

A student may earn an undergraduate Minor in Special Education with 15 semester hours of credit from courses offered by the Special Education Program. Students must declare the minor prior to the last two semesters of residence at Appalachian, and they should obtain approval from their home college prior to applying for the Minor in Special Education.

To declare the Minor in Special Education, students should

- a) Apply for the Special Education Minor within their home college, and
- b) Complete the necessary paperwork within their home college.

After being approved for the Minor in Special Education, students should take five (5) of the courses in Special Education (SPE) listed below.

- [SPE 3310 - Research and Issues in Special Education \(3\)](#)
- [SPE 3350 - Characteristics, Theories, and Diagnosis of Students with Learning Differences: General and Adapted Curriculum \(3\)](#)
- [SPE 3360 - Psychoeducational Strategies with Special Needs Learners: General and Adapted Curriculum \(3\)](#)
- [SPE 3370 - Introduction to Developmental Disabilities: General and Adapted Curriculum \(3\)](#)
- [SPE 3380 - Assistive Technology in Special Education \(3\)](#)

Special Topics courses in Special Education also count for the Minor in Special Education. Special Topics courses will have numbers in the 3500 level. These courses, course topics, and offerings vary per semester.

- SPE 3531 - Disability and Social Justice for Inclusion
- SPE 3534 - Myths and Realities of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- SPE 3538 - Beyond the Individuals with Disabilities Act
- SPE 3537 - Transition Planning and Assessment for Autism Spectrum Disorder