



Department of Special Education

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To: Dean Ryan Hendrickson, Dean of Graduate School

Re: MS in Special Education Course Catalog Corrections

From: Kathryn A. Havercroft, Chair

Date: April 27, 2022

This Executive Action is to correct several errors in the course catalog. The course credit hours listed in the catalog do not add up to the required 36 credits for an MS in SPE. These corrections will ensure that all required course credits are accounted for and do, indeed, equal 36 hours.

New Catalogue Copy

Degree Requirements

Degree requirements include those outlined for the master of science in education degree by the Graduate School (see "[Requirements for the Master of Science in Education Degree](#)"). The program offers a thesis and non-thesis option.

Curriculum for the Master of Science in Education in Special Education Non-Thesis Option

Total. Credits: 36

Students in the non-thesis option must complete a minimum of 36 semester hours of study for the degree. A minimum of 17 semester hours of all graduate work must be in courses numbered 5000 or higher.

Basic Education Courses. Credits: 9
(selected from the list below)

Special Education ~~and~~ Elective Courses (minimum). Credits: ~~21 to 22~~ 12

Core Courses in Special Education: Credits 15

SPE 5120 - Current Issues in Special Education. Credits: 3

SPE 5900 - Research in Special Education. Credits: 3

SPE 5670 - Assessment in Special Education. Credits: 3

SPE 5770 - Practicum in Special Education. Credits: 3

SPE 5970 - Curriculum and Methods for K-12 Special Education. Credits: 3

Curriculum for the Master of Science in Education in Special Education Thesis Option

Total. Credits: 33 to 36

Students in the thesis option must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of study in addition to thesis hours for the degree. A minimum of 15 semester hours of all graduate work must be in courses numbered 5000 or higher.

Basic Education Courses. Credits: 9

Special Education ~~and~~ Elective Courses (minimum). Credits: ~~15 to 16~~ 6-9

Thesis. Credits: 3 to 6

Core Courses in Special Education: **Credits 15**

SPE 5120 - Current Issues in Special Education. Credits: 3

SPE 5900 - Research in Special Education. Credits: 3

SPE 5670 - Assessment in Special Education. Credits: 3

SPE 5770 - Practicum in Special Education. Credits: 3

SPE 5970 - Curriculum and Methods for K-12 Special Education. Credits: 3

The 9 semester hours of basic education courses may be selected from the list that follows:

EDF 5500 - Theory Into Practice: Curriculum Development. Credits: 3

EDF 5510 - Theory Into Practice: Social Foundations for Educational Practice. Credits: 3

EDF 5550 - Comparative and International Education. Credits: 3

EDP 5300 - Psychological Foundations for Educational Practice Credits: 3

EDF 5560- Philosophy and History of Education. Credits:3

The Following Regulations Apply to Both Degree Options

A minimum of 21 semester hours must be in courses in the field of special education. Students may select courses or electives from other departments with advisor approval.

A maximum of 10 semester hours of courses numbered 4750 to 4999 may be applied to the degree.

A maximum of six semester hours of appropriate transfer courses (graded courses earning a grade of B or better) from an accredited institution may be applied to a degree.

Graduate Assistantships

Information on graduate assistantships may be obtained by contacting the Coordinator of Graduate Studies or Chair, Department of Special Education, Buzzard Hall 1212, EIU.