

# EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

Degree: Bachelor of Arts  
 Specializations: Exceptional Student/Elementary/  
 ESOL Education  
 Educational Studies  
 Minor: Exceptional Student Education  
 School: Education  
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 College: Professional Studies  
 Semester Hours Required for Degree: NCATE/DOE: 129-135  
 Educational Studies: 120

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The B.A. degree program in Exceptional Student Education is designed to prepare students who plan to teach children and youth with exceptionalities. Many aspects of the program provide the student with opportunities to work with exceptional children. The Exceptional Student/Elementary/ESOL Education Specialization is an NCATE/DOE approved specialization that leads directly to Florida DOE certification in Exceptional Student Education, Elementary Education, and the ESOL Endorsement. It is designed to prepare students who plan to teach children and youth with exceptionalities. Many aspects of the program provide the student with opportunities to work with exceptional children. Graduates of the Exceptional Student/Elementary/ESOL Education specialization will be certified and "highly qualified" based upon the No Child Left Behind Act. Students must successfully complete the Florida Teacher Certification Exam in Exceptional Student Education, Elementary Education, General Knowledge, and Professional Education.

The second specialization, Educational Studies, is NCATE, but not DOE approved. It prepares students to work in private settings or agencies that do not require graduation from an initial certification program. Students graduating with this specialization are not eligible for certification under Florida Department of Education criteria but may subsequently earn certification as they become eligible in one of Florida's alternative certification programs.

Students are assigned to an Exceptional Student/Elementary/ESOL Education Pending major until they meet with an advisor in the department and complete other requirements. Admission to the Educational Studies specialization requires specific approval by the chairperson.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the B.A. in Exceptional Student Education must meet the requirements listed below.

Consult with your academic advisor for courses which may satisfy both the General Studies requirements and common prerequisites.

Candidates for admission to UWF's NCATE/DOE approved teacher education specialization must meet and complete admission requirements detailed under Admission to Teacher Education. These requirements include, but are not limited to, satisfactory completion of the General Knowledge, Professional, and Subject Area portions of Florida Teacher Certification Examination (FTCE). Requirements for teacher education programs may change due to legislative mandate. Therefore, the actual program requirements may differ from those listed in the *Catalog*. Candidates must inquire with the Chair of the School of Education to obtain the most current program requirements.

### General Studies (36 sh)

For additional information see the General Studies section of this *Catalog*.

### Common Prerequisites (9 sh)

State mandated common prerequisites must be completed prior to graduation, but are not required for admission to the program. Courses in brackets indicate substitutes from Florida Public Junior/Community Colleges and Universities.

EDF	1005	Introduction to Education.....3 [EDF X005]
EDG	2701	Teaching Diverse Populations.....3 [EDG X701]
EME	2040	Introduction to Educational Technology.....3 [EME X040]

In addition to EDG X701, a minimum of 6sh with an international or diversity focus is required. Eligible courses will be determined by the community college or university where the student is currently earning the A.A. or B.S. Foreign language courses may be used to meet this requirement.

### Lower Division Electives (15 sh)

Sufficient 1000/2000 level electives to complete at least 60 semester hours in the lower division. Current UWF students may use elective courses at any level (1000-4999) to meet this elective requirement.

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**EXCEPTIONAL  
STUDENT/ELEMENTARY/ESOL  
EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION**

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This is an NCATE/DOE approved specialization that leads directly to Florida DOE certification in the subject area.

**Major (69-75 sh)**

EDF	3234	Applied Foundations of Education.....	3
EDG	4373	Elementary and Special Education Integrated Arts .....	3
EDG	4940	Student Teaching.....	6-12
EEX	2010	Introduction to Exceptional Children.....	3
EEX	4141	Survey of Normal & Abnormal Language & Speech Development.....	3
EEX	4221C	Evaluation & Prescriptive Instruction for the Exceptional Child .....	3
EEX	4241	Curriculum for Teaching Students with Severe Disabilities .....	3
EEX	4243	ESOL/Reading Professional Practicum II .....	3
EEX	4254	Instructional Strategies for Teaching Students with Exceptionalities .....	3
EEX	4255	Curriculum for Teaching Students with Exceptionalities.....	3
EEX	4257	ESOL/Reading Professional Practicum III .....	3
EEX	4261	Educational Management of Exceptional Children .....	3
EEX	4772	Personal, Social & Employment Skills for Exceptional Students .....	3
EEX	4843	Professional Development Practicum IV: Teaching Students with Exceptionalities.....	3
LAE	3314	Language Skills & Literature in the Elementary School.....	3
MAE	4310	Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School.....	3
RED	3310	Teaching Developmental Reading in the Elementary School.....	3
RED	4542	Teaching Developmental Reading in the Elementary School II .....	3
SCE	4310	Teaching Science in the Elementary School.....	3
SSE	4113	Social Studies for Elementary Teachers.....	3
TSL	4080	ESOL Principles & Practices .....	3
TSL	4081	Empowering Teachers to Teach English to ESOL Students .....	3

**Major-Related (0 sh)**

**Upper Division Electives (0 sh)**

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**EDUCATIONAL STUDIES**

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**Major (25 sh)**

EEX	2010	Introduction to Exceptional Children.....	3
EEX	4221C	Evaluation & Prescriptive Instruction for the Exceptional Child .....	3
EEX	4243	ESOL/Reading Professional Practicum II .....	3
EEX	4257	ESOL/Reading Professional Practicum III .....	3
EEX	4261	Educational Management of Exceptional Children .....	3
EME	3410	Integrating Technology Across the Curriculum.....	1
RED	3310	Teaching Developmental Reading in the Elementary School .....	3

TSL	4080	ESOL Principles & Practices.....	3
TSL	4081	Empowering Teachers to Teach English to ESOL Students .....	3

**Major-Related (35 sh)**

Consult with your advisor for specific information regarding 35 sh of major-related requirements. Developing the plan for Major-Related courses is essential to ensure that prerequisites for major courses and other requirements are met.

**Upper Division Electives (0 sh)**

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**MINOR**

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The Exceptional Student Education Minor consists of 15 sh of special education courses and an advisor approved upper division elective. This minor is not available to Special Education majors.

EEX	2010	Introduction to Exceptional Children.....	3
EEX	4050	Foundation of Teaching Students with Exceptionalities .....	3
EEX	4261	Educational Management of Exceptional Children.....	3
EEX	4660	Advanced Behavior Management for Students with Exceptionalities .....	3

3000/4000 level related course approved by advisor