

**American University of Beirut
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Department of Education**

Interested in completing a Diploma in Special Education while working on your BSc or BA degree?

Students working for a Bachelor of Science (BSc) or a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in a school subject may complete a **Diploma in Special Education** along with their Bachelor's degree. The Special Education Diploma program is a 21-credit program designed to help Diploma students develop the skills, knowledge and values needed to specialize in the teaching of children and youth with special educational needs with an emphasis on two areas of concentration in special education: **Learning Disabilities** (Track One) and **Gifted and Talented Education** (Track Two). Completion of the diploma will cover the pre-requisite requirements for MA in Educational Administration and Policy Studies.

Requirements for the Diploma in Special Education

Two Tracks in Special Education: Learning Disabilities (LD) OR Gifted and Talented (G&T)

Requirement	Track 1: LD Emphasis Area		Track 2: G&T Emphasis Area	
	Course	Course Field & Semester Hours	Course	Course Field & Semester Hours
Core Courses	EDUC 215	3.0; 3 cr.	EDUC 215	3.0; 3 cr.
	EDUC 221	3.0; 3 cr.	EDUC 221	3.0; 3 cr.
	EDUC 222	3.0; 3 cr.	EDUC 222	3.0; 3 cr.
Method Courses (Area of Specialty)	EDUC 280	2.2; 3 cr.	EDUC 280	2.2; 3 cr.
	EDUC 281	5.2; 6 cr.	EDUC 282	5.2; 6 cr.
	EDUC 283A	0.6; 3 cr.	EDUC 283B	0.6; 3 cr.
	TOTAL	21	TOTAL	21

Students can choose to pursue both areas of concentration, thereby completing a total of 30 credits.

Prerequisites for the Program (6 cr.) (Only for non-education majors)

PSYC 201 or PSYC 215 ("Introduction to Psychological Science" or "Child Abnormal Psych.")

EDUC 225 or PSYC 210 ("Child & Adolescent Development" or "Lifespan Developmental Psych.")

Core Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDUC 215 Learning and Human Development 3 cr. • EDUC 221 Introduction to Special Education 3 cr. • EDUC 222 Introduction to Assessment in Special Education 3 cr.
Methods Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDUC 280 Behavior Modification and Classroom Management in Special Education 3 cr. • EDUC 281, Learning Disabilities: 6 cr. • EDUC 282 Gifted and Talented Learners 6 cr.
Practicum Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDUC 283A Practicum in Special Education/Learning Disabilities 3 cr. • EDUC 283b Practicum in Special Education/Gifted Education 3 cr.

For more information see the Department of Education section of the AUB Catalogue