University Core and Graduation Requirements

University Core Requirements:

## Classes | Hours | Classes
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Religion Cornerstones
- Teachings and Doctrine of The Book of Mormon | 1 | 2.0 | REL A 275
- Foundations of the Restoration | 1 | 2.0 | REL C 225
- The Eternal Family | 1 | 2.0 | REL C 200

The Individual and Society

- American Heritage | 1-2 | 3-6.0 | from approved list
- Global and Cultural Awareness | 1 | 3.0 | CPSE 480*

Skills
- First Year Writing | 1 | 3.0 | from approved list
- Advanced Written and Oral Communications | 1 | 3.0 | WRTG 313 recommended

Quantitative Reasoning
- 1 | 0-3.0 | from approved list

Languages of Learning (Math or Language)
- 1 | 3-20.0 | SPAN 205 or 321 recommended

Arts, Letters, and Sciences
- Civilization 1 | 1 | 3.0 | from approved list
- Civilization 2 | 1 | 3.0 | from approved list
- Arts | 1 | 3.0 | from approved list
- Letters | 1 | 3.0 | from approved list
- Biological Science | 1 | 3-4.0 | from approved list
- Physical Science | 1 | 3-7.0 | from approved list
- Social Science | 1 | 3.0 | SFL 210 recommended

Core Enrichment: Electives
- Religion Electives | 3-4 | 6.0 | from approved list
- Open Electives | Variable | Variable | personal choice

*This class fulfills both university core and program requirements (3 hours overlap)

Graduation Requirements:

Minimum residence hours required | 30.0
Minimum hours needed to graduate | 120.0

FRESHMAN YEAR

1st Semester
- CPSE 203 (FW) | 3.0
- Arts elective | 3.0
- Biology elective | 3.0
- First Year Writing or A HTG | 3.0
- Religion Cornerstone course | 2.0

Total Hours | 14.0

2nd Semester
- Languages of Learning elective | 3.0
- Letters elective | 3.0
- First Year Writing or A HTG | 3.0
- Quantitative Reasoning elective | 3.0
- Religion Cornerstone course | 2.0
- Religion elective | 2.0

Total Hours | 16.0

SOPHOMORE YEAR

3rd Semester
- CPSE 460 | 3.0
- Physical Science elective | 3.0
- Civilization 1 | 3.0
- SFL 210 (Social Science GE) | 3.0
- Religion Cornerstone course | 2.0
- MTHED 305 | 2.0

Total Hours | 16.0

To enter the professional sequence, apply by February 5th for the Fall semester. This should be done at the beginning of the fourth semester. Applications are completed online at [educator.byu.edu](http://educator.byu.edu). The due date is January 15th.

4th Semester
- CPSE 410 | 3.0
- CPSE 425 | 3.0
- CPSE 420 | 3.0
- CPSE 442 | 3.0
- CPSE 466 | 3.0

Total Hours | 18.0

JUNIOR YEAR

5th Semester
- CPSE 430 | 3.0
- CPSE 440 | 3.0
- CPSE 446 | 3.0
- CPSE 469 | 3.0
- IP&T 373 | 1.0
- General Elective | 3.0

Total Hours | 16.0

Spring/Summer
- MTHED 406 | 2.0

Total Hours | 9.0

SENIOR YEAR

6th Semester
- MTHED 406 | 2.0
- Civilization 2 | 3.0
- WRTG 313 | 3.0
- Religion Cornerstone course | 2.0
- General electives | 5.0
- CPSE 410 | 3.0

Total Hours | 12.0

CPSE 468R (student teaching) Or CPSE 496R (internship) | 12.0
CPSE 490 | 1.0

Total Hours | 13.0

Note: Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.
### BS in Special Education: Mild/Moderate Disabilities (354221)
#### 2021-2022 Program Requirements (63 Credit Hours)

**This major is designed to prepare students to teach in public schools. In order to graduate with this major, students are required to complete Utah State Office of Education licensing requirements. To view these requirements go to [https://www.schools.utah.gov/crr/licensing](https://www.schools.utah.gov/crr/licensing) or contact the Education Advisement Center, 350 MCKB, 801-422-3426.**

For students accepted into the major after December 16, 2019, grades below C in any required coursework in a teaching major or teaching minor will not be accepted. Teacher candidates must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher once admitted into the program and to qualify for student teaching.

Additional Licensing Requirements: It is the student’s responsibility to be sure that the PRAXIS test has been passed and that BYU has received the test scores and that their fingerprint background clearance is current. Students will also be responsible for any additional requirements imposed by the state prior to their graduation. To confirm the status of these requirements, contact the Education Advisement Center, 350 MCKB, 801-422-3426.

Graduation and Utah licensure cannot be processed until these requirements have been completed.

#### REQUIREMENT 1 Complete 5 courses
#### COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WITH AT LEAST A C GRADE PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE PROGRAM:
- CPSE 203 - Introduction to Special Education 3.0
- CPSE 410 - Applied Behavior Analysis in Education 3.0
- CPSE 480 - Educational and Multicultural Issues in Special Education 3.0
- MTHED 305 - Basic Concepts of Mathematics 2.0
- MTHED 306 - Concepts of Mathematics 2.0

**Core Courses:**
- CPSE 420 - Assessment and Evaluation of Students with Exceptional Needs 3.0
- CPSE 425 - Teaching Reading/Language Arts to Elementary Students with 3.0
- CPSE 430 - Teaching Reading/Language Arts to Secondary Students with 3.0
- CPSE 440 - Transition planning and services for secondary students with c 3.0
- CPSE 460 - Collaborating with School and Family 3.0
- CPSE 470 - Legal Issues Influencing Collaboration in Special Education 3.0
- CPSE 490 - Capstone Seminar: Students With Disabilities 1.0
- IPKT 373 - Teaching in K-12 Online and Blended Learning Contexts 1.0

**Requirement 2 Complete 8 courses**

**Emphasis Courses:**
- CPSE 442 - Social and Behavioral Strategies for Students with Mild/Moderate 3.0
- CPSE 446 - Mentored Field Experience: Teaching Students with Mild/Moderate 3.0
- CPSE 452 - Effective Teaching Strategies for Students with Mild/Moderate 3.0
- CPSE 462 - Teaching Math to Students with Disabilities 3.0
- CPSE 463 - Assistive Technology for Students with Disabilities 3.0
- CPSE 466 - Mentored Field Experience: Teaching Students with Mild/Moderate 3.0

**Requirement 3 Complete 12.0 hours from the following course(s)**

**Option 4.1 Complete 12.0 hours from the following course(s)**
- CPSE 486R - Student Teaching: Students with Mild/Moderate Disability 12.0v
- CPSE 496R - Academic Internship: Special Education 12.0v

**Option 4.2 Complete 12.0 hours from the following option(s)**

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#### The Discipline:

Special Education is an important teaching discipline that emphasizes assessment, classification, and teaching to optimize the potential of students with disabilities. The undergraduate program prepares competent and moral educators who select, implement, and evaluate research-based effective teaching practices and appropriate curriculum for learners with special needs. Two areas of emphasis are available within the undergraduate program: students with mild/moderate disabilities and students with severe disabilities.

#### Career Opportunities:

A degree in Special Education leads to opportunities for teaching students with individualized educational needs. Graduates in the major are licensed and qualified to teach grades K-12 in public and private schools in Utah. Teaching job opportunities are available in many states through reciprocal agreements based upon national accreditation. An ongoing lack of qualified special education teachers provides abundant career opportunities. Graduates are well positioned to pursue advanced degrees in order to advance into educational leadership positions at the school, district or state level.

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### Map Disclaimer

While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

#### Department Information

Counseling Psychology and Special Education Department 340 MCKB, 801-422-3857
education.byu.edu/cpse

#### Advisement Center Information

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