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**New Course Proposal Form**

**[ ] Undergraduate Curriculum Council**

**[ X] Graduate Council**

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| **[X ] New Course or [ ]Experimental Course (1-time offering) (Check one box)** |

Signed paper copies of proposals submitted for consideration are no longer required. Please type approver name and enter date of approval.

Email completed proposals to [curriculum@astate.edu](mailto:curriculum@astate.edu) for inclusion in curriculum committee agenda.

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1. Contact Person (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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2. Proposed Starting Term and Bulletin Year

18-19, Summer 2018

3. Proposed Course Prefix and Number (Confirm that number chosen has not been used before. For variable credit courses, indicate variable range. *Proposed number for experimental course is 9*. )

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4. Course Title – if title is more than 30 characters (including spaces), provide short title to be used on transcripts. Title cannot have any symbols (e.g. slash, colon, semi-colon, apostrophe, dash, and parenthesis). Please indicate if this course will have variable titles (e.g. independent study, thesis, special topics).

SPED Academy 101: Foundations of Teaching Students with Exceptional Needs

Short Title: SPED Academy: 101

5. Brief course description (40 words or fewer) as it should appear in the bulletin.

An overview of special education that includes the historical foundation of special education, litigation and legislation, characteristics of students with exceptionalities, assessment procedures, the IEP process, and collaboration with families and professionals in the field of education.

6. Prerequisites and major restrictions. (Indicate all prerequisites. If this course is restricted to a specific major, which major. If a student does not have the prerequisites or does not have the appropriate major, the student will not be allowed to register).

1. NO Are there any prerequisites?
   1. If yes, which ones?

* 1. Why or why not?

Enter text...

YES Is this course restricted to a specific major?

* 1. If yes, which major? MAT in Special Education K-12

7. Course frequency(e.g. Fall, Spring, Summer). *Not applicable to Graduate courses.*

NA

8. Will this course be lecture only, lab only, lecture and lab, activity, dissertation, experiential learning, independent study, internship, performance, practicum, recitation, seminar, special problems, special topics, studio, student exchange, occupational learning credit, or course for fee purpose only (e.g. an exam)? Please choose one.

Lecture Only

9. What is the grade type (i.e. standard letter, credit/no credit, pass/fail, no grade, developmental, or other [please elaborate])

Standard Letter

10. NO Is this course dual listed (undergraduate/graduate)?

11. NO Is this course cross listed?

*(If it is, all course entries must be identical including course descriptions. Submit appropriate documentation for requested changes. It is important to check the course description of an existing course when adding a new cross listed course.)*

**11.1** – If yes, please list the prefix and course number of cross listed course.

NA

**11.2** – **Yes / No** Are these courses offered for equivalent credit?

Please explain. Enter text...

12. YES Is this course in support of a new program?

a. If yes, what program?

Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education K-12

13. NO Does this course replace a course being deleted?

a. If yes, what course?

NA

14. NO Will this course be equivalent to a deleted course?

a. If yes, which course?

NA

15. YES Has it been confirmed that this course number is available for use?

*If no: Contact Registrar’s Office for assistance.*

16. NO Does this course affect another program?

If yes, provide confirmation of acceptance/approval of changes from the Dean, Department Head, and/or Program Director whose area this affects.

NA

**Course Details**

17. Outline (The course outline should be topical by weeks and should be sufficient in detail to allow for judgment of the content of the course.)

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| Week | Course Topic |
| 01 | Historical Foundations of Special Education |
| 02 | Legislation and Litigation-Overview of Laws and Court Cases |
| 03 | Special Education Process: Identification, Assessment, and Evaluation |
| 04 | Characteristics and Behaviors of Students with Disabilities |
| 05 | Collaboration with Families and Other School Professionals |

18. Special features (e.g. labs, exhibits, site visitations, etc.)

None

19. Department staffing and classroom/lab resources

Current faculty in the SPED program will teach this course.

1. Will this require additional faculty, supplies, etc.?

NO

20. No Does this course require course fees?

*If yes: please attach the New Program Tuition and Fees form, which is available from the UCC website.*

**Course Justification**

21. Justification for course being included in program. Must include:

a. Academic rationale and goals for the course (skills or level of knowledge students can be expected to attain)

The SPED Academy 101 course is designed to introduce teacher candidates to special education legislation and the special education process in developing a solid foundation for understanding learning acquisition and behaviors of children with physical, health, and multiple disabilities. In addition, the course is designed to educate, train and prepare teacher candidates for a quick transition into the special education classroom. This course meets the Arkansas Department of Education requirement for the SPED 101 Academy as outlined in the licensure policies.

b. How does the course fit with the mission established by the department for the curriculum? If course is mandated by an accrediting or certifying agency, include the directive.

This course is a required course in Arkansas State University’s Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education K-12 degree and licensure program. The course content has been developed with reference to the licensure and accreditation standards for K-12 Special Education identified by the State of Arkansas, the Council for Exceptional Children, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The mission for the School of Teacher Education and Leadership is to “generate and disseminate knowledge through teaching, research, and service; and to apply that knowledge to improve education and the quality of life for all individuals in a pluralistic and democratic society.” In addition, the course has been developed to be congruent with the mission of the College of Education and Behavioral Science as a unit. Specifically, the course addresses the college’s commitment to families and communities, to research-based practices, and to social justice.

c. Student population served.

Graduate teacher candidates enrolled at Arkansas State University who have been formally admitted into the MAT in Special Education K-12 program.

d. Rationale for the level of the course (lower, upper, or graduate).

The course will be considered for graduate students who demonstrate an appropriate knowledge base of the characteristics of individuals with exceptional learning needs.

**Assessment**

**University Outcomes**

22. Please indicate the university-level student learning outcomes for which this new course will contribute. Check all that apply.

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| * 1. **[ ]** Global Awareness | * 1. **[X]** Thinking Critically | * 1. **[ ]** Information Literacy |

**Relationship with Current Program-Level Assessment Process**

23. What is/are the intended program-level learning outcome/s for students enrolled in this course? Where will this course fit into an already existing program assessment process?

CEC Standard 1.0 Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences. Beginning special education professionals understand how exceptionalities may interact with developmental and learning experiences for individuals with exceptionalities (CEC, 2015).

CEC Standard 2.0. Learning Environments. Beginning special education professionals create safe, inclusive, culturally responsive learning environments so that individuals with exceptionalities become active and effective learners and develop emotional well-being, positive social interactions, and self-determination (CEC, 2015).

CEC Standard 3.0 Curricular Content Knowledge. Beginning special education professionals use knowledge of general and specialized curricula to individualize learning for individuals with exceptionalities (CEC, 2015).

CEC Standard 4.0 Assessment. Beginning special education professionals use multiple methods of assessment and data sources in making instructional decisions (CEC, 2015).

CEC Standard 6.0 Professional Learning and Ethical Practice. Beginning special education professionals use foundational knowledge of the field and their professional ethical principles and practice standards to inform special education practice, to engage in lifelong learning, and to advance the profession (CEC, 2015).

CEC Standard 7.0 Collaboration. Beginning special education professionals collaborate with families, other educators, related service providers, individuals with exceptionalities, and their personnel from community agencies in cultural responsive ways to address the needs of individuals with exceptionalities across a range of learning experiences (CEC, 2015).

24. Considering the indicated program-level learning outcome/s (from question #23), please fill out the following table to show how and where this course fits into the program’s continuous improvement assessment process.

*For further assistance, please see the ‘Expanded Instructions’ document available on the UCC - Forms website for guidance, or contact the Office of Assessment at 870-972-2989.*

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| **Program-Level Outcome 1 (from question #23)** | Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences. Beginning special education professionals understand how exceptionalities may interact with developmental and learning experiences for individuals with exceptionalities (CEC, 2015). |
| Assessment Measure | Philosophy of Special Education. Candidates are required to write a statement of educational philosophy of special education. The philosophy will include the roles of teachers and students in the learning, purpose of the IEP, effective teaching methods, content knowledge, and assessment, collaboration with families and school professionals, and professional and ethical standards. |
| Assessment  Timetable | Summer |
| Who is responsible for assessing and reporting on the results? | The special education program faculty which includes Drs. Davis, Neal, Henley, Singleton, and Mrs. Nichols will assess and report results annually through the annual report that is submitted to HLC. |

*(Repeat if this new course will support additional program-level outcomes)*

**Course-Level Outcomes**

25. What are the course-level outcomes for students enrolled in this course and the associated assessment measures?

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| **Outcome 1** | The teacher candidate will demonstrate knowledge of the overview of laws that govern special education and the role of an educator with Section 504, ADA, and ESEA. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Readings, In-Class Activities, Special Education Timeline assignment |
| Assessment Measure | Praxis Content Exam-5354 and Special Education Timeline assignment |

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| **Outcome 2** | The teacher candidate will demonstrate knowledge of the definitions, development, and individual differences of individuals with exceptionalities identified by IDEA |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Readings, In-Class activities, Special Education IDEA Research Project |
| Assessment Measure | Praxis Content Exam 5354 and Special Education Research Project |

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| **Outcome 3** | The teacher candidate will demonstrate understanding of creating safe, inclusive, and culturally responsive learning environments for students with exceptionalities. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Readings, In-class activities, |
| Assessment Measure | Praxis Content Exam 5354 |

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| **Outcome 4** | The teacher candidate will demonstrate skills in identifying the role of each participant in the referral, assessment, and IEP process. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Readings, In-class activities and Mock IEP Meeting |
| Assessment Measure | Praxis Content Exam 5354 |

*(Repeat if needed for additional outcomes)*

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions** |
| **Please visit** [**http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot**](http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot) **and select the most recent version of the bulletin. Copy and paste all bulletin pages this proposal affects below. Follow the following guidelines for indicating necessary changes.**  **\*Please note: Courses are often listed in multiple sections of the bulletin. To ensure that all affected sections have been located, please search the bulletin (ctrl+F) for the appropriate courses before submission of this form.**  - Deleted courses/credit hours should be marked with a red strike-through (~~red strikethrough~~)  - New credit hours and text changes should be listed in blue using enlarged font (blue using enlarged font).  - Any new courses should be listed in blue bold italics using enlarged font (***blue bold italics using enlarged font***)  *You can easily apply any of these changes by selecting the example text in the instructions above, double-clicking the ‘format painter’ icon 🡪 , and selecting the text you would like to apply the change to.*  *Please visit* [*https://youtu.be/yjdL2n4lZm4*](https://youtu.be/yjdL2n4lZm4) *for more detailed instructions.* |

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**Special Education (ELSE)**

***ELSE 5003. SPED Academy 101: Foundations of Teaching Students with Exceptional Needs. An overview of special education that includes the historical foundation of special education, litigation and legislation, characteristics of students with exceptionalities, assessment procedures, the IEP process, and collaboration with families and professionals in the field of education. Prerequisite, admission to the MAT in Special Education program***.