

Master of Arts (MA)

The Master of Arts with a major 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.

This program is an online graduate degree that offers two emphasis areas: Educational Studies and Educational Technology. The Educational Studies is designed to help classroom teachers deepen their teaching skills and knowledge in their field of expertise or expand their expertise in the area Technology by choosing the Educational Technology as an area of interest. This graduate program does not lead to an initial teaching certification, but it assists you to become a leader in your field of expertise.

The graduate program in Secondary Education- Educational Studies consists of 33 credit hours. These 33 credit hours are divided into 18 credit hours of online core course work and 15 credit hours of electives, making this program extremely convenient and practical for a full-time teacher.

The graduate program in Secondary Education- Educational Technology consists of 33 credit hours of online course work in the area of technology and pedagogical knowledge. This program is an affordable program that provides you with up-to-date technology, practical knowledge and valuable skills for a full-time teacher.

Secondary Education students will...

- Be able to choose an emphasis area of study in either Educational Studies or Educational Technology
- Receive personal attention from a faculty advisor with expertise in the area of study
- Complete course work online, at their own pace
- Complete research relating to issues in their 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. Those 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
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Admission Requirements

1. Holds a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. Has an undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (except when superseded by specific program requirements which require a higher GPA).
3. Applicants who are denied admission have the opportunity to appeal to the College of Education 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 2016-2017 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 DegreeWorks to monitor their progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

SECONDARY EDUCATION – 33 hours – 3.25 GPA Required

Core Courses:

- ___ EF690 Foundations of Curriculum Development (3)
- ___ GR691 Methods of Research (3)
- ___ SE600 Multimedia in Education (3)
- ___ SE637 Curriculum Construction (3)
- ___ SE638 Improvement of Instruction & Assessment (3)
- ___ SE641 Teaching in a Multicultural Society (3)
- ___ GR698 Master's Final Comprehensive Exam (0)- Must be taken during the last semester

Educational Studies Option:

- ___ 15 hours of electives approved by advisor. Electives could include:
 - Any Subject Specialty courses
 - Advanced Placement Workshops
 - Teacher Education Courses
 - SE680 Variable topics in Middle and Secondary Education
 - Autism
 - Special Education

Educational Technology Option:

- ___ SE500 Internet in Education (3)
- ___ SE617 Foundations of Educational Technology (3)
- ___ SE680 Topics in Middle & Secondary Education (3)
- ___ SE683 Instructional Design & Technology (3)
- ___ SE685 Planning for Technology in the School District (3)

Degree Requirements

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The Master of Arts degree in Secondary Education consists of two options:

- Educational Studies
- Educational technology

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. Additionally, National Education Association (NEA) members are offered in-state tuition rates, plus a 5% discount rate.