SECONDARY EDUCATION, ED.S.

Programs leading to Class AA certification in Secondary Education (6-12) are available in

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- English Language Arts (comprehensive)
- Foreign Language (French or Spanish)
- General Science (comprehensive)
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Social Science (comprehensive)

The Graduate Catalog is published annually. State-approved program checklists may be updated more frequently and are thus likely to provide the most up-to-date information about requirements. A current program checklist may be obtained from the program office in 204 Autherine Lucy Hall. Students should consult their advisors each semester before registering.

Admissions

In addition to the minimum Graduate School admission requirements, to be considered for regular admission an application must:

- hold appropriate, prerequisite master's level certification
- have a master's program GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Provide a Statement of Purpose explaining their interest in the program, which will serve as a writing sample.

Admission with Permission to Continue

In exceptional circumstances, Admission with Permission to Continue may be granted if the GPA is below the required 3.0/4.0. In such a case, the student must earn a 3.5 overall GPA for the first nine semester hours of the program. If the student does not meet this requirement, then they will not be permitted to continue in the program.

See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.

Curricular Requirements

A minimum of 30 hours of appropriate work beyond the MA degree, including either the completion of classroom inquiry projects (CSE 693) or a thesis (CSE 697), is required for the educational specialist degree.

Students must be certain that their planned programs meet all certification requirements according to programs approved by the state department of education. Approved program checklists are available from the program office.

NOTE: The comprehensive fields of general science, general social science, and English language arts require at least one course in two areas within the broader field as follows:

- English language arts must include courses from at least two of the following areas: EN, JCM, COM or TH
- General science must include courses from at least two of the following areas: BSC, CH, PH or GEO.

- General social science must include courses from at least two of the following areas: HY, SOC, PY, PSC, GY or EC

Candidates moving from the comprehensive fields of general science or general social science to a single teaching field must earn passing scores on the appropriate Praxis subject assessment for certification in the single teaching field. For example, a student admitted with Class A general science certification who completes teaching field coursework only in physics must earn a passing score on the Praxis for physics to earn Class AA physics certification.

These course listings apply to candidates having appropriate prior certification. Candidates must present a GPA of at least 3.50 on all courses in the program below, with no grade below a C.

### Biology (6-12), Class AA

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**Foundations of Professional Studies:**

Choose ONE of these SDE approved diversity courses:

- BEF 503 History Of Amer Educn
- BEF 507 Sociology Of Education
- BEF 534 Multicultural Education
- BEF 575 Found Educn Through Film
- BEF 607 Readings In Soc Of Ed
- BEF 650 Critical Race Theory In Educ
- BEF 667 Multicult Soc Ed Leadership
- BEF 681 Ethics And Education

**Educational Research:**

Choose BER 540, BER 600, or BER 631.

**Teaching field courses (advisor approved, graduate level)**

**Additional Requirements:**

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SPE 500 is only required if a special education survey course was not completed as part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.

**Total Hours**

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- BEF 534 Multicultural Education
BEF 575  Found Educn Through Film
BEF 607  Readings In Soc Of Ed
BEF 650  Critical Race Theory In Educ
BEF 667  Multicult Soc Ed Leadership
BEF 681  Ethics And Education

Educational Research:
Choose BER 540, BER 600, or BER 631.  

Teaching field courses (advisor approved, graduate level)  

Additional Requirements:
CIE 625  Res Sem Science Curriculum

SPE 500 is only required if a special education survey course was not completed as part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.

Total Hours  

30-33

English Language Arts (6-12), Class AA

Code and Title  

Required Courses:  
CSE 663  Sec School English
CSE 670  Res & Theory In Sec Ed  
CSE 693 or Advanced Workshop
CSE 697  Specialist Degree Res

Foundations of Professional Studies:
Choose ONE of these SDE approved diversity courses:  
BEF 503  History Of Amer Educn
BEF 507  Sociology Of Education
BEF 534  Multicultural Education
BEF 575  Found Educn Through Film
BEF 607  Readings In Soc Of Ed
BEF 650  Critical Race Theory In Educ
BEF 667  Multicult Soc Ed Leadership
BEF 681  Ethics And Education

Educational Research:
Choose BER 540, BER 600, or BER 631.  

Teaching field courses (advisor approved, graduate level)  

Additional Requirements/Electives:
Advisor approved elective (600-level)  

SPE 500 is only required if a special education survey course was not completed as part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.

Total Hours  

30-33

French or Spanish (6-12), Class AA

Code and Title  

Curriculum and Teaching:  
Required 3-hour course (see advisor)  
CSE 670  Res & Theory In Sec Ed  
CSE 693 or Advanced Workshop
CSE 697  Specialist Degree Res

Foundations of Professional Studies:
Choose ONE of these SDE approved diversity courses:  
BEF 503  History Of Amer Educn
BEF 507  Sociology Of Education
BEF 534  Multicultural Education
BEF 575  Found Educn Through Film
BEF 607  Readings In Soc Of Ed
BEF 650  Critical Race Theory In Educ
BEF 667  Multicult Soc Ed Leadership
BEF 681  Ethics And Education

Educational Research:
Choose BER 540, BER 600, or BER 631.  

Teaching field courses in ONE foreign language (advisor approved, graduate level)  

Additional Requirements:
CIE 656  Sem For Language Eductn Resear

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Total Hours  

30-33

English for Speakers of Other Languages (P-12), Class AA

Code and Title  

Curriculum and Teaching:  
Required 3-hour course (see advisor)  
Choose ONE option: OPTION1: CEE 687 and CEE 697 or OPTION 2: CSE 670 and CSE 693 or CSE 697

Foundations of Professional Studies:
Choose ONE of these SDE approved diversity courses:  
BEF 503  History Of Amer Educn
BEF 507  Sociology Of Education
BEF 534  Multicultural Education
BEF 575  Found Educn Through Film
BEF 607  Readings In Soc Of Ed
BEF 650  Critical Race Theory In Educ
BEF 667  Multicult Soc Ed Leadership
BEF 681  Ethics And Education

Educational Research:
Choose BER 540, BER 600, or BER 631.  

Teaching field courses in at least two areas of ELA (advisor approved, graduate level)  

Additional Requirements:
Advisor approved elective (600-level)  

SPE 500 is only required if a special education survey course was not completed as part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.

Total Hours  

30-33

French or Spanish (P-12), Class AA

Code and Title  

Required Courses:  
Required 3-hour course (see advisor)  
Choose ONE option: OPTION1: CEE 687 and CEE 697 or OPTION 2: CSE 670 and CSE 693 or CSE 697

Foundations of Professional Studies:
Choose ONE of these SDE approved diversity courses:  
BEF 503  History Of Amer Educn
BEF 507 Sociology Of Education
BEF 534 Multicultural Education
BEF 575 Found Educn Through Film
BEF 607 Readings In Soc Of Ed
BEF 650 Critical Race Theory In Educ
BEF 667 Multicult Soc Ed Leadership
BEF 681 Ethics And Education

Educational Research:
BER 540 or Statistical Methods In Educ 3
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Teaching field courses in ONE foreign language (advisor approved, graduate level) 12

Additional Requirements:
CIE 656 Sem For Language Eductn Resear 3
SPE 500 is only required if a special education survey course was not completed as part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.

Total Hours 30-33

General Science (6-12), Class AA

Code and Title Hours
Required Courses:
CSE 665 Sec School Science 3
CSE 670 Res & Theory In Sec Ed 3
CSE 689 or Advanced Workshop 3
CSE 697 Specialist Degree Res

Foundations of Professional Studies:
Choose ONE of these SDE approved diversity courses: 3
BEF 503 History Of Amer Educn
BEF 507 Sociology Of Education
BEF 534 Multicultural Education
BEF 575 Found Educn Through Film
BEF 607 Readings In Soc Of Ed
BEF 650 Critical Race Theory In Educ
BEF 667 Multicult Soc Ed Leadership
BEF 681 Ethics And Education

Educational Research:
Choose BER 540, BER 600, or BER 631. 3
Teaching field courses in at least two areas: BSC, PH, CH, or GEO (advisor approved, graduate level) 12

Additional Requirements:
CIE 625 Res Sem Science Curriculum 3
SPE 500 is only required if a special education survey course was not completed as part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.

Total Hours 30-33

General Social Science (6-12), Class AA

Code and Title Hours
Required Courses:
CSE 664 Sec Sch Social Science 3
CSE 670 Res & Theory In Sec Ed 3
CSE 689 or Advanced Workshop 3
CSE 697 Specialist Degree Res

Foundations of Professional Studies:
Choose ONE of these SDE approved diversity courses: 3
BEF 503 History Of Amer Educn
BEF 507 Sociology Of Education
BEF 534 Multicultural Education
BEF 575 Found Educn Through Film
BEF 607 Readings In Soc Of Ed
BEF 650 Critical Race Theory In Educ
BEF 667 Multicult Soc Ed Leadership
BEF 681 Ethics And Education

Educational Research:
Choose BER 540, BER 600, or BER 631. 3
Teaching field courses (advisor approved, graduate level) 12

Additional Requirements:
CIE 625 Res Sem Social Studies Curricl 3
SPE 500 is only required if a special education survey course was not completed as part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.

Total Hours 30-33

Geography (6-12), Class AA

Code and Title Hours
Required Courses:
CSE 664 Sec Sch Social Science 3
CSE 670 Res & Theory In Sec Ed 3
CSE 689 or Advanced Workshop 3
CSE 697 Specialist Degree Res

Foundations of Professional Studies:
Choose ONE of these SDE approved diversity courses: 3
BEF 503 History Of Amer Educn
BEF 507 Sociology Of Education
BEF 534 Multicultural Education
BEF 575 Found Educn Through Film
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Educational Research:
Choose BER 540, BER 600, or BER 631. 3
Teaching field courses (advisor approved, graduate level) 12

Additional Requirements:
CIE 625 Res Sem Social Studies Curricl 3
SPE 500 is only required if a special education survey course was not completed as part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.

Total Hours 30-33

History (6-12), Class AA

Code and Title Hours
Required Courses:
CSE 664 Sec Sch Social Science 3
CSE 670 Res & Theory In Sec Ed 3
CSE 689 or Advanced Workshop 3
CSE 697 Specialist Degree Res

Foundations of Professional Studies:
Choose ONE of these SDE approved diversity courses:
BEF 503 History Of Amer Educn
BEF 507 Sociology Of Education
BEF 534 Multicultural Education
BEF 575 Found Educn Through Film
BEF 607 Readings In Soc Of Ed
BEF 650 Critical Race Theory In Educ
BEF 667 Multicult Soc Ed Leadership
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Educational Research:
Choose BER 540, BER 600, or BER 631.
Teaching field courses (advisor approved, graduate level)

Additional Requirements:
CIE 626 Res Sem Social Studies Curric

SPE 500 is only required if a special education survey course was not completed as part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.

Total Hours 30-33

Mathematics (6-12), Class AA

Code and Title

Required Courses:
CSE 666 Sec School Mathematics 3
CSE 670 Res & Theory In Sec Ed 3
CIE 680 Sem In Math Educ Research 3
CSE 693 or Advanced Workshop 3
CSE 697 Specialist Degree Res

Foundations of Professional Studies:
Choose ONE of these SDE approved diversity courses:
BEF 503 History Of Amer Educn
BEF 507 Sociology Of Education
BEF 534 Multicultural Education
BEF 575 Found Educn Through Film
BEF 607 Readings In Soc Of Ed
BEF 650 Critical Race Theory In Educ
BEF 667 Multicult Soc Ed Leadership
BEF 681 Ethics And Education

Educational Research:
Choose two from BER 540, BER 600, and BER 631.
Teaching field courses (advisor approved, graduate level)

Additional Requirements:
CIE 625 Res Sem Science Curriculum 3

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Total Hours 30-33

Transfer Credit
Courses applied to the master’s degree may not be transferred to the EdS degree.
Graduate School information on Transfer Credit.

Comprehensive Exams
In lieu of a Comprehensive Exam, candidates will submit a Comprehensive, Advanced Portfolio. Due in the last semester of the program, the final portfolio must be passed in all areas with scores of 2/4 (Developing) or better. A score of 1 in any area will require resubmission and graduation will be delayed until the comprehensive assessment is passed.
Graduate School information on Comprehensive Exams.

Fieldwork/Practicum/Internship Requirements
One 15-hour Advanced Clinical Placement is required for this degree. This placement is typically carried out in the student’s own classroom as they engage in action research or inquiry projects, but it need not be.

Time Limit for Degree Completion Requirements
Graduate School information on Time Limits.

Student Progress Requirement
Students submit an Advanced Portfolio upon entrance, at midway point, and in the final semester. Feedback will be provided at each phase. Students must pass the final submission of the Advanced Portfolio with 2/4 (Developing) or better on all items in order to graduate.
Academic Misconduct Information
Graduate School information on Academic Misconduct.

Withdrawals and Leave of Absence Information
Graduate School information on Withdrawals and Leave of Absence.

Academic Grievances Information
Graduate School information on Academic Grievances.

Scholastic Requirements
Graduate School information on Scholastic Requirements.

Graduate School Deadlines Information
Information on Graduate School Deadlines.

Admission to Candidacy
Students should contact their academic advisor/graduate director to initiate the form for Admission to Candidacy for the Ed.S. degree and submit a program of study. The Graduate School must approve the student’s EdS plan of study prior to admission to candidacy for the degree.

Application for Graduation Information
Information on the Application for Graduation.

Class AA Certification
The Alabama State Board of Education grants Class AA professional educator certification in Secondary Education (6-12) teaching fields and P-12 teaching fields. To be eligible, candidates must hold appropriate prerequisite certification and must complete all requirements of the State-approved program, including a comprehensive assessment. The extensive professional portfolio completed by candidates will be used as a comprehensive assessment in lieu of a comprehensive exam.

According to Alabama regulations, individuals admitted to a Class AA program based on a professional educator certificate from another state must earn the prerequisite Alabama certification before applying for Alabama Class AA (specialist level) certification.

Postsecondary Instruction
Graduate students in the EdS program who have an interest in teaching in postsecondary institutions may take advantage of the program’s flexibility to acquire a maximum of 18 hours in cognate field courses. Students who have this option in mind should coordinate the program of study carefully with their advisors.