

Special Education

Degree: Master of Science (M.S.)

This degree map is based on the 2023-24 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress toward degree completion. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors including summer/winter enrollment, dual enrollment, and number of courses successfully completed each semester. As a graduate student, you may take more or less credits per semester as needed to meet your individual needs.

Sample Plan

First Year

Summer Courses	Credits	Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
SPEC572 Special Education Law	3	SPEC575 Current Issues in Special Education	3	Specialization Elective	3
Specialization Elective	3				
Semester Total	6	Semester Total	3	Semester Total	3

Second Year

Summer Courses	Credits	Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
Specialization Elective	3	Specialization Elective	3	SPEC565 Research in Special Education	3
Specialization Elective	3				
Semester Total	6	Semester Total	3	Semester Total	3

Third Year

Summer Courses	Credits	Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
		Specialization Elective	3	SPEC579 Graduate Practicum	3
Semester Total		Semester Total	3	Semester Total	3

Curriculum Checklist

Special Education Courses: Master Core (12 credits)

- SPEC572 Special Education Law (3)
- SPEC575 Current Issues in Special Education (3)
- SPEC565 Research in Special Education (3)
- SPEC579 Graduate Practicum

Specialization Elective Options: 18 Specialization Elective Credits Needed in Total

Special Education Supervisory Certification Courses (in addition to two courses in Master Core SPEC572 & 575)

- EDLD500 Introduction to Educational Leadership (3)
- SPEC571 Administration and Supervision in Special Education (3)
- SPEC573 Curricular Design for Inclusive Education (3)
- SPEC598 Internship in Special Education- Special Education Supervisory (6)

PDE Social Emotional Behavioral Wellness (SEBW) Endorsement Courses (12 credits)

- COUN520 Human Development (3)
- SPEC506 Positive Behavior Supports (3)
- SPEC507 Trauma-Informed Practices in Schools (3)
- SPEC598 Internship in Special Education - SEBW (3)

PDE Autism Endorsement Courses (12 credits)

- SPEC501 Characteristics and Etiology of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) (3)
- SPEC502 Collaboration with Families, Agencies, and the Community to Support Individuals with ASD (3)
- SPEC503 Instructional Interventions and Methods Across Grade Levels for ASD (3)
- SPEC504 Assessment for Instructional Planning for Students with ASD (3)