Description/Objective:

The department offers a major in Special Education, which prepares teachers with Kindergarten through 12th grade licensure in the areas of Developmental Disabilities (mild to severe) and/or Learning Disabilities. Both licensures may be taken in combination, which will prove to be an asset in employability and teaching competence. A double major with Elementary Education may also be taken but will require additional time. The Special Education Program requires careful planning. Students are advised to meet with a Special Education advisor during their first semester.

The department is in the approval process for offering Early Childhood Special Education licensure through WSU Rochester. ECSE licensure qualifies individuals to work with children who have disabilities and are in the age range of birth to eight. Check with the Special Education office if interested.

Career Opportunities:

Persons graduating from the program are prepared to take teaching positions in the schools at all grade levels. Employment in group homes, sheltered workshops and hospital schools also is available with the developmental disabilities licensure. Early Childhood Special Education licensure prepares graduates to work in pre-school, day care, and early elementary grades.

High School Background:

Recommended high school courses include a strong emphasis in English, Speech, and Psychology. Prospective Special Education licensure students should have experience with persons who have disabilities. Volunteer or employment with children and youth, including child care, tutoring, teacher aiding, camp counseling, peer counseling, after-school programs, and youth leadership activities, are important background for the prospective Special Education teacher. **Note:** A cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75, admission to Teacher Education and a grade of “B” or better in English 111 are required for admission.
to the Special Education Program. SPED 400, 405 and 420 may be taken before officially admitted.

**Department Programs:**

B.S. Major: Special Education in Learning Disabilities

B.S. Major: Special Education in Developmental Disabilities

Double Major with other teaching majors is available

**First-Year Sample Program:**

**Fall Semester**

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Choose from:

- SOC 150 Human Society
- BIO 117 Human Biology and lab
- ART 109 Intro to Art
- MUS 109 Intro to Music
- CS 115 Personal Computer Usage
- POLS 103 Intro to Political Science
- PHIL 210 Intro to Philosophy
- ECON102 Intro to Economics
- GERM
- FREN
- SPAN 110 or higher in Foreign Language
- HIST 120 or higher History