

# Special Education Concentration Overview

University of  
Massachusetts  
Amherst **BE REVOLUTIONARY™**



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



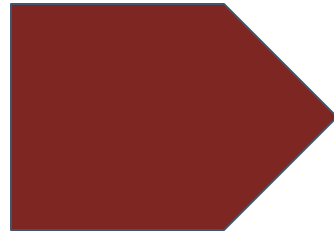
Entering

Education (BA)

Community Education and  
Social Change

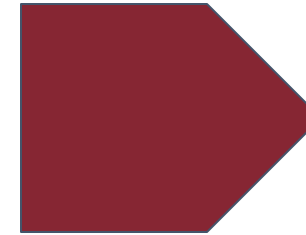
OR

Exploratory Track -  
Education (ET)



Apply to Special  
Education  
Concentration

Sophomore Year



Junior &  
Senior Year

Complete Special  
Education degree,  
including student  
teaching senior  
year.

- ❖ Initial license to teach students with moderate disabilities in either grades Pre-K- 8 OR 5-12
- ❖ 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

❖ 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

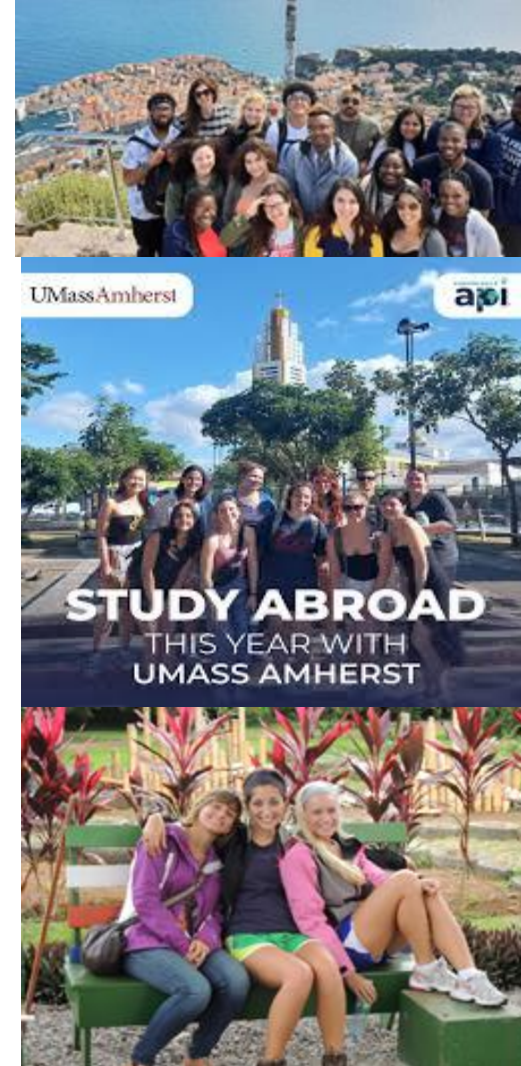


- ❖ Highly effective interpersonal and communication skills
- ❖ Strong advocates and leaders
- ❖ Experience working with students!

# Study Abroad



- Study Abroad experience for students pursuing the Special Education program is recommended during sophomore year.



# Undergraduate Advising Team

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