

SPECIAL EDUCATION, PH.D.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	54 credits
Minimum Residence Requirement	31 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	27 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/)).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade n/a

Requirements

Assessments and Examinations Qualifying examination, preliminary examination, dissertation, final oral committee examination.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or Graduate/Professional certificate.

REQUIRED COURSES

Complete a minimum of 54 post-master's degree credits to include the following:

Code	Title	Credits
Special Education Core/Seminars		
RP & SE 871	Foundations of Special Education	3
RP & SE 872	Seminar in Special Education Research	3
RP & SE 710	Multicultural Issues in Special Education	3
	<i>Seminars: Additional RP & SE seminar courses, with at least one course focused on adolescence, to reach a total of a minimum of 18 credits of seminar/core courses</i>	9
RP & SE 660	Special Topics (Chosen in consultation with faculty advisor)	
RP & SE 715	Equity and Full Participation for Individuals with Significant Disabilities	
RP & SE 777	Educating Students in Alternative Settings	
Doctoral Minor (chosen in consultation with faculty advisor)		9
Research Design and Statistics		
ED PSYCH 760	Statistical Methods Applied to Education I	3
ED PSYCH 761	Statistical Methods Applied to Education II	3
RP & SE/COUN PSY/ CURRIC/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ ELPA 719	Introduction to Qualitative Research	3
	Additional courses in research design/statistics/methods chosen in consultation with the faculty advisor to total a minimum of 15 credits	6
Internships		
RP & SE 941	Internship: Research	3
RP & SE 942	Internship in Postsecondary Teaching	3
Dissertation (minimum of 6 credits)		
RP & SE 990	Research or Thesis	3
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Total Credits		54

In addition to the course requirements noted above, students must pass a qualifying examination and a preliminary examination.