

Special Education Pre-Program

Emotional Impairments (EI) / Learning Disabilities (LD) Elementary SEEJ / Secondary SESJ  
OR

Cognitive Impairments (CI) / Learning Disabilities (LD) Elementary SCEJ / Secondary SCSJ

ALL SPED students **MUST** choose a teachable elementary or secondary minor (see page 2 for options)

\* COURSES REQUIRE A "C" GRADE OR BETTER

GEN ED	PRE-REQUISITES	COURSES	TRAN/SUB/GRADE	CR HR
<b>REQUIRED COURSES</b>				
	must be in pre-education	*ED 2500 Human Development		3
<b>Prof 4</b>		COM 1040 Public Speaking		3
<b>Area III</b>	Select One	PSCI 2000 US Gov <b>or</b> HIST 2100 <b>or</b> HIST 2110		3
<b>Area II</b>	26+ hrs.	ENGL 3830 Lit, Intermediate Reader		4
<b>Prof 3</b>	MATH 1100/placement test	MATH 1500 Number Concepts		4
<b>Area V</b>		PSY 1000 General Psychology		3
<b>Area VII</b>		*SPPA 2000 Communication Disorders		3
<b>Total Credits (23)</b>				
<b>TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING YOU MUST BE ACCEPTED INTO THE UPPER PROFESSIONAL LEVEL</b>				
	see advisor for override	*LS 3770 Lit/Lang I		3
		*EDT 3470 Technology Elem		2
<b>Prof 2</b>	70+ credit hours	*ES 3950 School & Society		3
	LS 3770	*LS 3780 Lit/Lang II		3
<b>Total Credits (11)</b>				

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Early Childhood Minor

*Please Note: SPED is a limited-access program. There is no guarantee of admission to the Special Education Program. Applicants are selected by SPED faculty based on their departmental criteria. Students who intend to complete the program will be designated as pre-education until accepted into the professional program. Applications are due February 1, to start professional SPED courses the following fall.*

**Optional Early Childhood Minor**  
Available as a *second* minor only

NOTES	PRE-REQS	REQUIRED COURSES	TRAN/SUB/GRADE	CR HR
		*ED 3090 Educational Psychology of Early Childhood		3
► <i>Pre-internship: requires two half days or one full day in pre-K classroom</i>	ED 3090	► *ED 3690 Class Organization & Management		3
		► *LS 3770 Lit/Lang I		3
		*ED 3500 Young Child/Families/Society		3
		*ED/FCS 5750 Administration of Child Development Centers		3
<i>Fall &amp; Spring semesters: ½ days; Summer I or II: full days</i>	ED 3690	*ED 4090 and ED 4700 Intern Teaching/ECH		1/5
<b>Total Credits (21)</b>				

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# Special Education Details

## Required Certification Areas:

All Special Education Students **must** complete coursework in the four certification areas listed below:

### I: Elementary Education

Eligible Certifications:

- Kindergarten-5 in all subjects
- Kindergarten-8 in all subjects when teaching in a self-contained classroom—one in which the majority of instruction is provided by a single teacher

### II: Learning Disabilities

Eligible Certification: Kindergarten-12 Special Education (Learning Disabilities)

### III: Emotional Impairment OR Cognitive Impairment

Eligible Certification: Kindergarten-12 Special Ed (Emotional Impairment OR Cognitive Impairment)

### IV: One Content Area Minor selected from the list below:

Eligible Certification: Grades 6-8	Eligible Certification: Grades 6-12		
		Biology	Geography
Elem/Middle Language Arts	Chemistry	German	Political Science
Elem/Middle Mathematics	Earth Science	History	Russian
Elem/Middle Science	English	Latin	Spanish
	French	Mathematics	

## Additional Optional Certification Areas:

Special Education Students can **also choose** to complete additional certification requirements for:

- **Early Childhood** (Eligible Certification: (ZS) Pre-school/young fives programs)
- **Health Education** (Eligible Certification: Grades 6-12)
- **Physical Education** (Eligible Certification: Grades 6-12)
- **Industrial Technology** (Eligible Certification: Grades 6-12)

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**STUDENTS INTERESTED IN SPECIAL (ADAPTED) PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Undergraduates interested in teaching adapted physical education should complete either 1) a bachelor's degree in Special Education **or** 2) a bachelor's degree in Physical Education and then complete a master's degree or additional endorsement in Special (Adapted) Physical Education. For more information about Special (Adapted) Physical Education visit: <http://www.wmich.edu/humanperformance/special-adapted/index.html>

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**STUDENTS INTERESTED IN SPECIAL EDUCATION: VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS:** Undergraduates interested in teaching children with visual impairments are encouraged to complete a bachelor's degree in regular elementary education and then a master's degree in TCVI. For more information on the MA in TCVI, visit: <http://www.wmich.edu/hhs/blvs/TCVI.htm>

## Western Michigan University Special Education Program

*Majors in Cognitive Impairments/Learning Disabilities or Emotional Impairments/Learning Disabilities*

Our program consists of two years of coursework in your major and minor requirements, plus two semesters of internship. Upon completion of the program and passing the appropriate MTTC exams, you will be eligible in Michigan for credentials to teach students with learning disabilities, K-12, and either students with emotional impairments or cognitive impairments, K-12, and also elementary education, K-5. Special Education program faculty will provide academic advising for your major requirements. Advising for your minor requirements will be provided through the College of Education & Human Development Admission & Advising Office.

### Sample Sequence of Major Courses\*

#### Fall Year 1

SPED 3300: Intro to SPED (3)  
SPED 3310: Practicum (1)  
SPED 3380: Classroom Mgt (3)  
SPED 3390: Parent Consultation (3)

#### Spring Year 1

SPED 3150: Early Childhood SPED (1)  
SPED 3250: Transition (2)  
SPED 3400 or 3700: CI or EI Theory (3)  
SPED 3450 or 3750: CI or EI Methods (3)  
SPED 3410 or 3710: CI or EI Practicum (1)

#### Fall Year 2

SPED 4330: Assessment (3)  
SPED 4340: Curriculum & Instruction (3)  
SPED 4040: Practicum (1)  
SPPA 5950: Language Dev & Dis (2)

#### Spring Year 2

SPED 4800: Intro to LD (3)  
SPED 4850: LD Methods (3)  
SPED 4810: LD Practicum (1)

#### Fall Year 3

SPED 4740 (CI) : Intern Teaching (8) OR  
SPED 4750 (EI): Intern Teaching  
SPED 4100: Seminar in Special Ed (2)  
SPED 4760: Intern Teaching LD (4)

#### Spring Year 3

ED 4710: Intern Teaching (8)  
ED 4100: Seminar in Education (2)  
SPED 4760: Intern Teaching LD (4)

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\*Must earn a grade of "C" or better in all major courses.