

EDUCATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION (A.A.)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

For students interested in exploring the field of special education, planning to transfer and earn a special education teaching credential, or are interested in furthering their development as professionals already working in an educational setting with special populations.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

- Facilitate undergraduate access of any major to fundamental knowledge and experience important to working with student with disabilities
- Strengthen the preparation of those interested in working with students with disabilities
- Develop an understanding of the theories and the legal premises upon which special education practices are based
- Evaluate the best practices in creating equitable teaching and learning environments
- Provide a degree pathway for students who would like to become Special Education Teachers

Program Requirements

Code Number	Course Title	Units
Required Courses - Section 1		12.0-13.0
EDEL 110	Introduction to Special Education in K-8 Settings (1)	
EDEL 210	Special Education, Disability, Equity and American Education (3)	
EDEL 215 or PHIL 215	Philosophy of Education (3) Philosophy of Education	
EDT 110 or EDT 140	Introduction To Educational Technology (2-3) Exploring Assistive Technology in Education	
CD 110	Child Development (3)	
List A: Select one Course		3.0-4.0
ASL 110	American Sign Language I (4)	
A&P 120	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology (4)	
COMM 110	Intercultural Communication (3)	
COMM 120	Interpersonal Communication (3)	
CDSE 150	Introduction to Children with Special Needs (3)	
CDSE 152	Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs (3)	
PSYC 251	Developmental Psychology (3)	
PSYC 271	Abnormal Psychology (3)	
Section 2		
Communication Skills & Analytical Thinking – Select One Course		3.0-4.0
COMM 100	Introduction to Communications Studies (3)	
COMM 103	Argumentation, Persuasion, and Critical Thinking (3)	
COMM C1000	Introduction to Public Speaking (3)	
ENGL 110	Critical Thinking Through Literature (4)	

ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing (4)	
PHIL 103	Philosophical Reasoning: Critical Thinking in Philosophy (3)	
PHIL 106	Introduction to Logic and Argument (3)	
PSYC 103	Critical Thinking In Psychology (3)	
READ 103	Critical Thinking and Academic Literacy (3)	
Mathematical Concepts & Natural Sciences – Select One Course		3.0-4.5
BIOL 120	Introduction To Biological Science (4)	
ESCI 110	Introduction To Earth Science (4)	
GEOL 101	Physical Geology (4)	
MATH 110A	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (3)	
STAT C1000 or ECON 210 or MATH 112S or PSYC 210	Introduction to Statistics (4-4.5) Applied Introductory Statistics for Economics Enhanced Elementary Statistics Elementary Statistics	
MATH 114	College Algebra (4)	
PS 112	Physical Science for Elementary School Teachers (3)	
Social Sciences – Select One Course		3.0
GEOG 105	World Regional Geography (3)	
HIST 102	Political and Social History of the United States: 1500s to 1876 (3)	
HIST 245	World Civilization from Antiquity to 1500 (3)	
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics (3)	
Arts and Humanities – Select One Course		3.0
ART 100	Introduction to World Art (3)	
ENGL 102	Introduction to Literature (3)	
ENGL 230A	Introduction to American Literature (3)	
ENGL 230B	Introduction to American Literature (3)	
ENGL 246A	Survey of British Literature A: Anglo-Saxon to 18th Century (3)	
ENGL 246B	Survey of English Literature B: Romanticism to the Present (3)	
ENGL 248A	Masterpieces of World Literature (3)	
ENGL 248B	Masterpieces of World Literature (3)	
MUS 100	Music Appreciation (3)	
MUS 105	Music Fundamentals (3)	
TH 101 or DANC 101	Introduction to the Theatre (3) History of Dance	
Total Units		27-31.5

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Complete a minimum of 60 units to include (1) the above major requirements, (2) the General Education requirements, and (3) electives as needed.