

The University of Alabama

College of Education

Early Childhood Special Education

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(Dual Certification)

The early childhood special education program at The University of Alabama leads to certification in special education (grades prekindergarten – grade three) and early childhood education (grades prekindergarten through grade three). The final four semesters are taught in blocks which will begin in the fall semester of the junior year. The following courses should be completed before starting the blocks:

- Six hours of EN 101 and EN 102.
- Twelve hours of Literature, Humanities, and Fine Arts. This twelve hours will consist of at least one 200 level literature, one fine arts class, and public speaking (COM 123). Public Speaking is required.
- Twelve hours of math above Math 005. This math requirement will include at least one core math (Math 110 or Math 112), and then nine hours of additional math courses. Math 100 can count toward this requirement. We recommend checking with a UA advisor to ensure that the math classes you take at the junior college will count toward the requirement.
- Twelve hours of natural science. We recommend checking with a UA advisor to ensure that the science classes you take at the junior college have natural science core designation here at UA.
- Twelve hours of history and social behavioral sciences. We recommend checking with a UA advisor to ensure that the social behavioral sciences you complete at the junior college will meet Alabama State Department of Education requirements for the core curriculum. All students in this major will be required to complete HD 101 as part of the social behavioral science requirement.
- A sequence in history or literature is required as you are completing core requirements.
- CAT 200 is required for this major and will count towards the computer/foreign language requirement. Students are encouraged to take CS 102 or an equivalent as this will be a prerequisite for CAT 200. Thereafter an additional computer class at the 200 level will complete core requirements.
- If a student is planning to begin the first block of this major during their first fall semester at UA, they should plan on transferring the summer before and completing SPE 300, EDU 200, BEP 305, and BEF 362. Right now, the blocks in Early Childhood Special Education begin only in a fall rotation.
- Students can only transfer a total of 60 hours applicable to a degree program from a junior college.

Things to remember:

- You will need an overall and UA GPA of 2.75 in order to be admitted to the Teacher Education Program which will begin in the second semester of the junior year.
- Students in the College of Education must be fingerprinted for a background check by the FBI and the ABI. The fingerprinting is processed through 3M Cogent.
- Talk to UA Admissions officers about scholarship availability and deadlines.
- You are always welcome to contact an advisor at 205-348-6073 if you have any questions.
- You are also welcome to consult the transfer articulation chart available online at Registrar.UA.Edu.
https://ssb.ua.edu/pls/PROD/rtstreq.P_Searchtype