# Unified Early Childhood (UEC)

## UEC 220 Introduction to Inclusive Early Childhood Education (3 crs)
Prerequisite: SEIP 200
Introduction to history, philosophy, and legal foundation of ECE and early childhood special education and blended/inclusive early childhood education practices.

Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## UEC 221 Leadership & Mentoring in Early Childhood 1 (1 cr)
Consent: Instructor Consent Required
Academic component for ECLIPSE, work-study, community service learning and child development grant. Participation in supervised field experiences (90 hours) serving children from high-risk populations. Focus is Early Childhood literacy and community resources.

Attributes: LE-I1 Integration, LE-R3 Civic and Environmental Issues, Service-Learning, Full 30 Hours
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## UEC 321 Observation and Informal Assessment of Young Children (2 crs)
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors, admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
Survey of observational and informal assessment strategies for documenting the developmental changes in young children. Developmental screening and eligibility determination, and planning and monitoring instruction/intervention are included.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## UEC 322 Inclusive Play and Sensory Exploration in Early Childhood Education (3 crs)
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors, admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
This course emphasizes connections between play/sensory exploration and development in all five domains and pre-academic skills. Theory is integrated into embedding IEP/IFSP goals into the routines, planning environments, and facilitating/extendng engagement and social interactions.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## UEC 324 Language and Cultural Diversity in Inclusive Early Childhood Education (3 crs)
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Limited to SPED, Unified Early Childhood majors admitted to the College of Education and Human Sciences.
Exploration of language/cultural diversity in ECE. Topics include literacy, social and instructional language development in young dual language learners. Strategies for involving families/caregivers in the early literacy process and supporting their language and culture.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## UEC 421 Early Childhood Pre-Primary Methods (3 crs)
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in SPED 200, UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Grade of B- or above in UEC 422 or concurrent enrollment. Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors, admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
Instructional and intervention methods for children three-to-six in inclusive settings. Developing/ maintaining healthy, safe, and engaging stands-based learning environments as well as nutrition, program administration, parent involvement, and supervision of classroom staff will be covered.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## UEC 422 Pre-Primary Practicum (2 crs)
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in SPED 200, UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Grade of B- or above in UEC 421 (formerly SPED 421) or concurrent enrollment. Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
Students are expected to spend a minimum of 4 hours per week in a pre-primary classroom.
Candidates will develop and teach teacher- and child-directed activities and lessons in an inclusive pre-primary classroom. They will also assist the classroom teacher in monitoring groups and setting up learning areas of the classroom.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 2
**UEC 424 Inclusive Numeracy and Math: 0-8 (3 crs)**
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors, admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
The developmental process of early numeracy birth throughout third grade mathematics instruction. Emphasis on the mathematical language and early numeracy; facilitating, scaffolding, nurturing, and igniting interest in numeracy and mathematical thinking in young children.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**UEC 425 Integrated Curriculum and Inquiry (3 crs)**
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors, admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
Integrated curriculum development and intentionally planning inquiry-based learning connected to the interests of young children. Active, standards-based science, numeracy/literacy, and social studies, promoting social relationships/ oral language development, critical thinking and problem solving, in inclusive environments.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**UEC 426 Infant and Toddler Intervention and Programming (3 crs)**
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in SPED 200, UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors, admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
Infant and toddler early intervention and care with emphasis on Health/safety, nutrition and designing/evaluating effective activities/environments. Cultural competence, Child Find, IFSPs, OSEP accountability, primary provider support model, child care and Parents as Teachers will be addressed. Weekly Field Placement.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2.5
Lab/Studio Hours: .5

**UEC 472 Student Teaching in Early Childhood (3 crs)**
Prerequisite: SPED 423, SPED 431; UEC 220, UEC 321, UEC 322, UEC 324, UEC 325, UEC 421, UEC 422, UEC 424, and UEC 425. Minimum GPA of 2.75 in major and minimum total overall GPA of 2.75.
Consent: Department Consent Required
- Admission to the professional semester and departmental approval is required.
  Must earn a B- or above in this course.

Student teaching in an early childhood education setting for candidates seeking to extend a certification.
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Practicum Hours: 3

**UEC 475 Internship Teaching in Early Childhood (7-14 crs)**
Prerequisite: SPED 423, SPED 431; UEC 220, UEC 321, UEC 322, UEC 324, UEC 325, UEC 421, UEC 422, UEC 424, and UEC 425. Minimum GPA of 2.75 in major and minimum total overall GPA of 2.75.
Consent: Department Consent Required
- Admission to the professional semester and department approval is required.

Must earn a B- or above in this course. The intern is a paid contractual member of a public school staff who spends an entire semester in a school system, including the opening and closing periods.

Attributes: Internship
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

**UEC 493 International Experience in Early Childhood (3 crs)**
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Grade of B- or above in UEC 324 or concurrent enrollment. Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors, admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
Candidates will assist/teach in an international early childhood classroom. Emphasis is on applying strategies for facilitating social interaction, literacy/ numeracy, play, and communication between young children in the home
language and English.

Attributes: Undergraduate/Graduate Offering
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 2

**UEC 521 Observation and Informal Assessment of Young Children (2 crs)**
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- Cross-listed with UEC 321. Credit may not be earned in both courses.

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Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
UEC 522 Inclusive Play and Sensory Exploration in Early Childhood (3 crs)
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors, admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
• Cross-listed with UEC 322. Credit may not be earned in both courses.
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Attributes: Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

UEC 524 Language and Cultural Diversity in Inclusive Early Childhood Education (3 crs)
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Limited to SPED, Unified Early Childhood majors admitted to the College of Education and Human Sciences.
• Cross-listed with UEC 324. Credit may not be earned in both courses.
Exploration of language/cultural diversity in ECE. Topics include literacy, social and instructional language development in young dual language learners. Strategies for involving families/caregivers in the early literacy process and supporting their language and culture.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

UEC 525 Inclusion and Collaboration in Early Childhood (3 crs)
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors, admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
• Cross-listed with UEC 325. Credit may not be earned in both courses.
Exploration of communication skills, collaboration, co-teaching, itinerant, coaching and consultation models of ECSE and EI services. Working with paraprofessionals, therapists, families, and caregivers to adapt/modify curriculum and participation, as a team will be emphasized.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

UEC 621 Early Childhood Pre-Primary Methods (3 crs)
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• Cross-listed with UEC 421. Credit may not be earned in both courses.
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Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

UEC 622 Pre-Primary Practicum (2 crs)
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• Cross-listed with UEC 422. Credit may not be earned in both courses.
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Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 2

UEC 624 Inclusive Numeracy and Math: 0-8 (3 crs)
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Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
**UEC 625 Integrated Curriculum and Inquiry (3 crs)**
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors, admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
- Cross-listed with UEC 425. Credit may not be earned in both courses.

Integrated curriculum development and intentionally planning inquiry-based learning connected to the interests of young children. Active, standards-based science, numeracy/literacy, and social studies, promoting social relationships/oral language development, critical thinking and problem solving, in inclusive environments.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**UEC 626 Infant and Toddler Intervention and Programming (3 crs)**
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in SPED 200, UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors, admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
- Cross-listed with UEC 426. Credit may not be earned in both courses.

Infant and toddler early intervention and care with emphasis on Health/safety, nutrition and designing/evaluating effective activities/environments. Cultural competence, Child Find, IFSPs, OSEP accountability, primary provider support model, child care and Parents as Teachers will be addressed. Weekly Field Placement.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2.5
Lab/Studio Hours: .5

**UEC 693 International Experience in Early Childhood (3 crs)**
Prerequisite: Grade of B- or above in UEC 220 (formerly SPED 220). Grade of B- or above in UEC 324 or concurrent enrollment. Limited to Special Education, Unified Early Childhood majors, admitted to College of Education and Human Sciences.
Consent: Instructor Consent Required
- Cross-listed with UEC 493. Credit may not be earned in both courses.

Candidates will assist/teach in an international early childhood classroom. Emphasis is on applying strategies for facilitating social interaction, literacy/numeracy, play, and communication between young children in the home language and English.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 2