

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Degree: Master of Education
 Division: Teacher Education
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 College: Professional Studies

The division offers a master's degree specialization in Secondary Education within the M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction program.

These master's degree programs are designed to prepare broadly educated teachers who will assume varied instructional leadership roles in the profession.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this catalog.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to meeting the minimum University standards for admission to graduate studies, students must comply with the requirements for admission to Teacher Education. These requirements are listed in the graduate programs section of the catalog under Teacher Education. Students are selected for admission on the basis of the undergraduate GPA, graduate course GPA, and GRE scores.

A limited number of students not meeting the minimum requirements may be granted conditional admission.

When the student does not have an undergraduate major or the equivalent in secondary education, prerequisite course work will be required and planned for the candidate by the student's academic advisor.

When evidence indicates weakness in academic or professional skills, the candidate may be recommended for non-credit personal improvement work in these areas.

Other Considerations

Transfer credit: Students may be permitted to transfer up to 6 semester hours of graduate credit with the approval of the academic advisor and chairperson.

Use of undergraduate credit: With prior approval of the student's academic advisor and the department chairperson, a maximum of 6 semester hours of 3000- or 4000-level course work may be applied toward the master's degree.

Use of workshop credit: No more than 6 semester hours of credit in workshop courses may be applied toward the master's degree.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general University requirements, candidates for this degree must meet the following requirements:

- A. Degree program must include at least 36 semester hours of approved course work (45 hours for certification programs).

- B. At least one-half of the credit hours included in the degree program must be taken in the specialization area.
- C. At least one-half of the credit hours included in the degree program must be in courses numbered 6000 or above.
- D. Degree candidates must complete an approved degree project. The degree project will take one of three forms:
 - 1. A written comprehensive examination is required of all degree candidates who do not select the action research or the thesis option.
 - 2. The action research option requires the design, implementation, and scholarly report of an action research project.
 - 3. The thesis option requires the production of a scholarly report of an investigation resulting from a study based on a careful review of related literature.

SECONDARY EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION (students with teacher certification)

The Secondary Level Specialization prepares in-service secondary school teachers through a master's degree. The specialization focuses on a balance between content, pedagogy, and the nature of the adolescent learner. Specializations include mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies. A comprehensive exam and culminating experience is required.

Professional Education Common Core (9 sh)

(taken in sequence):

EDF 6602	Trends & Issues in Education: Social, Multicultural, Historical, & Philosophical Analysis	3
EDF 6218	Current Issues in Student Development & Learning	3
ESE 6421	Research Practicum	3

Major Courses (18 sh)

EDG 6344C	Instructional Management & Technology	3
EEX 6051	Exceptionalities	3
ESE 6035	School Involvement & Community Relations ...	3
ESE 6217	Integrated Curriculum	3
ESE 6344	Classroom Management	3
ESE 6426	Action Research	3
Course offered 1-6 sh per semester		

Electives (9 sh)

Electives must be approved by the advisor.

Degree Project/Comprehensive Examination (0 sh)

A research project or action research, and a comprehensive examination are required for graduation.

SECONDARY EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION (students without teacher certification)

The Secondary Level Specialization prepares prospective secondary school teachers through a master's degree. The specialization focuses on a balance between content, pedagogy, the nature of the adolescent learner, and includes student teaching. Secondary level specializations include mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies. A comprehensive examination and culminating experience is required.

Requirements for teacher education programs may change due to legislative mandates. Therefore, the actual program requirements may differ from those listed in the catalog. Candidates must inquire with the Chair of the Division of Teacher Education or with Teacher Education Student Services to obtain the most current program requirements.

Professional Education Common Core (9 sh)

Same as Secondary Education Specialization with Certification.

Major Courses (30 sh)

EDG 5940	Graduate Student Teaching	6
	Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	
EDG 6344C	Instructional Management & Technology	3
EEX 6051	Exceptionalities	3
ESE 6035	School Involvement & Community Relations	3
ESE 6215	Curriculum, Instruction, Methods: Secondary Education	3
ESE 6217	Integrated Curriculum	3
ESE 6344	Classroom Management	3
ESE 6426	Action Research	3
	Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	
ESE 6944	Graduate Methods/ESOL/Reading Practicum: Secondary Education	3

Specialization Elective (3 sh)

Choose one:

LAE 6325	Language Arts Instruction in Middle and Secondary School Settings	3
MAE 6361	Teaching Mathematics in Middle Level and Secondary Education	3
SCE 6625	Science Instruction in the Middle and Secondary School	3
SSE 6326	Teaching Social Studies in Middle and Secondary Level Education	3

Electives (3 sh)

Electives must be approved by the advisor.

Degree Project/Comprehensive Examination (0 sh)

A research project or action research, and a comprehensive examination are required for graduation.