Requirements & Recommended GURs

- **Admission Requirements** for all Special Education programs
  1. ENG 101 with a grade of B- or better, or equivalent exam score
  2. Complete a minimum of 45 credits by application due date. This does not apply to transfer applicants with an AA/DTA.

- **Admissions Testing Requirements** for Teacher Certification programs only
  1. Applicants to teacher education programs in the State of Washington are required to take a basic skills assessment for admission, but candidates will no longer need to achieve a specific passing score. Applicants may use WEST-B, ACT, SAT, or a combination of these assessments. Further information is available at: https://wce.wwu.edu/admissions/basic-skills

- **Prerequisites to courses in a Special Education major**, that are not included in the major. Most of these are GURs and may be taken after admission.
  1. Teacher Certification programs:
     - EXCE 101 – Elementary ASL/Culture
     - MATH 111/112 or equivalent course or ALEKS Math Placement Assessment score
     - SCED 201 and all other Science GURs
       - *Not required for Special Education plus Content Endorsement program
  2. Exceptionality & Disability program:
     - Prerequisites depend on the electives chosen

- **GUR Recommendations**
The following General University Requirements (GUR's) are recommended for those seeking a Bachelor of Arts in Education (BAE) but are not required. You may take other courses to satisfy your GUR requirements.

  1. **Communication**
     - ACOM
       - ENG 101 Writing Your Way Through WWU (5)
     - BCOM
       - ENG 202 Writing about Literature (5)
       - JOUR 207 Newswriting (4)
       - PHIL 107 Logical Thinking (3)
       - EDUC 309 Storytelling (4)
         - This is a 'WWU Online' course check with an advisor about additional costs.
     - CCOM
       - ENG 201 Writing in Humanities (5)
  2. **Natural Science**
     - LSCI
       - SCED 201 Matter & Energy in Physical Systems (4)
         - Prerequisite for Special Education Programs, excluding +Content
       - SCED 202 Matter & Energy in Earth Systems (4)
       - SCED 203 Matter & Energy in Life Systems (4)
       - SCED 204 Matter & Energy in Life Systems (4)
• SCI
  • ENRG 101 Energy and Society (3)

3. Humanities
  • HIST 103 American History 1865 (5)
  • HIST 104 American History since 1865 (5)
  • COMM 220 Communication Theory (5)
  • Modern and Classical Languages numbered 200 and above

4. Social Science
  • EDUC 109 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (4)
  • EDUC 115 Introduction to Education Professions (4)
  • ENVS 202 Intro to Environmental Studies and Sustainability (3)
  • LING 201 Introduction to Language and Linguistics (5)
  • LING 204 Sociolinguistics (4)
  • PLSC 101 Government & Politics in the Modern World (5)
  • PLSC 250 American Political System (5)
  • FAIR 311B The United States Legal System (5)

5. Comparative, Gender and Multicultural Studies
  • ACGM
    • EXCE 101 Elementary ASL/Culture (5)
      o Prerequisite for Special Education programs
    • INTL 201 Intro to Global Studies (5)
    • MUS 205 Survey World Musical Cultures (3)
    • Modern and Classical Languages numbered 200 and above
  • BCGM
    • EXCE 205 Disability, Diversity, and the Mass Media (4)
    • C2C 203 Mentoring and Social Justice (5)
    • SOC 269 Race and Ethnic Relations (5)
    • COMM 260 Comm. Identity and Difference (5)
    • SPED 310 Education, Culture, and Equity (5)
      o This is also a major course
    • PSY 119 Psychology of Gender (5)
    • AMST 301 Comparative Cultural Studies (4)

6. Quantitative & Symbolic Reasoning (QSR)
  • MATH 111 Algebraic Methods for Teachers
  • MATH 112 Functions and Algebraic Methods (5)
  • MATH 381* Teaching K-8 Mathematics I (4)
  • MATH 382* Teaching K-8 Mathematics II (4)
  * MATH 381 & 383 only count as a GUR for students in a teacher preparation program