

SPECIAL EDUCATION: EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY EMPHASIS (BA)

Program Description

Students in this track benefit from a partnership with the School of Education and SPU's School of Theology (<http://spu.edu/academics/school-of-theology/>). Coursework from both programs provides you with a foundation in both disability studies and educational ministry. When you graduate from this program, you are prepared to address issues regarding individuals with disabilities in church and parachurch organizations. Internship/practicum requirements for this emphasis provide graduates with methods to foster inclusion of all individuals in worship and church life.

Entering and Completing the Major

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, so if you change your mind about a major, or want to include an additional program, you are able to do so, as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen major(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a major within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU and you identified a major in this department as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you have gained entry to the major. To change or add a major, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>) to enter a major in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the major or minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different major.
- You must complete the major requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the major.

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47 Credits Minimum, Including 37 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Special Education Courses		
EDSP 3107	Exceptionality in the Classroom	3
PSY 1180	General Psychology: Individual in Growth	5
PSY 2470	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	5

EDSP 4642	Individual Education Programs	3
EDSP 4646	Severe Disabilities	3
EDSP 4648	Teaching Students with Emotional and Behavior Disorders	3
EDSP 4652	Disabilities of Learning and Attention	3
EDSP 4657	Positive Behavioral Supports and Interventions	3
EDSP 4899	Issues in Special Education - Capstone	3
EDU 4930	Education Practicum	6
Section Credits Required		37
Educational Ministry Courses		
THEO 3730	Foundations of Youth Ministry	3
THEO 4720	Leadership in Society	5
THEO 4940	Internship	2
Section Credits Required		10
Total Credits		47

Suggested Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Variable		
PSY 1180	General Psychology: Individual in Growth	5
WRI 1000	Academic Inquiry and Writing Seminar	5
WRI 1100	Disciplinary Research and Writing Seminar	5
Credits		15
Third Year		
Variable		
EDRD 2000	Reading I: Psychology of Reading	3
EDSP 3107	Exceptionality in the Classroom	3
EDU 2000	Introduction to Teaching	5
EDU 2300	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Education	3
PSY 2470	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	5
THEO 3730	Foundations of Youth Ministry	3
Credits		22
Autumn		
EDSP 4646	Severe Disabilities	3
EDSP 4651	Special Education Assessment	3
Credits		6
Winter		
EDSP 4657	Positive Behavioral Supports and Interventions	3
EDSP 4642	Individual Education Programs	3
EDSP 4652	Disabilities of Learning and Attention	3
Credits		9
Spring		
EDSP 4653	Teaching Reading to Exceptional Students	3
EDSP 4648	Teaching Students with Emotional and Behavior Disorders	3
EDSP 4899	Issues in Special Education - Capstone	3
Credits		9
Fourth Year		
Variable		
THEO 4720	Leadership in Society	5
THEO 4940	Internship	1-15
Credits		6-20
Autumn		
EDU 4930	Education Practicum	3
Open space for Courses related to Minor		
Open space for other Gen Ed requirements		
Credits		3

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Winter		
EDU 4930	Education Practicum	3
Open space for Courses related to Minor		
Open space for other Gen Ed requirements		
Credits		3
Spring		
Education Practicum		4
Open space for Courses related to Minor		
Open space for other Gen Ed requirements		
Credits		4
Total Credits		77-91

The major will fulfill WKSS and CUE requirements. Be sure to fulfill Foreign Language, W, Common Curriculum (UCOL, WRI, UCOR and UFDN), and remaining Exploratory Curriculum Requirements (WE, WKA, WKH, WKFS, WKAS, and WKQR). This major permits a minor and is highly recommended.