



B.S.Ed. Special Education: Visual Impairment Birth – 21 Requirements

The BSED Special Education: Visual Impairment Birth - 21 Program provides course preparation in Special Education: Visual Impairment and includes clinical experience. The program leads to a bachelor's degree and teaching certification in Birth – 21 Special Education: Visual Impairment.

Note that all students must achieve 120 undergraduate credits and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA to graduate. The final GPA requirement for Special Education: Visual Impairment Birth - 21 is 3.0.

Required Visual Impairment Core Courses – 33 credits

SPEE 201 Cognitive Development of Diverse Learners (3 credits)
SPEE 101 Early Intervention and Transition for Students with Disabilities (3 credits)
SPEE 200 Reading, Writing, and Teaching Unified English Braille (3 credits)
SPEE 202 Orientation and Mobility for Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments, including Deafblindness (3 credits)
SPEE 333 Assistive Technology for Individuals with Visual Impairments (3 credits)
ECPK 215 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 credits)
SPEE 204 Anatomy of the Eye and Related Assessment of Students with VI (3 credits)
SPEE 221 Assessment of Students with Visual Impairments (3 credits)
SPEE 300 Reading, Writing, and Teaching Literary Braille, Nemeth Mathematics Code, and Other Braille Codes (3 credits)
SPEE 302 Adapting Materials and Methods of Instruction and Evaluation for Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (3 credits) – *Teacher Candidacy is required.*
SPEE 330 Teaching Students with Low-Incidence Disabilities (3 credits)

Visual Impairment Certification Courses – 15 credits

SPEE 216 Evidence-Based Practices in Mathematics for Students with Disabilities (3 credits)
SPEE 327 Transition, Self-Determination, and Self-Advocacy for Adolescents and Adults with Disabilities (3 credits)
SOWK 100 Introduction to Social Work (3 credits)
SOWK 130 Poverty and Social Welfare (3 credits)
SOCI 010 Principles of Sociology (3 credits)

Clinical Experience Courses – 12 credits

Completion of all coursework and teacher candidacy for certification is required before the clinical semester. A student must earn a final grade of C or better in both courses.

SPEE 390 Clinical Experience VI B-21(6 credits)
SPEE 391 Clinical Experience VI B-21(6 credits)

Directed General Education Courses – 36 credits

While counting toward General Education fulfillment, these courses are required for completion of the major.

COMP 100 Effective Composition – Category A1 (3 credits)
COMP 200 Research and Composition – Category A2 (3 credits)
COMM 10 Fundamentals of Oral Communication – Category A3 (3 credits)
SPEE 316 Literacy Development and Instruction in Core and Intervention Areas – Category A4 (3 credits)
GE BIOL course with a lab requirement – Category C1 (3 credits)
2 GE MATH courses – Category C2 and C3 (6 credits)

PSYC 11 General Psychology – Category B (3 credits)

PSYC 110 Child Psychology – Category B (3 credits)

EDUC 150 Meeting the Instructional Needs of the English Language Learners – Category B (3 credits)

ENGL (English Literature) Course – Category D (3 credits)

LLTC 321 Technologies for the 21st Century Educator – Category D (3 credits)

University Elective Courses – 18 credits

These courses may be taken as university electives, or as part of a minor. Students should check to ensure that they reach the 120 minimum credit total for graduation.

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KU Special Education: Visual Impairment Birth-21 Check Sheet

Student Name:

Student ID Number:

This check sheet provides a mechanism for students and advisors to keep track of a student's progress in the program. Please refer to the program requirements for more details regarding options.

Note that all students must achieve 120 undergraduate credits and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA to graduate. The final GPA requirement for Special Education Visual Impairment Program is 3.0.

Required Visual Impairment Courses – 33 credits

SPEE 101 Early Intervention and Transition for Students with Disabilities	3 credits	Grade:
SPEE 200 Reading, Writing, and Teaching Unified Braille	3 credits	Grade:
SPEE 201 Cognitive Development of Diverse Learners	3 credits	Grade:
SPEE 202 Orientation and Mobility for Students with Visual Impairment and Deaf-Blindness	3 credits	Grade:
SPEE 204 Anatomy of the Eye and Related Assessments for Students with Visual Impairments	3 credits	Grade:
SPEE 221 Assessment of Students with Visual Impairments	3 credits	Grade:
SPEE 300 Reading, Writing, and Teaching Literary Braille, Nemeth Mathematics Code, and Other Braille Codes	3 credits	Grade:
SPEE 302 Adapting Materials and Methods of Instruction and Evaluation for Students with Visual Impairments	3 credits	Grade:
SPEE 330 Teaching Students with Low-Incidence Disabilities	3 credits	Grade:
SPEE 333 Assistive Technology for Individuals with Visual Impairments	3 credits	Grade:
EEPK 215 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	33 total credits	

Visual Impairment Certification Courses – 15 credits

SPEE 216 Evidence-Based Practices in Mathematics for Students with Disabilities	3 credits	Grade:
SPEE 327 Transition, Self-Determination and Self-Advocacy for Adolescents and Adults with Disabilities	3 credits	Grade:
SOWK 100 Introduction to Social Work	3 credits	Grade:
SOWK 130 Poverty and Social Welfare	3 credits	Grade:
SOCI 010 Principles of Sociology	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	15 total credits	

Clinical Experience Courses – 12 credits

SPEE 390 Clinical Experience (Visual Impairments, B-21)	6 credits	Grade:
SPEE 391 Clinical Experience (Visual Impairments, B-21)	6 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	12 total credits	

Directed General Education Courses

COMP 100 Effective Composition (Category A1)	3 credits	Grade:
COMP 200 Research and Composition (Category A2)	3 credits	Grade:
Choose 1 English Literature Course (Category D)	3 credits	Grade:
PSYC 11 General Psychology (Category B)	3 credits	Grade:
PSYC 110 Child Psychology (Category B)	3 credits	Grade:
Choose any GE MATH (Category C2)	3 credits	Grade:
Choose any GE MATH (Category C3)	3 credits	Grade:
GE BIOL course with a lab requirement (Category C1)	3 credits	Grade:
COMM 10 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (Cat A3)	3 credits	Grade:
EDUC 150 Meeting the Instructional Needs of the English Language Learners (Category B)	3 credits	Grade:
LLTC 321 Technologies for the 21st Century Educator (Category D)	3 credits	Grade:
SPEE 316 Literacy Development and Instruction in Core and Intervention Areas (Category A4)	3 credits	Grade:

University Elective Courses – 18 credits

Course 1:	3 credits	Grade:
Course 2:	3 credits	Grade:
Course 3:	3 credits	Grade:
Course 4:	3 credits	Grade:
Course 5:	3 credits	Grade:
Course 6:	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	18 total credits	

Summary of Graduation Requirements

Total credits from major courses	60
Total credits from general education program	42-45
Total credits from university electives	18
Minimum total credits to graduate	120
Minimum overall GPA	3.0
Minimum GPA in major program	3.0

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Special Education: Visual Impairment Birth-21 8-Semester Planner

Student Name:

Student ID Number:

Each semester listed below provides information including course categories, typical credit hours (CH.), and space to add specific course selections. This planner is a suggested path. Consult with your advisor regarding your unique plans and interests as you make choices about your schedule.

First Semester Plan

Gen Ed	COMP 100 (Category A1)	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	MATH selection (Category C2)	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	FYSM 100	3 CH.	Selection: FYSM 100 -
Gen Ed	PSYC 11 (Category B)	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SPEE 201	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Second Semester Plan

Gen Ed	COMP 200 (Category A2)	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	PSYC 110 (Category B)	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	ENGL Literature (Category D)	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	MATH selection (Category C3)	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SPEE 101	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Third Semester Plan

Gen Ed	GE BIOL (Category C1)	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	EEPK 215	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SPEE 200	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SPEE 202	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Fourth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	SPEE 316 (Category A4)	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SPEE 204	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SPEE 221	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SPEE 300	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SOWK 100	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Fifth Semester Plan

Major	SPEE 302	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SOWK 130	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		18 CH.	

Sixth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	LLTC 321 (Category D)	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SPEE 327	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SOCI 010	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SPEE 330	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SPEE 333	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Seventh Semester Plan

Gen Ed	COMM 10 (Category A3)	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	EDUC 150	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	SPEE 216	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		18 CH.	

Eighth Semester Plan

Major	SPEE 390	6 CH.	Selection:
Major	SPEE 391	6 CH.	Selection:
Total		12 CH.	

Additional Notes:

Please do not substitute other courses for the ones listed here. These are the courses required for certification in Special Education: Visual Impairment Birth - 21.

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