

Master of Arts (MA)

The Master of Arts in Secondary Education is designed to serve the need for advanced study at the graduate level by middle, junior and senior high school teachers and is built upon the Model of the Teacher as Competent Professional Educator. The objective of the degree is to enhance the teaching and organizational ability of the candidate and thus improve classroom instruction.

By advancing a candidate's already sound understanding of pedagogical strategies and techniques, candidates will improve classroom instruction, management, and overall effectiveness as a middle-level educator.

This graduate program **does not lead to an initial teaching certification**, but assists educators to become leaders in their field of expertise.

The Master of Arts in Secondary Education offers two emphasis options: *Educational Studies* and *Educational Technology*.

Option in Educational Studies consists of 30 credit hours divided into 12-15 credit hours of online core course work and 15-18 credit hours of electives in their field of expertise: i.e. Autism Certificate, Advanced Placement, specific content, professional development courses, and/or other areas of interest.

Option in Educational Technology consists of 30 credit hours of online course work in the area of technology and pedagogical knowledge. This program prepares teachers, administrators, trainers, and other educational professionals for the thoughtful and practical use of current technologies to support teaching and learning in a range of educational environments.

Becoming Career Ready...

/ Select an emphasis area of study in either Educational Studies or Educational Technology

/ Gain the knowledge and skills to implement technology as a tool for teaching and learning

/ Receive personal attention from a faculty advisor with expertise in the area of study

/ Complete course work online, at your own pace

/ Complete research relating to issues in your own teaching

Career Planning

Teachers with this master's degree are often considered leaders in their school setting and may also become curriculum specialists, department chairs, experts in their field, or team leaders.

Candidates who choose 15 hours of content as their electives are also eligible to teach dual credit courses in their school. Many graduates with a Master's degree in Educational Studies have become leaders in other settings.

**Internship and Employment
Opportunities of Recent Graduates/
Graduate Schools and Programs of
Recent Graduates**

- District Technology Director
- Curriculum Leader
- Program Leader

Admission Requirements

1. Undergraduate GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
2. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and a valid teaching certificate are **not** required

Applicants who are denied admission can appeal to the College of Education, Health and Human Studies Admission Appeals Committee, which is composed of one representative from each program offering a graduate program.

Graduation Requirement

The student must attain an overall GPA of 3.25 in order to graduate from the program.

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This is a guide based on the 2019-2020 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

SECONDARY EDUCATION – 30 hours – 3.25 GPA Required

Core Courses:

- GR691 Methods of Research (3)
- SE600 Multimedia in Education (3)*
- SE638 Improvement of Instruction & Assessment (3)
- SE641 Teaching in a Multicultural Society (3)
- SE642 Secondary Curriculum Development (3)
- GR698 Master's Final Comprehensive Exam (0)- Must be taken during the last semester

*May not be required for Educational Studies option, depending on content area chosen

Educational Studies Option:

15-18 hours in subject specialty area**

- SE500 Technology in Instruction (3)
- SE602 Effective Literacy Instruction at the Middle and Secondary Level (3)

**Specialty area to be chosen from: Art, Autism, English, Science

Educational Technology Option:

- SE500 Technology in Instruction (3)
- SE617 Foundations of Educational Technology (3)
- SE618 Assessment Using Technology (3)
- SE683 Instructional Design and Technology (3)
- SE685 Planning for Tech in the School District/Organization (3)

These two programs do not require an internship or practicum. However, the Educational Studies option best serves to those students who are current teachers

Southeast Missouri State University is consistently recognized for academic excellence by the U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Rankings for Institutions in the Midwest. Southeast Missouri State University is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. In addition, the College of Education has received national recognition for many of their programs in the Early, Elementary, Special Education and Secondary programs. This recognition highlights the College of Education's commitment to providing education of the highest quality and standards to our students.

Graduate education at Southeast is guaranteed quality at an affordable price. Southeast offers competitive tuition rates for graduate students, compared to other online graduate programs.