

SPECIAL EDUCATION, PHD

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 Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	27 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade Requirements n/a

Assessments and Examinations In addition to required coursework, students must pass a qualifying examination, preliminary examination, dissertation, and final oral committee examination.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/>).

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Special Education Core/Seminars		18

RP & SE 871	Foundations of Special Education
RP & SE 872	Seminar in Special Education Research
RP & SE 710	Multicultural Issues in Special Education

Seminars

Students must complete at least 9 credits of additional seminar coursework. Courses are selected in consultation with faculty advisor. Typically, students fulfill this requirement with courses numbered 600 and above with the Grad 50% attribute. Additional RP SE seminar courses may fulfill requirement, including those listed below.

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
RP & SE 855	
RP & SE 875	Mixed Methods Inquiry in Disability, Education and Related Research

Breadth	9
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Students must choose courses in consultation with faculty advisor.

Research Design and Statistics	15
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Students must complete the following courses. Students must complete at least an additional 6 credits of coursework in this category chosen in consultation with faculty advisor.

ED PSYCH 760	Statistical Methods Applied to Education I
ED PSYCH 761	Statistical Methods Applied to Education II
RP & SE/ COUN PSY/ CURRIC/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ ELPA 719	Introduction to Qualitative Research

Internships	6
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RP & SE 941	Internship: Research	
RP & SE 942	Internship in Postsecondary Teaching	
Dissertation		6
RP & SE 990	Research or Thesis	
Total Credits		54