

# EDUCATION - BS, SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12

The Department of Educational Psychology (EPSY) offers an undergraduate degree program, Bachelor of Science in Education that prepares students to be special educators. Completion of this program leads to teaching certifications in special education (EC through grade 12) and general education (EC through grade 6) within the constraints of the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The Special Education program focuses on preparing teachers to instruct students with disabilities in both general education and special education settings. Students interested in becoming special education teachers should contact the EPSY undergraduate advisor in Harrington Tower.

## Program Requirements

The following curriculum leads to a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with certification in Special Education K-12. Students are required to meet with their assigned academic advisor prior to registration each semester.

### First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
HIST 105 or HIST 106	History of the United States <sup>1</sup> or History of the United States	3
POLS 206	American National Government <sup>1</sup>	3
	Communication ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	3
	Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	4
	Mathematics ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
Spring		
HIST 226	History of Texas <sup>1</sup>	3
INST 210	Understanding Special Populations <sup>2</sup>	3
	Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	4
	Mathematics ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
Summer		
POLS 207	State and Local Government <sup>1</sup>	3
	Communication ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

### Second Year

Fall		
EPFB 210	Family Engagement and Empowerment <sup>1</sup>	3
EPSY 320 or EPSY 321	Child Development <sup>1</sup> or Adolescent Development	3
INST 301	Educational Psychology <sup>1</sup>	3
INST 362	English as a Second Language Methods I <sup>1</sup>	3
MATH 365	Structure of Mathematics I <sup>1,3</sup>	3
	Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	1
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
Spring		
INST 363	English as a Second Language Methods II <sup>1</sup>	3
MATH 366	Structure of Mathematics II <sup>1,3</sup>	3
SPED 302	Planning and Teaching with Explicit Instruction <sup>2</sup>	3
TEFB 273	Introduction to Culture, Community, Society and Schools <sup>1</sup>	3
	General Elective <sup>4</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Summer		
	Creative arts ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
Third Year		
Fall		
RDNG 468	Essential Foundations of Language and Literacy for All Learners <sup>1</sup>	3
SPED 314	Effective Mathematics Strategies for Students with Disabilities	3
SEFB 315	Clinical Teaching I - Collaborative Practices in Education to Support Students with Disabilities <sup>1</sup>	3
SPED 316	Classroom Management and Behavioral Interventions - Tier 1 and 2 Supports <sup>1</sup>	3
HIST 471	Survey of World History for Elementary Education Certification <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring		
EDCI 365	Using Technology Classrooms <sup>1</sup>	3
SEFB 325	Clinical Teaching II - Academic Data-Based Interventions <sup>1</sup>	4
SPED 321	Assessment of Students with Disabilities <sup>1</sup>	3
SPED 325	Professional Skills and Dispositions I <sup>5</sup>	1
SPED 326	Classroom Management and Behavior Interventions: Tier 3 Supporting and Managing Intensive Behavior <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
Summer		
	Language, philosophy and culture ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

**Fourth Year****Fall**

SEFB 410	Clinical Teaching III - Specialized Instruction in High Support Needs <sup>1</sup>	4
SPED 410	Professional Skills and Dispositions II <sup>5</sup>	1
SPED 411	Assessment in Action: Writing and Implementing Individualized Education Programs <sup>1</sup>	3
SPED 412	Adapting the General Curriculum <sup>1</sup>	3
SPED 418	Transition Planning and Preparation for Students with Disabilities <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

**Spring**

SEFB 425	Clinical Teaching IV <sup>5</sup>	6
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>121</b>

<sup>1</sup> Must make a grade of C or better.<sup>2</sup> Must make a grade of B or better.<sup>3</sup> Must be taken at Texas A&M University.<sup>4</sup> Depending upon your catalog, you may choose any 100 - 499 course except MATH 102 - 104. Only 1 credit KINE 199 may be used. Please consult with your academic advisor to confirm your choice.<sup>5</sup> Must be taken S/U.

A minimum of 2.75 GPA on all coursework that applies to the degree plan and a minimum of 2.5 GPA on all coursework completed at Texas A&M is required for this degree.