

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS  
INFORMATION AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

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**High Demand Majors**

Application required  
(Admission to major is not guaranteed)

Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Early Childhood Education  
English Education  
Exercise and Sport Science  
Foreign Language Education  
Health and Physical Education  
Middle School Education  
Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Program  
Social Science Education  
Special Education  
Sport Studies

**COE Undergraduate Majors**

Change into major after 45 hours if admission criteria met

Career and Technical Education (formerly Business Education,  
Marketing Education, and Technological Studies)  
Mathematics Education  
Recreation and Leisure Studies  
Science Education

All students enter the College of Education designated by their intended major or as unspecified if they have not selected an intended major. Students typically either apply to or change into their desired major after earning between 45 and 60 hours or near the completion of the core curriculum. The College of Education Student Services Office advises all students until they are accepted or change into their major. A departmental advisor will then advise students. COE Student Services staff and departmental advisors welcome your questions to ensure you have necessary information regarding your major.

The following information is very important and should be kept for quick reference. The requirements for each major will differ; therefore close attention should be given to each major's requirements.

**College of Education (COE) Student Services Office  
122 Aderhold Hall  
542-1717**

**Ask to speak to an academic advisor for assistance.**

- ◆ **TEACHER EDUCATION** in the UGA College of Education requires a minimum 2.5 overall GPA (some departments, noted below, require a higher minimum GPA); have attended one semester at UGA; completed ENGL 1101 and 1102; completed EFND 2030 or foundations of education course with a grade of C or better; completed CHFD 2950 or EPSY 2020 with a grade of C or better (required for most Teacher Education majors); demonstrate a proficiency in academic skills (submission of acceptable score on the Regents Test or other approved assessment); department faculty recommendation; acknowledge receipt of teacher education materials; and a criminal background check. *Students should also see their departmental advisor for additional requirements.*
- **TEACHER CERTIFICATION** for state certification requires a passing score (or exemption) on PRAXIS I; a passing score on PRAXIS II; and a criminal background check.
- Teacher education programs require pre-professional experience, often as part of the application or entrance requirements. Please consult the major department or the Early Community Experiences website, [www.coe.uga.edu/earlyexp](http://www.coe.uga.edu/earlyexp), for more information.

- **The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GA PSC) regulates the certification of educators in Georgia. Their website, [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com), offers information on alternative certification options for those students not accepted to high demand majors.**

## **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

**([www.coe.uga.edu/welf/occstudies/programs/undergrad.html](http://www.coe.uga.edu/welf/occstudies/programs/undergrad.html))**

- Emphasis areas include Business Education, Marketing Education, Technical Education, Trade & Industrial Education, Health Occupations, and Business & Industry Training
- Education emphases prepare students to teach grades 6-12
- Admission based on overall GPA of 2.0 (2.5 required for admission to teacher education)

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## **COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS ([www.coe.uga.edu/csse/csd/undergrad](http://www.coe.uga.edu/csse/csd/undergrad))**

- Master's degree is required for certification as a Speech Language Pathologist; Doctoral degree will be required to be an Audiologist, effective 2012
- Application requires minimum overall GPA of 3.20 (competitive GPA needed for graduate school) and a grade of A or B in all Area A courses and BIOL 1103/L
- Strongly prefer BIOL 1103/L, PHYS 1010, STAT 2000, and PSYC 1101 (Master's prerequisites)
- Professional sequence - Fall start only
- Applications are due January 15

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## **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ([www.coe.uga.edu/esse/earlychildhood](http://www.coe.uga.edu/esse/earlychildhood))**

- Prepares students to teach pre-kindergarten through fifth grade (P-5)
- Application requires minimum GPA of 2.75 in core Areas A and D and overall (Areas A and D *must* be complete before applying), timed essay, 3 letters of recommendation, and a passing score (or exemption) on PRAXIS I
- Entrance to program requires no more than 8 hours left outside blocks; submission of materials on pre-professional experience; completion of CHFD 2950/L or EPSY 2020, EFND 2030, and MATH 5001 with a grade of C or better; and admission to teacher education
- 60 students admitted each semester, except during semesters when Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students are selected and 30 students are admitted
- Application deadlines are January 10 for Fall start and August 1 for Spring start. ***Major is very competitive and all interested students cannot be accepted.***

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## **ENGLISH EDUCATION ([www.coe.uga.edu/le/english/secondary/bsed](http://www.coe.uga.edu/le/english/secondary/bsed))**

- Prepares students to teach grades 6-12
- Application requires minimum GPA of 2.6; passing score or exemption on PRAXIS I; 3-5 page purpose statement; 3 letters of recommendation; completion of EFND 2030, EPSY 2020, and 2 ENGL courses noted below; and resume documenting experiences working with young people
- 2 2000-level English courses required to begin upper level English (1 required to begin 3000-level courses and 2 for 4000-level courses) - students can substitute CMLT 2210, 2111, 2212, or 2220 for one of these ENGL courses
- Professional sequence - Fall start only of final year.
- Application deadlines are January 15 for sophomores and November 1 for juniors. ***Major is very competitive and all interested students cannot be accepted.***

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**EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCE ([www.coe.uga.edu/kinesiology/exs/undergrad.html](http://www.coe.uga.edu/kinesiology/exs/undergrad.html))**

- Emphasis areas include Fitness Specialist; Athletic Training; Pre-Physical Therapy; pre-graduate study in Exercise Physiology (Pre-Med), Measurement, Sports Psychology, and Biomechanics; and General Exercise Science
- PSYC 1101 required for EXRS 4400 and upper level PSYC courses
- MATH 1113 required for Chemistry and Physics courses
- CBIO 2200/L and 2210/L are not sequential courses
- Athletic Training emphasis requires additional application; professional sequence - Fall start only; AT students *must* complete EXRS 2100/L and 2470 in order to start professional sequence
- Application requires minimum overall GPA of 2.75, grade of C or better in Area F courses, and statement of purpose; Area F must be complete or in process of completion when applying
- Application deadlines are 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in January and June for Fall start (Athletic Training is Fall start only) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September for Spring start. ***Major is very competitive and all interested students cannot be accepted.***

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**FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION ([www.coe.uga.edu/lle/addlang/foreign/bsed](http://www.coe.uga.edu/lle/addlang/foreign/bsed))**

- Prepares students to teach French, German, Latin, or Spanish in grades P-12
- Begin foreign language courses immediately to stay on track
- Professional sequence - Fall start only of final year
- Application requires minimum overall GPA of 2.6 and 3.0 in Area F courses; passing score (or exemption) on PRAXIS I; 3-5 page purpose statement; a resume documenting experiences working with young people, work experience relevant to teaching, experiences related to foreign language study and teaching, special skills and abilities relevant for a career in teaching foreign languages; and 3 letters of recommendation.
- Application deadlines are January 15 for sophomores and November 1 for juniors

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**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**([www.coe.uga.edu/kinesiology/pe-sport/undergrad/bsedhpe.html](http://www.coe.uga.edu/kinesiology/pe-sport/undergrad/bsedhpe.html))**

- Prepares students to teach grades P-12
- Professional sequence - Fall start only
- Application requires minimum overall GPA of 2.5, passing score (or exemption) on PRAXIS I, and essay
- Entrance to program requires Areas A-E completed; six hours from Area C (foreign language, Spanish recommended) completed with a grade of C or better; and CBIO 2200/L, CBIO 2210/L, EPSY 2020, EFND 2030, and HPRB 1710 completed with a grade of C of better
- Applications are due the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in January

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**MATHEMATICS EDUCATION ([www.coe.uga.edu/mse/math/programs/bachelor.html](http://www.coe.uga.edu/mse/math/programs/bachelor.html))**

- Prepares students to teach grades 6-12
- Admission based on overall GPA of 2.5
- Requires 128 hours of coursework
- Begin MATH courses immediately; if taken, MATH 1101 counts as an elective (not in Area A or D); must take two lab sciences in Area D

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION ([www.coe.uga.edu/esse/middleschool](http://www.coe.uga.edu/esse/middleschool))**

- Prepares students to teach grades 4-8, with concentrations in Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Science, and Science (students choose a primary and secondary area)
- MATH 1113 required in Area D if Mathematics is primary or secondary specialization
- Professional sequence - Fall start only; 50 students admitted each year
- Application requires minimum overall and cumulative GPA of 2.75, resume, essay, EFND 2030 completed or in process of completion, and passing score (or exemption) on PRAXIS I
- Entrance to program requires documented completion of 100 hours of pre-professional experience, submission of materials on pre-professional experience, completion of EDIT 2000 and Specialization 1 and 2 courses in Area F, grade of C or better in Area F courses, and no more than 9 hours remaining outside of blocks
- Application deadline is January 15

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**PRE-KINDERGARTEN TO 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE PROGRAM (JOINT PROGRAM WITH FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES) ([www.coe.uga.edu/esse/earlychildhood](http://www.coe.uga.edu/esse/earlychildhood))**

- Prepares students to teach pre-kindergarten through fifth grade (P-5), though emphasis is put on pre-kindergarten through second grade learners
- Application requires minimum GPA of 2.75 in core Areas A and D and overall, timed essay, 3 letters of recommendation, and passing score (or exemption) on PRAXIS I
- Entrance to program requires completion of CHFD 2950/L, EFND 2030, PEDS 2420/L or HPRB 2420, CHFD 2000 and 2001 (for FACS students only), MATH 5001, and MATH 5002, all with a grade of C or better, and admission to teacher education.
- 30 students admitted (15 from COE and 15 from FACS)
- Program starts every third semester
- Next application deadline is October 6, 2006 for Fall 2007 start

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**RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES ([www.coe.uga.edu/chds/rlst/undergrad](http://www.coe.uga.edu/chds/rlst/undergrad))**

- Prepares students to work in one of two emphasis areas: Administration of Leisure Services or Therapeutic Recreation
- Students interested in the former Recreation Resource Management emphasis should meet with an advisor in the School of Forest Resources as it is no longer offered by the COE; the new major is called Natural Resources, Recreation, & Tourism
- Therapeutic Recreation requires CBIO 2200/L or 2210/L
- Admission based on overall GPA according to the College of Education sliding scale (2.0-2.3 depending on hours completed)
- Professional sequence - Fall start only

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**SCIENCE EDUCATION ([www.coe.uga.edu/mse/science/programs/undergrad\\_secondary.html](http://www.coe.uga.edu/mse/science/programs/undergrad_secondary.html))**

- Prepares students to teach Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, or Physics in grades 6-12
- Begin core curriculum sciences during first year; some content specialization coursework must also be completed during the first two years in order to stay on track
- If taken, MATH 1101 counts as an elective (not Area A or D); CHEM 1211/L, CHEM 1212/L, and MATH 2200/L required in Area D; Area D courses require a grade of C or better; PHYS 1211/L and 1212/L with grade of C or better required for Chemistry and Physics specializations; courses on science

check sheets non-negotiable except for BIOL (can choose 1103/L or 1107/L, 1104/L or 1108/L - prefer 1107/L and 1108/L)

- Ready to change into major when Areas A-E are complete and Area F is in-progress; contact academic advisor to discuss next steps
- Minimum 2.5 overall GPA is required to enter major

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#### **SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION ([www.coe.uga.edu/esse/sse/programs/undergrad.html](http://www.coe.uga.edu/esse/sse/programs/undergrad.html))**

- Prepares students to teach any social science area in grades 6-12; students also specialize in Economics, History, Human Geography, or Political Science
- Application requires minimum overall GPA of 2.5, passing score (or exemption) on PRAXIS I, and completion of ESOC 2450/L (Initial Field Experience in Social Science Education, an application course, in which students spend one hour each week in class and complete 60 hours of pre-professional experience). *Major is very competitive and all interested students cannot be accepted.*

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#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION ([www.coe.uga.edu/csse/spe/undergrad](http://www.coe.uga.edu/csse/spe/undergrad))**

- Graduates of program will be certified as interrelated special education resource teachers for grades P-12
- SPED 2000 lab required (flexible for transfer students) and requires permission of department to enroll
- Professional sequence - Fall start only
- Application requires minimum GPA of 2.7 in courses in basic skill areas taught by special educators (English, Math, Science, and Social Science) and overall, documented completion of 30 hours of pre-professional experience, essay, and 3 letters of recommendation
- Entrance to program requires documented completion of 30 additional hours of pre-professional experience; completion of core Areas A-E; passing score (or exemption) on PRAXIS I; and minimum GPA of 3.0 in EFND 2030, EPSY 2020, SPED 2000 (must have a B or better), and SPED 2000L
- Application deadline is February 15
- Contact Kevin Ayres for information on the Special Education program at the Gwinnett University Center (678-407-5374 or kayres@uga.edu); application deadline at GUC is March 15

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#### **SPORT STUDIES ([www.coe.uga.edu/kinesiology/pe-sport/undergrad/sportstudies.html](http://www.coe.uga.edu/kinesiology/pe-sport/undergrad/sportstudies.html))**

- Prepares students to work in the fields of Sport Business and Communication
- Areas A-F and 60 hours must be complete or in process of completion when applying to the program
- Application requires minimum GPA of 2.3 in Area F and overall and submission of an application including student's background in sports, career goals, and a statement of how a sport studies major complements career goals
- Application deadlines are 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in January for Fall start and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in September for Spring start

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◆ **The College of Education also offers a minor in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. For more information about this minor, visit [www.coe.uga.edu/le/addlang/tesol/minor](http://www.coe.uga.edu/le/addlang/tesol/minor) or contact Ms. Wendy Williams (542-4517, elan@uga.edu, 125 Aderhold).**