Year - Fall Semester**

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EDU 400 (CP)	Ed of Exceptional Children and Youth	3
EPY 351 (CP)	Human Growth and Development	3
***Content Teaching Field 300-499	Upper Level Course in Chosen Content Area	3
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<i>Apply for Candidacy</i>		
Total Hours		15

**Third Year - Spring Semester**

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EDU 322 (Spring Only)	Field Experience	1
EDU 340 (Spring or Summer only)	Fundamentals of Teaching (W)	3
EDU 354 (Spring Only)	Serving Students Severe Disabilities	3
EDU 372 (Spring Only)	Behavior Management of Exceptional Children	3
EDU 410 (Spring Only)	Formal & Informal Assessment	3
EDU 321	Field Experience	1
***Content Teaching Field 300-499	Upper Level Course in Chosen Content Area	3
Total Hours		17

**Fourth Year - Fall Semester**

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EDU 341 (Fall Only)	Teaching Skills (W)	3
EDU 342 (Fall Only)	Secondary Field Experience	3
EDU 363 (Fall Only)	Teaching Special Needs Learners	3
EDU 451 (Fall Only)	Content Area Literacy	3
EDU 453, EDU 454, EDU 456 or EDU 457 (Fall Only)	Content Methods	3
<i>Apply for Graduation</i>		
Total Hours		15

**Fourth Year - Spring Semester**

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EDU 496	Student Teaching (6-12 SPE)	9
***Content Teaching Field 300-499)	Upper Level Course in Chosen Content Area	3
Total Hours		12

**Notes**

\*Recommended Course

\*\*See Degree Requirements

\*\*\*Must choose to complete Content Teaching in either English/Language Arts, General Science, Math or Social Science

(CP) Candidacy Prerequisite

**BOLD** courses require admission to Candidacy

(W) Course that satisfy USA writing requirement (2 required)

## Department Information

<b>Department of Leadership and Teacher Education</b>	<b>(251) 380-2761</b>
Chair	R. Allan Allday
Professors	Baxter, Bounds, Giles, Green, Kent
Associate Professors	Allday, Ferguson, Maulding Green, Vitulli
Assistant Professors	Brannan, Byrd, Carmouche, Delmas, Gossen, Hensley, Johnson, McCarrison, Morrison, Morton, Parrish, Reeves, Szatkowski
Senior Instructor	Simpson
Instructors	Holland

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.