

UMA PATHWAY TO SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION ADVISING GUIDE

This advising guide attempts to pull together all the requirements for UMA's Bachelor of Art in Liberal Studies degree, the Maine Department of Education 282 Teacher of Children with Disabilities Endorsement and UMM's Special Education requirements. For further details, student may direct questions to any of the following three departments.

University of Maine at Augusta
1-877-UMA-1234

University of Maine at Machias
207-255-1200

Maine Department of Education
207-624-6603

Name:

ID#:

Date:

UMA'S BALIB ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum 121 Credit Hours
- Writing Intensive Course
- Minimum Cumulative G.P.A.: 2.00
- Minimum G.P.A. in the Minor: 2.00
- 30 credits hours of UMA Residency courses
- 9 credits of Upper-Level UMA Residency courses

UMM SPECIAL EDUCATION ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II prior to Student Teaching
- 6 credits of SED courses from UMM (SED 325 and SED 335)
- 18 additional credits of specified SED courses from UMM or their equivalent from an accredited university.
- 3 credits from a specified list of SED courses (see below)
- Minimum 2.5 G.P.A in SED courses

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT: All required placement examinations and/or academic assessments must be completed prior to any course registration. To ensure that students have the best possible opportunity to succeed in their major, students testing into developmental coursework are advised to **complete the recommended courses within the first semesters of attendance.**

Not Required Recommended: ENG _____ REA _____ MAT _____ Completed

COURSES TO MEET DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (AS OF 9/29/09) (42 credit hours): (The following courses will also fulfill the minor requirement for the Liberal Studies program as a self-designed minor)

- **UMM Required Special Education Courses (6)**
 - SED 325 Assessment in Special Education (3)
 - SED 335 Program Planning and Curriculum Adaptation (3)
- **Remaining Special Education Courses from UMM or an accredited institution (36)**
 - SED 310 Dimensions of Exceptionality in the Classroom (3)
 - SED 320 Special Education Law (3)
 - SED 330 Mathematics in Special Education (3)
 - SED 340 Communication & Collaboration in Special Education (3)
 - SED 345 Behavior Strategies and Social Skill Development (3)
 - SED 370 Reading and Writing for the Exceptional Student (3)
 - _____ one of the following:
 - SED 355 Transitional Issues for Students with Disabilities
 - SED 362 Typical and Atypical Expressive & Receptive Language
 - SED 365 Instructional Methods
 - SED 380 Teaching Students w/ Autism Spectrum Disabilities
 - SED 490 Student Teaching (15)

Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST/PRAXIS) exams (see back for details)

MAJOR ELECTIVES (33-36 credit hours):

Upper-Level Electives (9) **must be 300-400 level from UMA:**

General Electives (24-27):

(Number of elective credits will vary by individual student. The credits help fulfill the 121 credit hour total. See an advisor for details.)

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (43-46 credit hours):

- _____ Communications* (3)
- ENG 101 College Writing (3)
- ENG 102W Introduction to Literature (3)
- _____ _____ Diverse Times and Cultures Sequence* (6-8)
- _____ Fine Arts Performance/Studio* (3)
- _____ Fine Arts Theory* (3)
- _____ Humanities* (3)
- MAT 100 Mathematics and Its Applications (3) _____ **or higher-level math course**
- SSC 320 Research Methods in Social Science (3)
- _____ Laboratory Science* (4)
- _____ Laboratory Science, Descriptive Science or Computer Science Course* (3-4)
- _____ _____ Social Science* (6)

*Course options listed on the back...

Special Education Requirements:

PPST/PRAxis I – (FYI: applicants for initial teacher certification must achieve a composite score of 526 on the three sections of the PPST/PRAxis I, with no single score being more than three points lower than the required scores listed below.)

- PPST/PRAxis I (*minimum score on Reading: 176; Writing: 175; Mathematics 175*)
- PRAxis II Test Code 20353 Special Education (*minimum score 157*)
- Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Test Code 20522 for K-8 Special Education (*minimum score 166*) or Test Code 20524 for 7-12 Special Education (*minimum score 162*)

Each semester, a list of teacher certification courses can be found here: <http://www.learn.maine.edu/courses/>

General Education Requirements

Communication
COM 101 Public Speaking COM 102 Interpersonal Communications COM 104 Communication in Groups & Organizations COM 106 Oral Communication of Literature
Diverse Times and Cultures
Students must complete any two-semester sequence in a Foreign Language or American Sign Language, or students must complete one of the following sequences: HTY 101 Foundation of Western Civilizations I & HTY 102 Foundations of Western Civilizations II or HTY 103 United States History I & HTY 104 United States History II or HTY 105 World Civilizations I, Prehistory to 1500 & HTY 106 World Civilizations II, 1500 to the Present
Fine Arts Performance/Studio
Any ART, MUS, PHO, DAN or DRA course that is performance or studio based in nature, such as Drawing, Photography or Theatre Production.
Fine Arts Theory
ARH 105 History of Art & Architecture I ARH 106 History of Art & Architecture II DRA 101 Introduction to Theatre DRA 265 The American Movie DRA 280 Introduction to Films INT 129 Understanding the Arts MUS 123 Understanding Music MUS 160 World Music MUS 180 Women and Music MUS 333 History & Literature of Music I MUS 334 History & Literature of Music II

Students are encouraged to contact their faculty advisor and the Advising Center for academic advising and support services throughout their stay at UMA.

Approved to Receive Degree:

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Date

College Dean

Date

Humanities
ARH xxx any art history course DRA 101 Introduction to Theatre DRA 265 The American Movie DRA 280 Introduction to Films ENG xxx any literature course HTY xxx any history course HUM xxx any humanities course INT 129 Understanding the Arts MUS 110 Popular Music MUS 117 The Dream Machine: A History of Rock & Roll MUS 123 Understanding Music MUS 124 Music of the Twentieth Century MUS 131 Survey of Jazz & Contemporary Music MUS 160 World Music MUS 180 Women and Music MUS 223 Music of the United States MUS 333 History & Literature of Music I MUS 334 History & Literature of Music II PHI xxx any philosophy course POS 390 Survey of Political Theory WST 101W Introduction to Women's Studies
Science/Computer Science Requirement
Students must complete one science course with a laboratory component for a total of 4 credit hours plus an additional course that can be either another lab science, descriptive science or a computer science course.
Social Science
<i>Must be from two different disciplines</i>
ANT 101 Introduction to Anthropology ANT 102 Cultural Anthropology ECO 100 Introduction to Economics ECO 201 Principles of Economics I (Macroeconomics) ECO 202 Principles of Economics II (Microeconomics) GEO 101 Introduction to Geography POS 101 American Government POS 102 Introduction to Politics and Government PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology SOC 201 Social Problems