

SPECIAL EDUCATION PRE-MAJOR

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The following pre-major is recommended for students who are considering completing a Bachelor's degree in Special Education after transferring to a four-year institution. It is designed for students who have not decided upon a specific four-year college or university. Education pre-majors are strongly encouraged to choose a transfer school as soon as possible. Once a transfer school is selected, students are encouraged to follow the specific notes for that school, consult the Education Department Co-Chair and the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success at Oakton, as well as the College of Education at the desired transfer school.

A grade of "B" or better is required by Colleges of Education in EDN courses and PSY 201. An overall GPA of 2.75 or higher is required for admission to most Colleges of Education. Students are highly encouraged to ensure they have the required minimum ACT or SAT scores set by their transfer College of Education, prior to graduating from Oakton. Students complete at least 45 pre-clinical hours in local K-12 schools as part of their Education courses at Oakton. Students are encouraged to use summer/winterim/interim sessions in order to spread out the work load. Maintaining the sequence of courses is recommended.

For more information on course selection or program-specific advising, contact the department co-chair. Part time students should also consult the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success for part-time pre-major recommendations. **General Education courses should be selected from the list of IAI General Education Courses.**

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Semester One (Fall)		
EGL 101	Composition I	3
EDN 101	Introduction to Education	3
MAT 128	Foundations of Mathematics for Elementary Teacher I	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Select one of the following:		3
PHL 106	Ethics	
PHL 205	World Religions ¹	
PHL 230	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	
PHL 231	Modern and Contemporary Philosophy	
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Semester Two (Spring)		
EGL 102	Composition II	3
EDN 180	Diversity in School and Society	3
MAT 129	Foundations of Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	3
Select one of the following:		3
ANT 102	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology ¹	
GEG 120	World Regional Geography ¹	
GEG 122	Cultural Geography ¹	
HIS 140	History of Contemporary Non-Western Civilizations ¹	
Select one of the following:		2-4
HIS 111	United States History to 1877	
HIS 112	United States History from 1877	
MAT 131	Elementary Statistics	
PED 101	First Aid	
PSC 101	American Government	
PSY 234	Family Systems and the Addictive Process	

Modern Language Course (202 ¹ or higher) ³		
Hours		14-16
Semester Three (Summer)		
SPE 103	Effective Speech	3
Select one of the following:		3
SOC 103	Social Problems ⁴	
SOC 230	Sociology of Sex and Gender ²	
SOC 232	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity ²	
Hours		6
Second Year		
Semester One (Fall)		
BIO 101	Introduction to Life Science	4
EDN/PSY 201	Educational Psychology	3
SPE 125	Basic Sign Language	3
Select one of the following:		2-4
EDN 210	Technology in Education	
HIS 111	United States History to 1877	
HIS 112	United States History from 1877	
MAT 131	Elementary Statistics	
PED 101	First Aid	
PSC 101	American Government	
PSY 234	Family Systems and the Addictive Process	
Modern Language Course (202 ¹ or higher) ³		
Hours		12-14
Semester Two (Spring)		
EAS 100	Introduction to Earth Science	4
EDN 280	Educating Exceptional Learners	3
SPE 126	Basic Sign Language II	3
Select one of the following:		3
EGL 130	Introduction to Global Literature ¹	
EGL 131	Multicultural Literature in the U.S. ²	
EGL 132	LGBTQ+ Literature ²	
EGL 133	Women and Literature ²	
EGL 134	Introduction to African-American Literature ²	
EGL 135	Introduction to Native American Literature ⁴	
Select one of the following:		3
ART 114	Art History: Art of the Non-Western World ¹	
HUM 123	Introduction to Art	
HUM 125	Introduction To Music	
HUM 131	Introduction to Theater	
HUM 142	Women and Creativity ²	
HUM 160	Introduction to Film	
HUM 161	Global Cinema ¹	
HUM 165	Introduction to World Music ¹	
MUS 236	Music Literature and History	
Hours		16
Total Hours		63-67

Note: Pre-major is a recommended sequence and selection of courses. See Associate in Arts (A.A.) page for degree requirements.

- Course fulfills the Global Studies Requirement. At least one Global Studies course is required for degree completion.
- Course fulfills the U.S. Diversity Requirement. At least one U.S. Diversity course is required for degree completion.
- Transfer institutions may have a language requirement. Any Modern Language Intermediate II course can meet the Humanities and Global Studies requirements.
- Course fulfills both the Global Studies and U.S. Diversity Requirements.