

MINOR IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

The 15-hour Minor in Special Education (SPED) in the School of Education can provide undergraduates with foundational knowledge about special needs and disabilities as well as teaching theories and practices in addressing the educational needs of learners. This minor may be of special interest to psychology and social work students who may wish to work with special needs learners, from early childhood to adulthood, and their families. SPED 2301 and SPED 4300 are to be taken in sequence, that is first and second, since they serve as prerequisites for the other three SPED courses.

SOE Requirements	UHCL Course Title	TCCNS*	CODE
Required Courses (15 hours):	SPED 2301 Introduction to Special Populations SPED 4300 Survey of Exceptionalities (Prerequisite: SPED 2301) SPED 4311 Assessment in Special Education (Prerequisite: SPED 4300) SPED 4321 Implementing Positive Behavior Supports (Prerequisite: SPED 4300) SPED 4332 Early Childhood Special Education (Prerequisite: SPED 4300)	EDUC 2301	

General Minor Requirements

- Students must complete at least a minimum of 15 hours in the minor field.
 - At least 9 must be at the upper level (3000- and 4000-level classes).
 - At least 6 of the upper-level credits must be taken at UHCL.
- Students must declare the minor before completing 90 hours towards their degree plan.
- Students must earn a 2.00 minimum cumulative grade point average on courses in the minor at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. (GPA requirement may be higher in some minors.)

Some minors are associated with disciplinary programs, and some are interdisciplinary. Although the minor will not appear on your diploma, it will be noted on your transcript, which would be seen by future employers and others who review your academic record.

Keep in mind that because minors will require no fewer than 15 semester hours of course work, excluding prerequisite courses, **you must have 15 hours of electives available in your major degree plan.** Course substitutions to the minor degree plan may be made with the approval of both the major and minor advisors. Also, adding a minor to your program of study may not result in graduation requirements that exceed the approved length of your original degree plan and that the minor must be completed prior to graduation, not afterwards.

For more information, see the general and program requirements in the *Undergraduate Catalog*. For questions and academic advice, please contact the faculty member listed for each minor.