

SMCC AA Liberal Studies to USM BS Special Education

The following Transfer Map highlights the Pathway that leads a student from an Associates in Liberal Studies at SMCC to a Bachelors of Science in Special Education at USM. The information is pulled from the Maine System’s transfer tool and the 2023-2024 academic course catalogs at SMCC and USM. The map will be updated each academic year if any changes are made to the course equivalencies listed here. Students following this map should monitor for updates.

The key directions:

- SMCC students should follow their Liberal Studies degree audit sheet.
- Every course on the audit sheet that is completed with a C- or better earns the same number of credits at USM—the equivalent USM courses and credits will later appear on your USM transcript.
- The SMCC Liberal Studies degree has 62 credits. Another 58 credits will be required at USM to earn the USM Special Education degree. The 58 USM credits will be a combination of Special Education major requirements and general electives.
- An SMCC student can begin satisfying USM Special Education requirements by taking the Special Education classes identified in **STEP 2** below as electives within the SMCC Liberal Studies major.
- An SMCC Liberal Studies degree waives the student’s academic Core requirements at USM.

STEP 1–The SMCC Coursework

Course at SMCC	SMCC Code	Course at USM	USM Code	Credits
English Composition	ENGL 100	College Writing	ENG 100	3
Introduction to Literature	ENGL 115	Reading Literature	ENG 140	3
Student Success	FIGS 100	General Elective	GEL 1XX	1
Math Elective		Every class and credit on the Liberal Studies audit sheet will transfer to USM as a USM class and credit—either as a required class for the Special Education major or as a general elective that helps achieve the required 120 credits total. These will be posted after acceptance at USM.		3
Science Elective				4
Art or Music Elective				3
Psychology/Sociology Elective				3
Economics/Political Science Elective				3
Humanities Elective				3
English Communications Elective				3
Diversity Elective				3
Ethical Reasoning Elective				3
Fine Arts or Humanities Elective				3
History Elective				3
Liberal Studies Electives				12
Free Electives				9
A student following this sequence would earn an Associates in Arts in Liberal Studies from SMCC and would have 62 transferable credits to USM.				62

STEP 2–The USM Coursework

The following chart details the Special Education and General Elective requirements that would remain at USM for a student who has completed an SMCC Liberal Studies degree.

USM CLASS	Credits	SMCC CLASS	Credits
EDU 305 - Foundations of Cultural and Linguistic Diversity	3	NA	
HRD 200 - Multicultural Human Development	3	PSYCH 220-Lifespan Developmental	3
SED 235 - Students with Exceptionalities in General Education	3	EDUC 230- Teaching Exceptional Learners	3
SED 282 - Special Education Regulations, Procedures, and the IEP Team	3	NA	
SED 318 - Targeted and Individualized Instructional Strategies for Students with Disabilities	3	NA	
SED 387 - Technology for Learning and Communication	3	NA	
SED 393- Transitions Among School, Agency, and Community	3	NA	
SED 415 -Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)	3	NA	
SED 453 - Assessment of Academic Achievement	3	NA	
SED 425 - Multi-Tier Mathematics Instruction and Assessment	3	NA	
SED 427 - Multi-Tier Reading Instruction and Assessment	3	NA	
SED 488 - Internship in Special Education for Students with Mild to Moderate Disabilities	6	NA	
Total Special Education Credits Required by USM	39	USM Special Education Credits Available at SMCC	6
Special Education Credits to be Earned at USM			33-39
General Elective Credits to be Earned at USM			19-25
Total Credits Required for the USM Special Education Degree			120

A student that completes at least 30 credits at SMCC, but did not earn an SMCC degree, may do a **Reverse Transfer** by sending credits earned at USM “back” to SMCC.