

**Bachelor of Science (BS)**  
**Special Education**  
**Specialist Certification**

The 2026-2027 list of core courses can be found in the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Catalog: [www.utrgv.edu/catalog](http://www.utrgv.edu/catalog) > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

This program is delivered in a hybrid format with courses offered through a combination of face-to-face and online instruction.										
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Communication	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details. Option: ENGL 1301	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST 2327	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	MATH 1314 or MATH 1414	College Algebra	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics.	See General Education Core for more details.	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	SPED 1390	Introduction to Exceptional Children				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	ARTS 1301	Art Appreciation		050		See General Education Core for more details.	
1	Fall		B/E/O	UNIV	1301 Foundations of Academic and Career Success 1101 Academic and Career Success 1001/1300 Living and Working by Design				As required, based on a number of factors such as credit hours earned, TSI status, high school rank, major declaration, etc.	
1	Fall	15		<b>Semester Total Hours</b>						
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Communication	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details. Options: ENGL 1302 or ENGL 1305	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1302 or HIST 2328	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences		080		See General Education Core for course options; ECON 1301 recommended	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070		See General Education Core for more details.	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Minor course				See Minor for options.	
1	Spring	15		<b>Semester Total Hours</b>						
1	SUMMER	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030/090	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. PSCI 1421 recommended. If taking lab, earn 1 hour toward Integrative/Experiential Learning Option (090).	
1	SUMMER	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030/090	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. PSCI 1422 recommended. If taking lab, earn 1 hour toward Integrative/Experiential Learning Option (090).	
1	SUMMER	8		<b>Semester Total Hours</b>						
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Minor course				See Minor for options.	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Minor course				See Minor for options.	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Minor course				See Minor for options.	
2	Fall	1	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Fall	13		<b>Semester Total Hours</b>						
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture		040		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	33XX-43XX	Minor course				See Minor for options.	
2	Spring	3	O	EDUC 3301	The Teaching Profession and Student Learning in Contemporary Schools				See General Education Core for more details.	
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	33XX-43XX	Minor course				See Minor for options.	
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070		See General Education Core for more details.	
2	Spring	15		<b>Semester Total Hours</b>						
Apply to College of Education and P-16 Integration Educator Preparation Program one semester prior (Summer for Fall and Fall for Spring). Students will complete a 6-credit hour clinical teaching experience through EDUC 4611. Please consult with the program coordinator for more information.										

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3	Fall	3	O	EPSY 3331	Human Development and Student Learning			Admission to the College of Education EC-6 Teacher Education Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	O	SPED 4395	Social Emotional Learning			SPED 1390.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	O	SPED 4330	Language and Literacy Development of Diverse Exceptional Learners			SPED 1390.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	B/E	EDUC 3302	Knowledge of Student Development and Learning			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	12	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	READ 4305	Disciplinary Literacy in the Classroom				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	3	O	SPED 4380	Instructional Methods for Students with Learning Disabilities			SPED 1390.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	3	O	SPED 3350	Collaborative Models and Legal Issues in Special Education			SPED 1390.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	3	B/E	EDUC 3304	Instructional Planning and Assessment in Culturally Sustaining Classrooms			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program; EDUC 3302.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	3	B/E	EDUC 3306	Evidence-Based Teaching in Positive Learning Environments			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program, EDUC 3302.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	15	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
3	SUMMER	3	O	SPED 4350	Assessment and Data Interpretation in Special Education			SPED 1390.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	SUMMER	3	O	SPED 4370	Instructional Methods for Students with Low Incidence Disabilities			SPED 1390.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	SUMMER	6	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
4	Fall	3	O	EPSY 3332	Working with Families				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	O	EDUC 4306	Implementing and Assessing Effective Secondary Content Pedagogy			EDUC 3304 and Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	O	SPED 3300	Universal Design for Learning and Special Education Technology			SPED 1390.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	O	SPED 3333	Learning Strategies in Special Education			SPED 1390.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	O	SPED 4310	Inclusion and Differentiated Instruction in Special Education			Admission to Teacher Prep if education major. No prerequisite if non education major.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	15	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
4	Spring	6	B/E	EDUC 4611	Student Teaching Secondary or All-Level			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program and Admission to CEP Clinical Teaching.	All Education courses must be completed prior to admission to Clinical Teaching. Passing identified TExES certification exams is required before EDUC 4611. Must be taken last semester. Only offered Fall or Spring.	
4	Spring	6	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							

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(42) **TOTAL HOURS**  
Advanced minimum credit hours