

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVISION: SPECIAL EDUCATION
K-12 ENDORSEMENT, BS**

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents receive and place on file a program revision: Special Education K-12 Endorsement, BS.

STAFF SUMMARY

The Department of Special Education & Communication Sciences and Disorders combined the 10 current special education majors into a single Special Education major with four concentrations: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cognitive Impairment, Emotional Impairment, and Learning Disabilities.

This program revision includes the following enhancements:

- Aligns program requirements with the Secondary Teaching and Learning Major and the Early Childhood-Elementary Teaching and Learning Major. Students in the Special Education K-12 Endorsement major will double major with one of these two majors, earning teacher certification with a special education endorsement. The Early Childhood-Elementary Teaching and Learning Major was introduced last year in response to changes to the State of Michigan's requirements.
- Reduces the number of credit hours required for the major from 51-59 to 30-36 credit hours, allowing students to complete their degree in a shorter amount of time.
- The previous structure of the majors gave students the impression that they were earning an "elementary" or "secondary" special education endorsement, which is not the case. All students will complete the same Special Education K-12 Endorsement coursework; the difference is what students select as a double major, Teaching and Learning (with Elementary Certification) or Teaching and Learning (with Secondary Certification).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.



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Date