



## Transfer Student Handbook

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To review **all degree programs** offered by the UGA College of Education, please visit the following link:

<https://coe.uga.edu/academics/degrees>

The following links lead to the [UGA Bulletin](#), which contains the current program of study for each program:

<a href="#">Communication Sciences and Disorders - B.S.Ed.</a>
<a href="#">Early Childhood Education - B.S.Ed.</a>
<a href="#">English Education - B.S.Ed.</a>
<a href="#">Exercise and Sport Science - B.S.Ed.</a>
<a href="#">Health and Physical Education - B.S.Ed.</a>
<a href="#">Mathematics Education - B.S.Ed.</a>
<a href="#">Middle Grades Education - B.S.Ed.</a>
<a href="#">Science Education - B.S.Ed.</a>
<a href="#">Social Studies Education - B.S.Ed.</a>
<a href="#">Special Education (also offered at Griffin and Online) - B.S.Ed.</a>
<a href="#">Sport Management - B.S.Ed.</a>
<a href="#">World Language Education - B.S.Ed.</a>



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### Majors

#### **[BSEd in Communication Sciences and Disorders](#)**

Explore human communication through speech, language, hearing, and their related disorders with a BSEd in Communication Sciences and Disorders. This undergraduate program provides an excellent foundation for students wishing to pursue the advanced degrees required to work as a speech-language pathologist, audiologist, or other private practitioner.

#### **[BSEd in Early Childhood Education](#)**

Prepare for a career teaching prekindergarten through grade five with our BSEd in Early Childhood Education, which offers extensive in-classroom experience as well as a solid foundation in theory and teaching principles. You will develop a strong community through small, cohort-based classes and gain hands-on experience every semester as you work toward your teaching certification.

#### **[BSEd in English Education](#)**

This limited-enrollment BSEd in English Education prepares you to teach secondary-school English through personal attention, a blend of theoretical and practical knowledge, and student-teaching experience. You will gain the subject-area expertise, theory, and hands-on experience you need to lead a classroom while earning your secondary English teaching certification.

#### **[BSEd in Exercise and Sport Science](#)**

Delve into the science of physical activity, exercise, and sport in preparation for a career in physical therapy, occupational therapy, sports medicine, fitness and wellness, and beyond. Our BSEd in Exercise and Sport Science in our nationally ranked department combines coursework, research, and experiential learning opportunities that allow you to specialize based on your academic and career goals.

#### **[BSEd in Health and Physical Education](#)**

Prepare to teach health and physical education in elementary, middle, and high school through our BSEd in Health and Physical Education, which includes certification to teach in Georgia schools. You will learn instructional methods for teaching physical activity, sport skills, physical fitness, and teamwork at various age levels. You'll also study the latest biomechanics, physiology, and health and wellness principles. Upon completion you will be eligible for initial certification to teach K-12 in Georgia public schools, unless you have chosen the non-teaching track.

#### **[BSEd in Mathematics Education](#)**

A cohort model with small class sizes, an award-winning faculty, and extensive real-world teaching experience add up to prime preparation for teaching math at the middle and high school level. Our mathematics education program combines studies in mathematics and the teaching of mathematics along with extensive field experiences to earn certification to teach in Georgia schools.

#### **[BSEd in Middle Grades Education \(Grades 4-8\)](#)**

As one of the oldest and most prestigious middle school-specific teacher certification programs in the nation, the BSEd in Middle Grades Education offers you unique opportunities to teach grades 4-8. As a recognized leader in the field of middle school reform, we focus our degree program on the study of young adolescents and middle grades education.



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### **BSEd in Science Education (Biology), (Chemistry), (Earth/Space Science), (Physics)**

Prepare to teach middle and high school students about the world around them through our program in science education. You will study education and your chosen area of emphasis (biology, chemistry, earth/space science, or physics), spend a semester student teaching, and earn certification to teach that subject in grades 6-12.

### **BSEd in Social Studies Education**

Gain the knowledge and skills to teach secondary students about the complex, culturally rich world of the 21st century. Working closely with fellow students and faculty, you'll delve into subject-area explorations, learn teaching methods, and develop classroom skills through student teaching experiences while earning certification to teach social studies in Georgia schools.

### **BSEd in Special Education (Adapted Curriculum and Autism), (Birth Through Kindergarten/Preschool), (General Curriculum)**

Get the preparation and certification you need to teach students with mild to severe disabilities or young children with or without disabilities. Our program fosters inclusion, diversity, and multiculturalism through theory and practice-based learning. Choose from three areas of emphasis and progress through coursework in small cohort groups that build your relationships and extend your learning. You will also undertake field experience each semester, culminating in a semester of student teaching (clinical practice). You will gain more than just the coursework and field experience. Small class sizes mean you get personalized attention and mentoring from our faculty. And the cohort model means you will progress through your coursework with the same small group of students. That provides opportunities to build relationships with fellow students and faculty that often extend beyond your school years. Questions and discussions that arise within the groups reinforce and build on the classroom learning.

### **BSEd in Sport Management**

This interdisciplinary program will give you the knowledge and skills to manage sport and exercise programs. Through courses that encourage and develop critical thinking and problem solving, you will develop into a leader who can apply business practices to the sport industry. You will also graduate with the competitive knowledge and ability to communicate your ideas through both written and oral presentations. Our graduates go on to work in a variety of administrative areas within the sport industry, such as professional sports teams, college athletic departments, sport marketing and public relations firms, sports agencies, and health and fitness facilities. Or, you may apply to a graduate program in sport management or other professional programs, such as business, law, journalism, or public administration.

### **BSEd in World Language Education**

Our highly regarded World Language Education and TESOL program is for teacher candidates in their final year at UGA. You will be amazed at how much you learn in just two semesters, as you prepare to teach modern and classical languages in preschool through 12th grade with the BSEd in World Language Education. Earn initial certification to teach in Georgia public schools (T-4) and you may also pursue an endorsement in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) while earning your degree. Cap off your UGA education with this year-long program filled with hands-on opportunities to put theory into practice.



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### Entrance Requirements

Every student enters the College of Education as an intended major. Preparing for the transition from intended status to in the major program may require completion of certain coursework, a specified number of credit hours, and/or a minimum GPA as determined by the program. On each program page listed above, review the **Admissions** section.

The following majors have an admissions cap and require an application prior to program entry:

- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Early Childhood Education
- English Education
- Exercise and Sport Science
- Mathematics Education
- Middle Grades Education
- Social Studies Education
- Special Education
- World Language Education

The following majors do not have an admissions cap and entrance to the major is determined during advising:

- Health and Physical Education
- Science Education
- Sport Management

When transferring to UGA, it may be necessary to include an updated transcript with the program application. Application deadlines for the majors are separate from deadlines for applying to UGA and may need to occur during the same term. The academic advisor for the program can assist with questions related to the application.

Applications may require a combination of the following items: a minimum GPA, a resume, an essay or statement of purpose, specific course completion or enrollment, an interview, relevant field or pre-professional experience, or shadowing hours. Essays may have a specific prompt which call upon unique personal, professional, volunteer, or work-related experiences or interests that demonstrate qualification for the program.



## Critical Information

Some majors have cohort models, in which accepted program applicants take a similar progression of coursework over a set number of semesters. Some majors have cohort models that leave room for the completion of other necessary coursework, whereas other majors will need any other degree requirements completed before the cohort semesters or during summer semesters. The cohort courses contain students with similar professional interests and often serve as a concentrated networking space.

Because the cohort model cannot typically be accelerated or adjusted to fit all academic needs, it is important to correctly time the program application, such that students are starting the major in their desired semester and will graduate within their expected timeline.

## Critical Courses to Take at UGA

During the first semester at the University of Georgia, advisors highly recommend that students complete any remaining core coursework and major-specific prerequisites. Unlike other University System of Georgia (USG) schools, UGA follows a program structured with Areas I-VI, with Area VI standing in place of the USG equivalent of Area F. Many of the courses in this particular area are specific to the major and should be checked on the Transfer Equivalency Index provided by UGA Admissions.

Students should be cautious when attempting upper-division coursework (courses numbered 3000/4000 or above) at another institution. Many of these courses will not have an equivalent at UGA and may not fit category-specific requirements for many programs.



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### Transfer Coursework to Take Prior to UGA

All transfer students are strongly encouraged to have completed as many core courses as possible prior to matriculating at the University of Georgia. These courses include, but are not limited to: English Composition I and II, American History, American Government, a Social Science such as Psychology or Sociology, Pre-Calculus or Higher, and possibly a foreign language course. A Biological science and a Physical science course would also be beneficial, but check the course bulletin for the intended major to see which science is recommended in each area.

- Students pursuing majors that lead to teacher certification should strongly consider taking the following: EDUC 2110, EDUC 2120, and EDUC (EPSY) 2130.
- Students pursuing a major in Communication Sciences and Disorders should complete the equivalent to BIOL 1103 and lab as well as core ENGL and MATH requirements in order to qualify for the program application.
- Students pursuing a major in Exercise and Sport Science, Health and Physical Education, or Sport Management should investigate if they can take the equivalent to KINS 2010. As this course may not be offered at all institutions, it may be necessary to take during the first semester at UGA.

While planning coursework prior to transferring to UGA, please consult the [Transfer Equivalency](#) website to learn about how courses *might* transfer. It is important to note that this tool is not definite! Some universities may not be listed on this page and final approval of transfer coursework is entirely at the discretion of the department which houses the course. Furthermore, online science courses that do not have a lab may also be difficult to transfer as equivalent to necessary coursework. It is important to provide as much information about a course to the appropriate UGA department to learn if a course is eligible for transfer credit.



## **Student Experience**

Student organizations:

<https://coe.uga.edu/students/organizations>

Study Abroad:

<https://coe.uga.edu/students/international>

Career Consulting:

<https://coe.uga.edu/students/career>

Educator Preparation Resources:

<https://coe.uga.edu/students/teacher-prep>

Financial Aid:

<https://coe.uga.edu/students/financial-aid>

## **Contacts**

To visit our College, review the options at the following link:

<https://coe.uga.edu/students/visit>

For more information about any of our programs, please follow the link below to locate a College of Education contact:

<https://coe.uga.edu/academics/undergraduate/advising>