

B.A. Special Education Studies | Major Map

2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 96% of graduates

100% Secured Employment

100% Admitted Into Graduate School or Professional Program

POPULAR CAREERS

- Camp director or youth ministries director
- Child life specialist
- City government/school district governance
- College professor or academic advisor
- Community outreach coordinator
- Corporate training
- Behavior specialist
- Educational sales
- Juvenile justice attorney
- Librarian
- Museum educator
- Nonprofit management
- Pediatric nurse, physician or dentist
- Professional tutor
- Public educational policy analyst
- Recreation director
- School counselor or psychologist
- School speech language pathologist

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- **Campus Leadership & Engagement**
 - Augustana University Education Association
 - Student Affairs
 - FRIENDSLink
 - Lost & Found
 - Peer Mentor Program
 - Serving And Learning Together
- **Internships**
 - Augustana's model classroom
 - Camp counselor
 - Surrounding school districts
- **Example Research Topics**
 - From Norway to the Midwest: Comparing Inclusive Teaching Practices
- **Service Learning**
 - Boys & Girls Club of the Sioux Empire
 - Junior Achievement Inc.
 - Lutheran Social Services Mentoring
- **Study Away**
 - Browse the list of current offerings at augie.edu/StudyAwayPortal, and contact the IPO to discover opportunities related to your vocational goals.



WHY MAJOR IN SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDIES?

While many people who are interested in education go on to serve as teachers, this is not the only available career path. Many individuals also work in nonprofits or corporate environments. Designed for individuals who aspire to work in a non-licensed field, this degree prepares individuals for various careers. Focused on education theory and practice, the curriculum includes diverse topics such as teaching methods, educational psychology and technology. Students may also work closely with their advisor to pair the major with elective courses, majors or minors tailored to their vocational goals. Whether it is children or adults, a degree in educational studies prepares students to share information effectively with others, advance people's cognitive development and transform educational systems in their communities.

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FIRST YEAR

MIDDLE YEAR(S)

LAST YEAR

EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor to ensure all transferred credits are noted.
- Review your degree audit report, and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Enroll in EDUC 110: Foundations of American Education.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).

- Explore minors or elective credits that interest you.
- Contact the Student Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.
- Engage in research, and present your work at the annual research symposium.

- Apply to graduate by Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Complete an internship or capstone project.

ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Access your Viking Central account. Participate in campus activities.
- Volunteer for community organizations that interest you.
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.

- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer employment.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Consider elite scholarship opportunities, such as the Fulbright, Rhodes or Truman.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds and ASA transportation funds. Pursue elite fellowships.

- Take standardized exams (e.g., GRE), and share your application to graduate or professional schools with your advisor and CAP specialist for feedback.
- Attend the BIG (Business, Industry and Government) Career & Internship Fair.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!

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