



Special Education

Multi-Categorical

Bachelor of Arts

Information about the Major

The Bachelor's of Arts (B.A.) degree in Special Education provides preservice teachers with the knowledge and skills to teach K-12 students with mild to moderate disabilities through rigorous coursework, structured practicum experiences, and frequent scholarship and service opportunities.



USC-Aiken's School of Education is dynamic, intentional and full of passionate educators who go above and beyond in preparing the next generation of teachers. Thanks to the dedicated professors at USC Aiken, I feel confident in my transition from being the student in the classroom to the teacher of my own classroom one day.

-Kelsey Spurlin, Secondary Education-English Teacher and Teaching Fellow Graduate

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Advising

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Course Requirement	Credit Hours	Semester	Grade	Attributes
ENGL A101--Composition *	3			
ENGL A102-Composition & Literature *	3			
MATH A108 (or higher)-College Algebra *	3			
STAT A201-Elementary Statistics	3			
COMM A241 (or A201)-Public Speaking (or Interpersonal)	3			
Foreign Language I-FREN, GERM, SPAN-check placement *	4			
Foreign Language II-2 semesters of the same language required	4			
Natural Science-BIOL, GEOL, PHYS, CHEM	4			
Natural Science-2 different areas required	4			
Social/Behavioral Science-PSYC, SOCY, GEOG, ECON, POLI, GEOG	3			
Social/Behavioral Science-2 different areas required	3			
Humanities-ARTH, MUSC, THEA, PHIL, RELG, HONS, etc.	3			
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US History-HIST A201, HIST A202, POLI A201	3			
History of Civilization- HIST A101 or HIST A102	3			

*must pass course with "C" or better

Course Requirements-Special Education 2022-2023

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Pre-Professional Course Requirement *	Cr-Hr	Semester	Grade	Attributes
EDEX A200-Intro to Exceptional Learners	3			
EDEX A336-Planning Effective Instruction	3			
EDFN A321-Dynamics of American Public Education	3			
EDPY A330-Lifespan Growth & Development	3			
EDUC A210-Clinical Observation & Analysis	1			
EDEX A440-Assistive Tech for Diverse Learners	3			
Professional Program Course Listing *	Cr-Hr	Semester	Grade	Attributes
EDEX A403-Assessment of Ppl with Exceptionalities	3			
EDEX A424-Behavior Intervention & Management	3			
EDEX A451-Communication & Language Dvlpmt.	3			
EDRD A421-Assessment of Elementary Reading	3			
EDRD A430-Foundations of Reading in Elem & SpEd	3			
EDEX A452-Teaching Reading to Students with Disab.	3			
EDEX A453-Collab. Families, & Early Intervention	3			
EDRD A423-Content Area Reading & Writing	3			
EDEX A454-Teaching Math to Students with Disab.	3			
EDEX A455-Soc. St. & Science for Students with Disab.	3			
EDRD A422-Instructional Practices	3			
EDEX A456-Secondary Methods & Transition	3			
EDEX A457-Practicum In High & Low Incidence Disab.	6			
EDEX A472-Internship	12			
EDEX A476-Senior Seminar	3			

Praxis Core _____

WPP: _____

Prof. Progr. App: _____

Reading: _____





Writing Intensive (WI) _____

USCA Intern App: _____

Math: _____

SCDE CATS App: _____

Fingerprinting _____

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
	ACADEMICS			
	<p>Work on your General Education courses.</p> <p>Consider taking your first pre-professional Education course such as EDFN A321.</p> <p>Review requirements for your scholarships, grants, and other financial aid such as GPA and credit hour minimums.</p> <p>Become familiar with the Center for Student Achievement resources such as personal tutoring, the Writing Center, and Math Lab.</p> <p>Start going to ICE events.</p>	<p>Thinking about switching your subject area? Talk with your advisor to easily transition!</p> <p>Continue taking General Education courses and finish up with pre-professional Education courses.</p> <p>Second semester this year, take your first Professional Program block.</p> <p>Keep working on ICE events—you should have at least 8 complete by the end of this year!</p>	<p>Continue with your Professional Program course blocks, adding in remaining General Education courses as needed.</p> <p>Turn in the Writing Proficiency Portfolio (WPP) or take ENGL A201 by the end of the year.</p> <p>Finish ICE Events by the end of this year!</p>	<p>In the first semester, finish out any remaining General Education requirements along with your last Professional Program block.</p> <p>Enroll in Senior Seminar and Internship in your last semester.</p> <p>Check with your advisor that you have completed all degree requirements before the last semester begins.</p>
	COMMUNITY			
	<p>Attend Get on Board Day at the beginning of the semester to find clubs and organizations that you would be interested in joining—and join one!</p> <p>Join the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)</p> <p>Become familiar with the Counseling Center and Student Health Center resources available to students.</p>	<p>Visit the Student Life Office to find out about Study Abroad opportunities.</p> <p>Consider completing the Leadership Certificate Program through the Student Life Office.</p>	<p>Take part in a research project with a faculty member.</p> <p>Present at a conference and UofSC Aiken Scholar Showcase.</p> <p>Feeling overwhelmed? Visit the Counseling Center in B&E 126 to get support and time management assistance.</p>	<p>Connect with the Alumni Office to stay involved after graduation.</p> <p>Build a network with alumni, faculty, staff, and classmates.</p>
	SCHOOL OF EDUCATION			
	<p>Maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA to prepare for the Professional Program.</p> <p>See if you exempt the Praxis Core with your SAT or ACT score.</p> <p>If you don't exempt the Praxis Core, this requirement needs to be done by the end of Freshman year.</p>	<p>Consider applying for the SC Teachers Loan and/or TEACH Grant forgiveness programs.</p> <p>Turn in your Professional Program Application to your advisor.</p> <p>Attend the Professional Program Orientation to get officially inducted to the program.</p>	<p>Apply to Internship with UofSC Aiken and the SC Department of Education one year before your last semester.</p>	<p>Obtain at least a 3.0 GPA by the beginning of your last semester.</p> <p>Complete your contact information form during Senior Seminar.</p> <p>Complete your certification recommendation form during Senior Seminar.</p>
	CAREER			
	<p>Visit Career Services to find Work Study jobs on campus or part time jobs off-campus.</p>	<p>Look out for emails from soe@usca.edu about Summer Counselor and camp jobs.</p>	<p>Make the most of your practicum placements by completing more than the required hours to gain experience in the classroom.</p>	<p>Take the Praxis Subject Assessment and Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exams before certification.</p> <p>After your degree is posted, submit an official transcript to the SC Department of Education.</p>