

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## Special Education Program

### Associate in Arts or Associate in Science Degree

Effective for students starting at WIU Fall 2016 or after

**STUDENTS ATTEMPTING TO COMPLETE THIS PROGRAM IN A TIMELIER MANNER SHOULD CONSIDER TRANSFERRING TO WIU AFTER 2 or 3 SEMESTERS AT SVCC (GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM IDEALLY COMPLETED) AND BEGIN COURSEWORK IN THEIR SOPHOMORE YEAR AT WIU. SEE AN SVCC ACADEMIC ADVISOR FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

The following is a list of courses that satisfy the **Associate in Arts or Associate in Science Degree** requirements here at Sauk Valley Community College as well as some of the requirements for the Elementary Education Program at Western Illinois University. Students transferring without the IAI general education core curriculum, AA or AS Degree may need to complete additional general education courses.

### **GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM – 38 CREDITS**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

\*ENG 101, \*ENG 103, \*SPE 131

**9 CREDITS**

#### **MATHEMATICS**

\*MAT 110, \*MAT 111 (Completion of MAT 111 is required to meet the gen ed core math requirement.)  
\*MAT 240

**9 CREDITS**

#### **HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS**

\*HIS 221 (Upon course registration, meet with an SVCC academic advisor to complete the appropriate paperwork to substitute a History course in the Humanities area.)

**9 CREDITS**

One Art Course Required – \*ART 119 recommended  
One Music Course Required – \*MUS 201 recommended

#### **SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

\*ECO 211 or 212, \*GOV 163, \*GEO 122

**9 CREDITS**

#### **LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES**

Select one course from Life Sciences and one course from Physical Sciences. Earth Science course required for the major. One lab course is required (lab courses are in **bold type**).

**10 CREDITS**

##### **Life Sciences**

\*BIO 103, 104, **105**

##### **Physical Sciences**

\*CHE, 102, **103, 105**; PHY **175, 201, 211**

##### **Earth Science**

\*GSC **105, 106, 115**

### **SVCC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – 14 CREDITS**

#### **ORIENTATION**

FYE 101 (PSY 100 will be accepted if already completed)

**1 CREDIT**

#### **PERSONAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

ART 101, 113; BIO 120; BUS 237; CIS 109; EDU 105; MUS 106, 131, 133, 137, 139, 140, 155  
MUS 160, 215; PED 115 or any 100 level physical education course; SPE 145, 161, 232

**3 CREDITS**

### **MAJOR FIELD REQUIREMENTS – 1 CREDITS**

**Professional Educational Courses:** Professional Education Courses subject to change.

\*\*Dual Sp Ed/EI Ed Option: EDU 221. PED 220

Transfer electives to equal 64

**64 Total Credits**

\*Grades of "C" or better required.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE BACK SIDE!  
THIS GUIDE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

## Special Education -- Western Illinois University

Students who successfully complete the B.S. degree in Education with a major in Special Education and pass applicable exams will qualify for an initial special education certificate with the following endorsement: Learning Behavior Specialist 1 (LBS 1) beginning July 2003. This generalist certificate provides background in seven areas:

Learning Disabilities (LD), Mental Disabilities (EMH and TMH),  
Social/Emotional Disorders (BD), Physical Disabilities,  
Autism, Severe Brain Trauma and other Health Impairments.

Students holding an LBS 1 endorsement are qualified to teach exceptional children in the categories listed above at the elementary and/or high school levels (K – age 21). An additional early childhood special education approval is required to serve students in early childhood.

### Selection and Retention Policy

Refer to the following website for an overview of Teacher Education Program Requirements:  
<http://www.wiu.edu/coehs/cpep/tep/requirements.php>

Transfer students must successfully complete the **Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) – Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) or ACT Plus Writing with a Composite Score of 22 or higher with a minimum of 19 in “combined English/Writing** and be accepted to the Teacher Education Program to continue enrolling in departmental classes at WIU. It is highly recommended that students successfully complete the ICTS Testing requirement prior to transfer to WIU.

A study guide, test dates, and registration materials are available online at [www.icts.nesinc.com](http://www.icts.nesinc.com).

\*\*Students who wish to work toward licensure in both Special Education and Elementary Education may do so as a Special Education major. Dual licensure students take all required Special Education courses as well as additional elementary content classes.

**Important Note for Transfer Students:** Students completing an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science prior to transferring should know that the special education program will take a minimum of 6 years to complete (6-7 semesters after transfer) due to course sequencing and availability. Students attempting to complete this program in a timelier manner should consider transferring to WIU after 2 or 3 semesters at SVCC (general education core curriculum ideally completed) and begin coursework in their sophomore year at WIU. WIU is projecting a fall only start of this program beginning Fall 2016. See an academic advisor for more information.

Advising Center, College of Education and Human Services, Macomb, IL (309) 298-1438

**Western Illinois University - Quad Cities Campus**: A completion program for a Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Special Education is NOT AVAILABLE at the Quad Cities campus.

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINAL COURSE ARTICULATION.

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