

**Central Connecticut State University  
School of Education**

**Degree:** Bachelor of Science (Certifiable for PK-12 Education)

**Program:** Special Education

**Effective Term:** Fall 2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Education: Ways of Understanding:**

**Arts & Humanities (9 credits)**

	Credits	Grade
Literature	3	
	3	
	3	

**Social & Behavioral Sciences (12 credits)**

HIST 161 or 162	X	
PSY 136	X	
LING 200	X	
SPED 215	X	

**Math & Natural Sciences (9-10 credits)**

MATH 113	X	
Natural Science course with lab	3-4	
	3	

**General Education: Essential Skills:**

**Written & Oral Communication (6 credits)**

WRT 105 or 110	3	
	3	

**World Language (0-6 credits) or Gen Ed Free Elective (3 credits)**

World Language course numbered 112 or 118*	3	
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**Thriving in College (2-3 credits)**

CCSU 102, 103, or FYE course**	2-3	
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A maximum of 16 credits applied towards Ways of Understanding and Essential Skills requirements may be used to fulfill a major and/or minor requirement.

**International & Equity, Justice, & Inclusion (EJI) Requirements:**

International	3	
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Equity, Justice & Inclusion: SPED 215	X	

Coursework applied toward International & EJI requirements may be used in any other area of general education or program requirements.

**Major Requirements(45 credits)**

Requires grade of C- or higher, unless otherwise specified.

	Credits	Grade
LING 200 Introduction to Linguistics	3	
LING 300 Language Acquisition	3	
LLA 315 Comprehensive Reading Instruction I	3	
LLA 316 Comprehensive Reading Instruction II	3	
SPED 215 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion through (dis) ability perspectives	3	
SPED 315 Introduction to Educating Learners with Exceptionalities	3	
SPED 414 Cognitive behavioral Management and Social Skill Strategies	3	
SPED 416 Instructional Programming for Students with Exceptionalities	3	
SPED 419 Special Education Methods in Content Area Instruction (K-12)	3	
SPED 440 Classroom Assessment	3	
SPED Elective (200-400 level)	3	
LING 406 TESOL Methods	3	
LLA 412 Literacy Instruction in the Elementary School	3	
SPED 412 Teaching Students with Special Needs (K-12)	3	
SPED 417 Special Education Methods in Reading (K-12)	3	

**Additional Requirements (12 credits)**

HIST 161 or 162 American Life I or American Life II	3	
MATH 113 Structure of Math I: Number Systems	3	
PSY 362 Child Psychology	3	
PSY 136 Life-span Development	3	

**Special Education Professional Education Core (21 credits)**

Requires grade of C or higher

SPED 415 Assessment in Special Education	3	
SPED 421 Special Education Practicum I – Elementary	3	
SPED 422 Special Education Practicum II - Secondary	3	
SPED 443 Special Education Practicum III - Secondary	3	
SPED 521 Student Teaching in SPED – Elementary	3	
SPED 522 Student Teaching in SPED – Secondary	3	

Coursework applied toward Related or Additional requirements may be used in any other area of general education or program requirements.

Honors Program: HON courses can be used to fulfill certain general education requirements. Consult the Honors Program curriculum for details.

Residency Requirements: A minimum of 30 credits overall must be completed in residence, with at least 15 credits in the major (at least 12 of which must be at the 300 level or above) and 9 credits in a minor at Central. In residence means attending classes conducted on campus or under supervision of Central.

Free Electives may be used, as needed, to reach the total credits required for the degree when all other degree requirements have been met.

Eligible undergraduate students can apply for admission to the Five Year Accelerated B.S./M.S. in the Spring of their third year of full-time study. Selected students may be able to complete a B.S. in Special Education and a M.S. in Special Education in as few as 5 years of full time study. For accepted students, four graduate courses will double-count as four undergraduate SPED courses.

**Total Credits for BS Degree: 120**

\* Students with 3 years, or more, of one world language at the high school level, a passing score on a world language placement exam, or native proficiency in a language other than English will have the World Language requirement waived and can satisfy this requirement with any general education free elective course (3cr).

\*\* Transfer students with 24 or more transfer credits at the time of admission can satisfy this requirement with any general education free elective (3cr).

\*\*\* Waived for transfer students with 50 or more transfer credits at the time of admission.