

SPECIAL EDUCATION MINOR

A program for Education majors that prepares you to serve the needs of all students and qualify for an endorsement in special education on Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL). Illinois refers to this endorsement as the Learning Behavior Specialist – 1 (LBS-1).

There is a nationwide shortage of special education teachers, at a time when students with different academic, behavioral, and social needs are often overlooked or fall behind. Adding a special education minor to your education major can help you address this important need in the field.

Curriculum

This minor is open only to Education majors. Grades of "C-" or lower are not counted toward fulfillment of minor requirements.

Note that while this minor includes 39 total hours, most of these are already included in the Education major. Specialized courses or sections are indicated in bold within the table below.

Learning Behavioral Specialist I (LBSI) Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
TLSC 120	Bringing Language, Learning & Development Theory into Practice	2
TLSC 140	Teaching, Learning and Leading for Social Justice	1
TLSC 150	Constructive Learning Environments For Diverse Students	1
TLSC 160	Analyzing Culturally-Responsive Classroom Instruction	1
TLSC 221	Individualized Instruction and Assessment for Diverse Learners	2
TLSC 222	Authentic Assessment and Instruction for Bilingual Learners	2
TLSC 260	Typical and A-Typical Development	2
TLSC 261	Significant Disabilities and Life Planning (candidates are required to complete Inclusion Observation Project)	2
TLSC 310	Language and Literacy for Diverse Students	2
TLSC 320	Using Classroom Data in a Collaborative Environment to Advance Student Achievement	2
TLSC 330	Discipline-Specific Literacy for Diverse Students	2
TLSC 340	Teaching and Learning in an Area of Specialization	2
TLSC 350	Teaching and Learning with a Global Framework (candidates are required to include Universal Design for Learning (UDL) within instructions lesson or unit plan)	4
CIEP 478 / CIEP M31	Behavioral Intervention: Assessment & Support	3
TLSC 380	Teaching, Learning and Leading with Schools and Communities Internship: Student Teaching (candidate's placement must be in an inclusion setting)	12
Total Hours		40

Required Illinois Testing

Learning Behavior Specialist I Content Area Test (#290) – It is recommended that students take the test immediately following

Sequence 7 in the undergraduate Education curriculum. Refer to your major page for information on all Sequences.

Learning Outcomes

With the foundational knowledge from your Loyola education, you will utilize theories, data, and research practices when making decisions in your classroom, for your students, and when assessing the effectiveness of teaching and learning.