



School of Education & Human Development

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

MA Special Education

This degree plan does not include a license or an endorsement.

Students are responsible for reviewing the Special Education Resources website regularly, including the **SPED Handbook** and **SPED course rotation**:

<https://education.ucdenver.edu/academic-services/student-resources/graduate/special-education>

SPED courses may be offered in online, hybrid, remote, or face-to-face formats. SPED course formats can vary by semester and some courses are offered only once per year. The MA Special Education does not require a comprehensive exam or thesis.

In consultation with the approval from your Faculty Advisor, select 3 courses (9 semester hours) of graduate-level SPED coursework and 5 courses (15 semester hours) from the [Thematic Course Categories](#) (or any graduate-level School of Education & Human Development coursework 5000-level or higher with Faculty Advisor approval). Finally, take a research RSEM course (3 hours) and complete SPED 5401 Advanced Seminar in Special Education which fulfills the capstone requirement (3 hours.)

Note: It is advisable to reach out to your Faculty Advisor at the beginning of your program (to answer initial questions) and to check in with them at the middle/end of your program (to confirm your progress).

Degree Components	Courses	Credits	Semester Completed
Choose 3 courses (9 semester hours) SPED coursework 5000-level or higher <i>Use this planning document to write in proposed/completed coursework</i> BAMA students – please do not repeat courses that you have already taken as an undergrad			
SPED Core	SPED _____; Course Title:	3	
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Choose 5 courses (15 semester hours) from the Thematic Course Categories: https://education.ucdenver.edu/academic-services/student-resources/thematic-course-categories OR any graduate-level SEHD or SPED coursework 5000-level or higher with Faculty Advisor approval			
Course 1		3	
Course 2		3	
Course 3		3	
Course 4		3	
Course 5		3	
Research Course	RSEM 5080 Research in Schools OR <i>Faculty Advisor approval for any graduate-level RSEM course 5000-level or higher</i>	3	
Capstone Course	SPED 5401 Advanced Seminar in Special Education (<i>to be taken in your final Spring semester</i>)	3	
Total Credit Hours		30 minimum	