Minor in Special Education

The Special Education Program offers a minor in special education for students who (a) plan to pursue a career teaching in general or special education, (b) are interested in working with individuals with disabilities in non-school settings, and/or (c) are interested in issues concerning people with special needs. The minor consists of a core of required coursework and electives. Some of these credits can be applied toward meeting the requirements for an Oregon Special Educator Teaching License.

Minor Requirements

- Students must complete a minimum of **24 credits** of required courses and approved electives.
- 18 credits must be completed in residence at the University of Oregon.
- 13 credits must be SPED prefix courses (e.g., SPED 411).
- At least 12 credits must be taken on a graded basis.
- A minimum grade of “B-” or “P*” must be earned in each required course; “C” or “P” must be earned in each elective course.
- No more than 6 field studies credits can be counted toward the minor requirements.
- No more than 2 courses from the student’s major prefix can be counted toward the minor.
- Students wishing to waive required coursework, use transfer credits (up to 6) as part of the minor requirements, or take an elective not specified on the elective list, need to obtain coordinator approval.

Procedure for Declaring the Special Education Minor

- Meet with a COE Advisor to review minor requirements, including completion of SPED 411 with a minimum grade of B- or P.
- Advisor will send you the link to Qualtrics form.
- Once you submit the form, an email will be sent from Qualtrics to the program.
- Academic Coordinators will process the request within 2 business days by submitting the information to the Registrar’s office.

Steps to Complete the Minor in Special Education

1. Complete the required and elective coursework for the minor – see SPED Minor Program Plan.
2. Obtain coordinator approval for any course waivers, transfers, or elective course approval.
3. List the special education minor on your application for graduation.
4. **If you cannot complete the requirements, do not list the minor on your application for graduation or your bachelor’s degree from the UO will be denied.**

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