

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
AND CERTIFICATION IN FIELD OF STUDY  
JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION — THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

For Students Entering the  
Oklahoma State System  
for Higher Education  
**Summer 2015 through  
Spring 2016**

Credit Hours and Grade Average Requirements	
Minimum Hours for Graduation. . . . .	124
Minimum Overall Grade Point Average . . . . .	2.75
Minimum OU Residence Grade Point Average . . . . .	2.75
Minimum Grade Point Average in Major . . . . .	2.75
<b>Minimum Requirements for Certification: Undergraduate Degree</b>	

Special Education  
  
**B855**  
  
Bachelor of Science  
in Education

OU encourages students to complete at least 31 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.						
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS—55 Hours			MAJOR REQUIREMENTS			
These General Education courses meet minimum University, College and State General Education Requirements.			PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION 25 Hours		SPECIALIZED EDUCATION 44 Hours	
Areas	Courses	Hours	Courses	Hours	Courses	Hours
<b>English-12 hours</b>	ENGL 1113, Prin. of English Composition (Core I)	3	EDSP 3054, Understanding & Accommodating Students with Exceptionalities	4	EDLT 3911, Language & Literacy Practicum	1
	ENGL 1213, Prin. of English Composition (Core I), or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing	3			EDLT 3913, Literacy in the Primary Grades	3
	ENGL 2000-level or higher _____ (Core IV-AF)	3			EDSC 4093, Inquiry-Based Science Teaching	3
	COMM1113, Prin. of Communication (Core I), or COMM2613, Public Speaking	3			EDSS 3553, Foundations to Social Studies Education	3
<b>Mathematics-12 hours</b>	MATH _____ (Core I)	3	*EIPT 3483, Cognition, Motivation, & Classroom Management for Teachers	3	EDMA 3353, PK-3 Mathematics Concepts, or	3
	MATH _____ (Core I)	3	EIPT 3011, Productivity Tools for Education (may be satisfied by competency exam)	0-1	EDMA 4233, Developing Problem-Solving Environment for Secondary Math Learning	3
	MATH 2213, Mathematical Systems	3			EDSP 4013, Fundamental Academic Instructional Strategies	3
	MATH 2223, Data Analysis and Geometric Systems	3			EDSP 4023, Assessment for Eligibility & Program Planning	3
<b>Science-12 hours</b>	Must take one course in the biological sciences: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO	3-5	EIPT 3043, Learning with Educational Technologies	3	EDSP 4033, Families & Young Children with Developmental Delays	3
	Any 2000-level or higher science course.	3-4	*EDS 4003, Schools in American Cultures	3	EDSP 4043, Classroom Management in Special Education	3
	Must take one course in the physical sciences: (Core II) AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS	3-5	The following courses are taken together in the final semester:		EDSP 4053, Language, Literacy & Communication Strategies	3
	One course must include a laboratory component.		EDSP 4121, Applied Research in Special Education	1	EDSP 4063, Issues & Strategies in a Functional Curriculum	3
			*EDSP 4134, Internship in Special Education I - Elementary	4	*EDSP 4072, Introductory Practicum in Special Education	2
<b>Social Studies-12 hours</b>	HIST 1483, U.S. 1492-1865, or (Core IV) HIST 1493, U.S. 1865-Present	3	*EDSP 4144, Internship in Special Education II - Secondary	4	EDSP 4083, Individual Behavior Supports	3
	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3	*These courses require field experience.		EDSP 4093, Transition & Self-Determination	3
	GEOG 1103, Human Geography (Core IV), or GEOG 2603, World Regional Geography (Core IV)	3			EDSP 4103, Technology Applications & Universal Design for Learning	3
	Non-Western Culture: —to be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List (3000-level or above) and adviser approved. (Core IV)	3			*EDSP 4112, Advanced Practicum in Special Education	2
			<b>Students must maintain a minimum of 2.75 grade point average with no grade less than a C in the Professional Education courses for graduation.</b>		<b>Students must maintain a minimum of 2.75 grade point average with no grade less than a C in the Specialized Education courses for graduation.</b>	
<b>Behavioral Science-6 hours</b>	PSY 1113, Elements of Psychology (Core III)	3	<b>CERTIFICATION: To be fully certified, students must pass Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators, apply for a license, and successfully complete the residency program.</b>			
	PSY 2403, Introduction to Personality or PSY 2603, Developmental Psychology	3				
<b>Foreign Language-0-10 hours</b>	Students must meet both requirements outlined below: University-Wide General Education Requirement: Two college-level courses in a single foreign language are required; may be satisfied by successful completion of 2 years in a single foreign language in high school. (Core I) and, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Requirement: Teacher candidates must demonstrate conversational skills at a novice-high level in a language other than English.	0-10				
	*The novice-high level language requirement may be satisfied by classical, modern, Native or American Sign Language.					
<b>Senior Capstone</b>	EDSP 4121, 4134 and 4144, satisfied under Professional Education requirements (Capstone, Core V)					
<b>Electives-1 hours</b>	Electives	1				

## Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Special Education — B855

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
<b>FRESHMAN</b>	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I) MATH (Core I) HIST 1483, U.S. 1492-1865, <b>or</b> HIST 1493, U.S. 1865-Present PSY 1113, Elements of Psychology Biological Sciences, one course in BIOL/MBIO/PBIO	3 3 3 3 4-5	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), <b>or</b> EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I) ENGL 2000-level (Core IV-Artistic Forms) MATH (Core I) P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III) Physical Sciences, one course in ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR <b>or</b> PHYS	3  3 3 3 4
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	
		<b>16-17</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	MATH 2213, Mathematical Systems COMM 1113, Principles of Communication, <b>or</b> 2613, Public Speaking (Core I) GEOG 1103, Human Geography EIPT 3473, Educational Psychology of Childhood and Adolescence EDSP 3054, Understanding & Accom. Students with Exceptionalities Elective	3 3 3 3 4 1	MATH 2223, Data Analysis and Geometric Systems PSY 2403, Intro. to Personality, <b>or</b> PSY 2603, Developmental Psychology EIPT 3483, Cognition, Motivation, & Classroom Management for Teachers EDSP 4013, Fundamental Academic Strategies Science Elective, 2000-Level	3 3 3 3 3-4
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	
		<b>17</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	EDS 4003, Schools in American Cultures EDSP 4023, Assessment for Eligibility & Program Planning EDSP 4033, Families & Young Children with Developmental Delays EDLT 3911, Language and Literacy Practicum EDLT 3913, Literacy in the Primary Grades EDMA 3353, PK-3 Mathematics Concepts, <b>or</b> EDMA 4233, Developing Problem-Solving Environment for Secondary Math Learning	3 3 3 1 3 3	EDSP 4043, Classroom Management in Special Education EDSP 4053, Language, Literacy & Communication Strategies EDSP 4063, Issues and Strategies in a Functional Curriculum EDSP 4072, Introductory Practicum in Special Education EDSS 3553, Foundations to Social Studies Education EIPT 3043, Learning with Educational Technologies	3 3 3 2 3 3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	
		<b>16</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	Non-Western Culture—Upper-Division (Core IV, Adviser Approved) EDSC 4093, Inquiry-Based Science Teaching EDSP 4083, Individual Behavior Supports EDSP 4093, Transition & Self-Determination EDSP 4103, Technology Applications & Universal Design for Learning EDSP 4112, Advanced Practicum in Special Education	3 3 3 3 3 2	EDSP 4121, Applied Research in Special Education (Capstone, Core V) EDSP 4134, Internship in Special Education I - Elementary (Capstone, Core V) EDSP 4144, Internship in Special Education II - Secondary (Capstone, Core V)	1 4 4
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	
		<b>17</b>		<b>9</b>

**Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 40 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.**

Additional credit hours may be required in the same college-level foreign language. Teacher candidates must demonstrate conversational skills at a novice-high level in a language other than English. This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

### CERTIFICATION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS—JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Students are eligible for admission to the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education with:

- a. a minimum of 24 semester hours earned from an accredited institution of higher learning;
- b. a minimum of 2.75 combined retention grade point average on all coursework attempted;
- c. a declared major in education.

#### FULL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS—TEACHER EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMS

Students are eligible for admission to Teacher Education with:

- a. a minimum of 30 semester hours from an accredited institution of higher learning to include the following 24 hours as defined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education with a grade of C or better: English (Composition and Literature)-6 hours; MATH, Gen. Ed. Core I -3 hours; American History-3 hours; American Government-3 hours; Humanities to include Artistic Forms, Western Civilization, Non-Western Culture, World Language, or other adviser-approved Gen. Ed. course -3 hours; Social and Behavioral Sciences-3 hours; Natural Sciences-3 hours.
- b. a minimum of 2.75 grade point average (OU retention and combined retention) on all coursework attempted;
- c. successful completion of the OGET (Oklahoma General Education Test) or PPST (Pre Professional Skills Test) The OGET Exam requires a minimum score of 240. All three portions of the PPST must be passed with minimum cut scores of MATH 171, WRITING 172, and READING 173.

Admission to a teaching program requires submission of an application, essay, background check, and an interview with the admission committee prior to enrollment in the first education course.

#### RETENTION REQUIREMENTS—JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- a. Students must maintain a minimum 2.75 grade point average (OU retention and combined retention) in all **undergraduate** coursework and a minimum 3.00 grade point average in all **graduate** coursework attempted.
- b. Students must maintain a minimum of 2.75 **undergraduate** grade point average in both professional education courses and in specialized education courses with no grade less than a **C** and must maintain a minimum of 3.00 grade point average in **graduate** professional and specialized education courses, with no grade less than a **B**.
- c. Students must earn a C or better in Communication 1113 or Communication 2613.
- d. Students whose OU retention or combined retention grade point averages at the **undergraduate** level fall below 2.75 will be subject to dismissal from the college. At the **graduate** level, students must meet Graduate College requirements.
- e. Students who have not earned OU retention and combined retention grade point averages of 2.75 after the completion of 60 semester hours will be dismissed from the College.
- f. Because one college level math course is a requirement for full admission into both the college and the teacher preparation program, declared Education majors must complete at least one college-level Math within the first four semesters of enrollment at OU. Transfer students who have not completed a college level Math course will have two semesters to complete the requirement. Students who fail to meet the requirement within the time limits specified will be subject to dismissal from the College.
- g. Course work more than 10 years old in the teaching specialization and professional education may not be credited toward the completion of a teacher education degree and/or certificate program. However, course work over 10 years old may be reviewed by the appropriate certificate committee for possible credit toward the completion of a teacher education degree and/or certificate program.
- h. A student has 6 years to complete a teacher education degree and/or certificate program after full admission. After the 6-year period, a student must seek readmission to that program and meet the catalog requirements in effect at the time of readmission.
- i. Students **will be** withdrawn from courses for failing to observe prerequisites and corequisites. Continued disregard of prerequisites and corequisites is grounds for dismissal from the College.
- j. To be eligible for the Graduate Certification Component, students must have been admitted to the Graduate College in good standing (3.0 on last 60 hours) or conditionally (2.75-2.99 on last 60 hours).

**The academic forgiveness policy is not applicable for admission to the Graduate College.**

**FIELD EXPERIENCES:** Transfer students without appropriate field experiences may be required to enroll in EDUC 2400.

**PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT:** Only general education electives may be taken under the pass/no pass option.

**RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS:** Students must complete either the last 30 hours or 45 of the last 60 hours after being fully admitted to a teacher education program to satisfy this requirement.

**REQUIREMENTS TO BE COMPLETED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STUDENT TEACHING INTERNSHIP:** Students must be in good standing and have completed **all** baccalaureate degree requirements with the exceptions of EDSP 4121, EDSP 4134, and EDSP 4144.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Students transferring from a junior college may use the transferred credit to meet certain lower-division course requirements only; that is, freshman and sophomore-level courses.

**DEGREE COMPLETION RESPONSIBILITY:** Although the Dean's Office checks each student's records, **the responsibility for meeting degree requirements lies with the student** and not with the adviser or the Dean. Each student should obtain a copy of his or her requirements for graduation and check it regularly as he or she completes his or her degree program.

**GRADUATION APPLICATION:** The final step to be completed by the student before graduation is the filing of an official Application for Graduation. The Application for Graduation should be filled out online by October 1 for fall graduation, March 1 for spring graduation, and July 1 for summer graduation. **The student's degree will not be conferred, nor any completion statement entered on his or her transcript, until the required application is filed.**