

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Associate in Arts (A.A.)

Program Code: S.SPD.AA

Graduation requirement — 60 semester hours

Students interested in completing a baccalaureate degree in special education are strongly encouraged to complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer. To transfer into an approved baccalaureate program in special education as a junior, students must complete specific requirements and a minimum of 30–60 credits. UIUC recommends early transfer after completion of 30 credits, including required courses. Since admission is competitive, completion of the recommended courses does not guarantee admission. Students should be aware that a minimum grade point average for most universities is required for program admission.

Students planning to teach in special education in Illinois are advised to plan their transfer programs with a Parkland academic success advisor or counselor to meet specific requirements of their preferred college or university and the Illinois State Teachers Certification Board.

Program Notes*

- A criminal background investigation is required prior to field experience. Students are responsible for any fees.
- Licensure by the State of Illinois requires that all courses in program be passed with a grade of C or higher.
- The following universities have specific math requirements for education transfer students.
EIU: MAT 105–106 sequence recommended
ISU: Transfer math other than MAT 108 recommended
- General Education Core Curriculum requirements for the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree do not fully satisfy the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) requirements. Additional courses to complete the GECC may be taken after transferring.
- Check with transfer institution regarding foreign language requirements.
- EDU 101 and PSY 209 and PSY 220 is required for transfer into Special Education
- Recommended courses are designed to facilitate completion of the A.A. and A.S. degree options and transfer into a four-year college or university with junior standing. Students are advised to follow the recommendations.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS OPTION

Required General Education Core Courses (38 hours)

	Cr. Hrs.
Communications (9)	
COM 103 Introduction to Public Speaking	3
ENG 101 Composition I	3
ENG 102 Composition II	3
Humanities/Fine Arts electives	9
• Choose at least one course from Humanities and one from Fine Arts	
Social/Behavioral Sciences electives	9
<i>Recommended:</i>	
HIS 104 History of the U.S. to 1877 (4)	
or HIS 105 History of the U.S., 1877 to the Present (4)	
POS 122 American National Government (3)	
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology (4)	
• Soc/Beh Sci courses must be from at least two disciplines	
• One course from Hum/Fine Arts or Soc/Beh Sci must fulfill the non-Western culture requirement	
Mathematics elective	3
Life Sciences (laboratory-based) elective	4
Physical Sciences (laboratory-based) elective	4

A.A. Degree Requirement (3 hours)

LAS 188 Diverse U.S. Cultural Expression	
or LAS 189 Introduction to Liberal Arts and Sciences	3

Recommended Courses (19 hours)

Students should select courses from the following recommendations to meet the minimum 60-hour degree requirement. They are advised to make course selections with an academic success advisor as universities and the Illinois State Teachers Certification Board may have specific course requirements.

EDU 101* Introduction to Education	3
EDU 104* Introduction to Special Education	3
KIN 181 Health Education	2
PSY 209* Human Growth and Development	3
Mathematics elective	3–4
Literature elective	3
Fine Arts elective	3
Science elective(s)	3–8
Foreign language courses*	0–8
Area of teaching concentration	3–9
<i>Select up to a maximum of 9 hours in one academic discipline: Anthropology, Art, Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Earth Science, Economics, English, Foreign Languages, History, Literature, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, or Theatre.</i>	

Total Semester Credit Hours

60