KU | School of Education and Human Sciences

Program Roadmap

M.S.E. IN AUTISM ONLINE MASTER'S PROGRAM*



Spring Start Course Sequence

Your Path to Success

This course roadmap illustrates the sequence of classes for the fastest progress given a spring program start and continuous enrollment. Read more complete descriptions of the courses in the drop-down menus on the **course description page**.



SPED 760

Introduction to Austim

Special Education: The Introduction to Autism course is designed to give you a grounding in the basic issues and current trends related to autism identification and intervention.



SPED 860

Education of Children and Youth with Disabilities: Austims

Special Education: This course is designed to prepare students to implement evidence-based strategies for individualized and group instruction.



SPED 785

Application of Assessment Information for Exceptional Children and Youth: Autism

Special Education: An analysis of information derived from assessment instruments and procedures appropriate to measuring the social and cognitive development of exceptional children and youth.

National Leaders in special education

The University of Kansas' School of Education and Human Sciences is consistently ranked **No. 1 in special education online master's programs**. The programs are designed to prepare students for careers in teaching, research, and leadership, offering strong connections with national educational initiatives and networks.[1]

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SPED 790

Methods for Learners with Higher-Functioning Autism

Special Education: This methods course focuses on evidence-based strategies for teaching and supporting social skills and communication in learners with high-functioning autism.



Elective 1

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Elective 2

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Key Milestones in Special Education

Passed in 1975, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) ensures that children with disabilities receive a free and appropriate education in the least restrictive environment.[2]





Elective 3

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SPED 800

Teaching Language and Communication Skills to Students with Austim and Developmental Disabilities

Special Education: Explore evidence-based methods for teaching communication skills to learners with autism and developmental disabilities, including symbol exchange and speech-generating devices.



SPED 854

Family and Interprofessional Collaboration in Special Eduction

Special Education: This course provides skills for implementing special education mandates, building relationships with families, and developing effective school programs for students with disabilities.



KU SOEHS: An Evolving Legacy

The KU School of Education & Human Sciences, serving students since 1909, was renamed in 2020 to better reflect its expanded academic offerings and diverse programs—ranging from exercise science and sport management to community health. This new name honors the school's ongoing commitment to education while highlighting its growth into one of the nation's leaders in educational training, human science, research, and special education.[3]

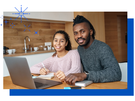


EPSY 715

Understanding Research in Education

Educational Psychology: This course introduces key concepts and skills for analyzing educational research, covering basic research methodologies such as quantitative and qualitative methods and historical and descriptive research.

***Please note:** This course fulfills the requirement of a research methods course in the first 12 hours of graduate study.*



SPED 871

Advanced Practicum with Exceptional Children Needing an Autism Curriculum

Special Education: This advanced practicum provides direct teaching experience with children and youth who have autism and mild to moderate learning and behavioral needs.



SPED 898

Master's Project

Special Education: The Master's Project is a credit based course graded on a progress scale allowing students to work on an independent project relevant to their field of study.

Congratulations Graduate!

You are now part of a global community of Jayhawks shaping the future of special education.

Rock Chalk!

Master of Science in Education (M.S.E.) in special education with an emphasis in autism

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