

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Overview

University of
Massachusetts
Amherst **BE REVOLUTIONARY™**



- ❖ Common Application
 - Education BA or Education Exportary Track (ET)
- ❖ Education BA
 - Start off as a Community Education and Social Change Major
- ❖ Apply to Early Childhood Education (ECE) program later in college career.



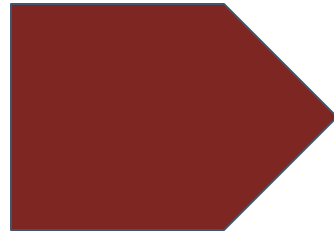
Entering

Education (BA)

Community Education and
Social Change

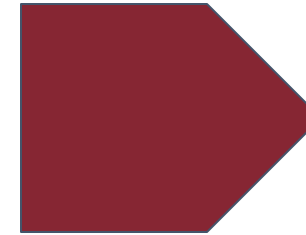
OR

Exploratory Track -
Education (ET)



Sophomore Year

Apply to Early
Childhood
Education



Junior &
Senior Year

Complete ECE
concentration,
including student
teaching senior
year.

- ❖ Initial license to teach grades Pre-K-2
- ❖ Closed major: apply in January of Sophomore year
- ❖ 2 year program
 - ❖ Junior & Senior year





- ❖ Complete your general education requirements
- ❖ Complete prerequisite courses (see next slide)
- ❖ Gain some experience working outside of the classroom
- ❖ Explore and take classes that benefit and interest you

What is needed to apply?

❖ Prerequisite classes

- ❖ HUMDEV 270: Child Development
- ❖ MATH 113: Math for Elementary Teachers I
- ❖ MATH 114: Math for Elementary Teachers II
- ❖ EDUC 325: Intro to Special Education
- ❖ ***Diversity Elective***

❖ 3.0 GPA or higher

❖ Experience working with children!



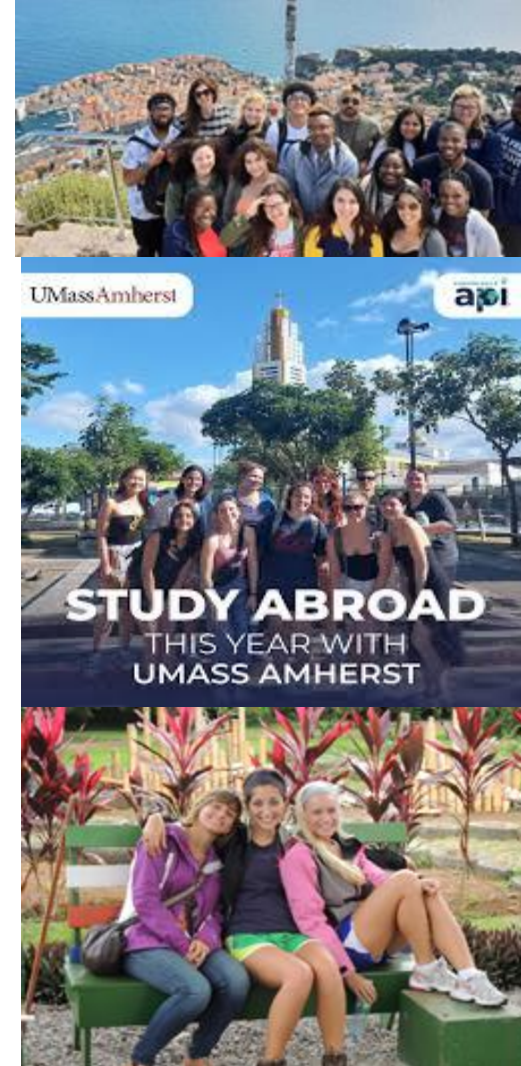


- ❖ Passion for the role
- ❖ Understanding and appreciation for social justice and cultural competence
- ❖ Ability to work in diverse populations
- ❖ Highly effective interpersonal and communication skills
- ❖ Strong advocates and leaders
- ❖ Experience working with students!

Study Abroad



- Study Abroad experience for students pursuing the ECE program is recommended during sophomore year.
- Students in the ECE concentration can study abroad junior year. However, this will require some adjustments in the typical course plan which may include summer ECE coursework.



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