

SPECIAL EDUCATION B.A.

General Degree Requirements

To earn a baccalaureate degree, all students must complete successfully, in addition to any other requirements, the University of Montana General Education Requirements. Please refer to the General Education Requirements page (<https://catalog.umat.edu/academics/general-education-requirements/>) for more information.

Additional requirements for graduation can be found on the Degree/Certificate Requirements for Graduation page (<https://catalog.umat.edu/academics/graduation-requirements/>).

Unless otherwise noted in individual program requirements, a minimum grade point average of 2.00 in all work attempted at the University of Montana-Missoula is required for graduation. Please see the Academic Policies and Procedures page (<https://catalog.umat.edu/academics/policies-procedures/>) for information on how your GPA is calculated.

Courses taken to satisfy the requirements of a major, minor, or certificate program must be completed with a grade of C- or better unless a higher grade is noted in the program requirements.

Bachelor of Arts - Special Education

- This major requires a minimum GPA of 2.75
- Admission to the Teacher Education Program is required to enroll in any EDU courses.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Language Arts Courses		
Complete the following course:		
EDU 331	Lit & Literacy for Children	3
Complete one of the following courses:		
LIT 110L	Introduction to Literature	
LIT 120L	Poetry	
LIT 236L	Literary Histories	
LIT 246L	Genres, Themes, Approaches	
NASX 235X	Oral and Written Traditions of Native Americans	
Mathematics Courses		
Complete all of the following courses:		
M 132	Numbers and Operations for Elementary School Teachers	3
M 133	Geometry and Measurement for Elementary School Teachers	3
M 234	Higher Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers	3
Science Courses		
Complete all of the following courses:		
BIOB 226N	General Science: Chemical & Life Sciences	5
GEO 224N	Gen Science: Phys & Geoscience	5
ENST 472	General Science: Conservation Education	3
Social Studies Courses		
Complete all of the following courses:		
HSTA 101H	American History I	4

or HSTA 102H	American History II	
or HSTR 101H	Western Civilization I	
or HSTR 102H	Western Civilization II	
HSTA 255	Montana History	3
GPYH 121S	Human Geography	3
or GPYH 141S	Geography of World Regions	
NASX 105H	Introduction to Native American Studies ¹	3
PSCI 210S	Intro to American Government	3
or PSCI 220S	Intro to Comparative Government	
EDU 222	Educational Psychology and Child Development	3

Health and Physical Education

Complete the following course:

HEE 302	Methods of Instructional Strategies in Elementary PE	3
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The Arts

Complete all of the following courses:

ARTZ 302A	Teaching Early Childhood and Elementary Art	2
MUSE 397	Methods: K-8 Music	2
THTR 239A	Creative Drama/Dance: K-8	2

Teacher Education Program - Professional Licensure Courses

Level 1

Complete all of the following courses. All courses must be completed concurrently.

EDSP 454	Advanced Academic Interventions	3
EDU 340	Classroom Management	3
EDU 395	Clinical Experience	1
EDU 397	Methods: Teaching & Assessing (PK-3 Early Reading)	3
EDU 397	Methods: Teaching & Assessing (Early Numeracy K-4)	3

Level 2

Complete all of the following courses. All courses must be completed concurrently.

EDEC 408	Early Childhood Principles and Practices	3
EDSP 405	Assessment of Students with Exceptionalities	3
EDSP 456	Introduction to Methods for Low Incidence Disabilities	3
EDSP 461	Positive Behavior Supports	3
EDSP 462	Special Education Law, Policy, and Practice	3

Level 3

Complete all of the following courses. All courses must be completed concurrently.

EDSP 426	Introduction to Transition & Community	3
EDU 395	Clinical Experience (Level 3)	1
EDU 461	Introduction to Gifted/Talented Education	3
EDU 497	Teaching and Assessing (5-8 Mathematics)	3
EDU 497	Teaching and Assessing (4-8 Reading)	3

Level 4 - Student Teaching

Complete all of the following courses. All courses must be completed concurrently.

EDU 438	Literacy Assessment, Diagnosis, & Instruction	3
EDU 494	Seminar: Applied Research & Reflective Practice	1
EDU 495	Student Teaching (Special Education)	11
Total Hours		112

¹ Other Native American Studies courses may fulfill the NASX 105H requirement. Please consult with the Education Advisor.