

Avila University-School of Education Special Education Degree Requirements

Below are the degree and teacher certification requirements for students who want to teach in a special education classroom. Students will major in Special Education. Students also earn certification in elementary education simultaneously.

- Minimum of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate
- Bolded courses will double dip to meet a core requirement, major related requirement, education requirement, or certification requirement.
- All education majors and minors must take and pass the Missouri Gateway Education Assessment (MoGEA) and the Missouri Content Exam (MoCA)

AVILA UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS

FOUNDATION COURSES			
CO 110	Fundamentals of Communication	3 hours	
EN 111	Composition I-Rhetorical Discourse	3 hours	
FS 101	First Year Seminar	1 hour	
MA 120	College Algebra	3 hours	
PILLARS (SEE CATALOG FOR SPECIFIC COURSES)		ACQUIRE & TRANSFORM LEVELS	CONTRIBUTE LEVEL
Social Justice and Civic Life		24 hours – at least 6 hours from each pillar. The majority of these are met through the major related requirements.	6 hours combined Met through ED 495 Final Clinical Experience.
Creativity and Culture			
Belief and Reason			
Exploration of Nature			
CORE COMPONENT DESIGNATIONS			DOUBLE DIP COURSES
Global Studies (GS)		9 hours	ED 287, ED 322 & GG 101
Interdisciplinary Studies (IS)		9 hours	
Civic Engagement (CE)		3 hours	ED 315

Transfer students

The number of hours required for Core Component Designations are based on the number of transfer credits.

- **Less than 30 credits:** Same requirements as first-year students
- **30-59 credits:** Must complete 6 credits of GS, 6 credits of IS, and 3 credits of CE
- **Associates degree or 60+ credits:** Must complete 3 GS credit hours, 3 IS credit hours, 3 CE credit hours, plus 3 additional credit hours of the student's choice from IS, GS, or CE

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

MAJOR RELATED / CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS		
American History		3 hours
HI 203	American Experience I OR	
HI 204	American Experience II	
American National Government		3 hours
PS 120	American National Government	
Biology Course with Lab		4 hours
BI 111	General Biology: Cells and Genes w/lab	
Composition		
EN 112	Composition II – Rhetorical Argument	
Economics		3 hours
EC 202	Microeconomics	

Literature		3 hours
EN 275 or 278	CORE Literature Course	
Physical Science		4 hours
NS 125	Introductory Physical Science	
World Geography		3 hours
GG 101	World Geography	

EDUCATION COURSES		
ED 184	Introduction to Educational Technology	1 hour
ED 185	Practicum	3 hours
ED 206	Creative Activities and Physical Movement	3 hours
ED 207	Geometry for Elementary / Middle School	3 hours
ED 229	Developmental and Educational Psychology	3 hours
ED 230	Children's Literature	3 hours
ED 235	Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3 hours
ED 245	Tests and Measurements	3 hours
ED 287	Multicultural Educational Foundations	3 hours
ED 308	Elementary Math Methods	3 hours
ED 314	Methods and Educational Technology	1 hour
ED 315	General Methods and Differentiated Learning	3 hours
ED 322	Language and Literacy in the Global Context	3 hours
ED 337	Elementary Social Studies Methods	3 hours
ED 340	Elementary Science Methods	2 hours
ED 341	Foundations of Literacy and Language Development	3 hours
ED 343	Language Arts Methods	2 hours
ED 353	Analysis and Characteristics: Cross Cat	4 hours
ED 358	Methods and Curriculum: Cross Cat	4 hours
ED 361	Language Acquisition and Development	3 hours
ED 363	Educational Assessment	3 hours
ED 364	Consultation, Collaboration and Family Engagement: Special Education	1 hour
ED 365	Consultation, Collaboration and Family Engagement: Elementary	1 hour
ED 367	Transition and Career Education	2 hours
ED 370	Assessment and Remediation of Reading Problems	3 hours
ED 386	Reading Practicum	2 hours
ED 381	Health and Safety in Schools	1 hour
ED 419	Managing the Learning Environment	3 hours
ED 494	Final Clinical Experience Seminar	2 hours
ED 495	Final Clinical Experience: Elementary	7 hours
ED 495	Final Clinical Experience: Special Education	3 hours