

Special Education

School of Education

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The Marian University major in Special Education prepares students for teaching. This program leads to licensure in Special Education for Cross Categorical (801) and Specific Learning Disabilities (811) at both the 72 and 73 levels and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. The program prepares students to view children and youth in a holistic manner, understand the developing human person, assess learning, and teach through the application of age-appropriate curriculum, technology and teaching methodology.

Marian's undergraduate Education program provides students with:

- Minor programs in Athletic Coaching, Natural Science, English–language Arts, Environmental Science, Mathematics, Social Studies and Spanish teaching.
- Field experiences that begins after the completion of 30 credits, Core tests and required GPA.
- Marian's renowned Learning-Centered Model based on five central themes: knowledge, reflection, collaboration, accountability, and values and ethics.

Students graduate prepared for Special Education licensure in the state of Wisconsin.

Accreditation:

Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

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Age 6-13 (MC-EA)

Age 10-21 (EA-A)

Freshman Year

Students will complete 24–26 credits of liberal arts courses, in consultation with the Education academic advisor.

Sophomore Year

Students will complete an additional 24 to 36 credits which could include liberal arts courses Field Experience One and potentially Field Experience Two, and 100- and 200-level education courses. Requirements to begin the Field Experience and Education classes include:

- Completion of 30 credits.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- Completion of Core Academic Skills for Educators Test (formerly PPST) with passing scores on at least two of the tests.

Junior and Senior Years

Students complete the remaining liberal arts courses early in the junior year and 300- and 400-level education courses. It is recommended that students complete Field Experiences Three and Four.

Clinical Practice (12 credits)

The clinical practice experience takes place after all coursework has been completed and the following requirements have been met:

- Completion of the Praxis II Middle School Content Knowledge test (5146)
- Completion of Wisconsin Foundations of Reading Test
- Completion of the admission to Clinical Practice Portfolio which includes 30 hours of human relations experience.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

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4 year course sample

Freshman Level

BIO	Biology Elective	4	ART 103	Art Foundations for Educators	3
ENG 105	Expository Writing	3	COM 101/232	Speech requirement	3
GEN 101	First Year Seminar	3	ENG 106	Argumentative and Research Writing	3
MAT 150	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3	HIS 101	World Civilizations I	3
PSY 105	Human Development	3	MAT 151	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	3
			PHI 132	The Examined Life	3
16 credit hours			18 credit hours		

Sophomore Level

EDU 010	Field Experience One	.5	EDU 020	Field Experience Two	.5
EDU 100	Intro to Education & Classroom Management	2	EDU 213	Introduction to Special Education	3
EDU 202	Psychology of Learning	3	EME 303	Primary Reading: Teaching & Assessment	3
MUS	Music Elective	3	HIS 102/111/112	World Civilizations II or US History	3
PHS	Physical Science Elective	4		Minor Elective	6
SPE 374	Learning with Technology: Effective Strategies for Students with Disabilities	3			
	Minor Electives	3			
18.5 credit hours			15.5 credit hours		

Junior Level

EME 304	Intermediate Reading: Tchng & Assessment	3	EDU 030	Field Experience Three	.5
EME 312	Teaching Language Arts	3	EME 316	Mathematics Curriculum and Methods	3
EME 332	Science Curriculum and Methods	3	EME 322	Social Studies Curriculum and Methods	3
SPE 334	Diagnosis and Assessment of Students with Disabilities	3	SPE 421	Reading Instruction for Students with Disabilities	3
THE 101	Intro to Christian Theology	3		Minor Electives	6
	Minor Electives	3			
18 credit hours			15.5 credit hours		

Senior Level

EDU 040	Field Experience Four	.5	EME 430	Clinical Practice (1–8) and/or	1 - 12
EDU 301	Intercultural Studies for Educators	3	EME 450	Clinical Practice (6–9) Minor	3 - 6
EDU 412	Educational Measurements and Assessment	3			
POS 205	American Government	3			
SPE 426	Curriculum and Methods for Learners with Special Needs	3			
	Minor Elective	6			
18.5 credit hours			12 credit hours		
			Summer		
			ENG	English Literature Elective	3
			THE	Theology Elective	3

- Minimum GPA of 3.00 in the major, minor and professional education courses.
 - Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.
 - Completion of 30 Human Relation Hours before Student Teaching.
- Passing scores on Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests, The Wisconsin Foundations of Reading Test and the Praxis 2 Test.