

Master of Education Special Education

Degree Program

A minimum of 33 credit hours is required. All program plans consist of:

1. 12 hours of core courses,
2. 9-15 hours in a concentration,
3. Electives that offer an opportunity to specialize, and
4. a capstone or internship.

Emphasis Areas and Program Websites

- Autism and Developmental Disabilities - https://coe.umsl.edu/mycoe/index.cfm?event=p2_pe:viewProgram&program_id=MEd.SpecEd-AutismDevDis
- Cross Categorical Disabilities - https://coe.umsl.edu/mycoe/index.cfm?event=p2_pe:viewProgram&program_id=MEd.SpecEd-CrossCat
- Early Childhood Special Education - https://coe.umsl.edu/mycoe/index.cfm?event=p2_pe:viewProgram&program_id=MEd.SpecEd-EarlyCh

Application Requirements

1. Application - <http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html>
2. Official transcripts from all universities attended
 - a. Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree in education before beginning the master's program.
3. Grade Point Average
 - a. Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale
 - b. Students whose total undergraduate GPA and major GPA are between 2.75 and 2.99 may be admitted on a restricted basis except in the following circumstances:
 - i. Admission requires GPAs of 2.75 or better in
 1. a) the undergraduate major field,
 2. b) education coursework, and
 3. c) overall.
 - ii. Students with GPAs below 2.75 may submit "supportive evidence" and letters of recommendation. Students entering with GPAs below 2.75 are admitted on restricted status and required to obtain a 3.0 graduate GPA in their first 12 graduate hours.
4. Entrance examinations
 - a. There are no entrance exams for domestic students.
 - b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
5. Letters of recommendation
 - a. May be invited for applicants who do not meet the normal criteria for admission.

Application Deadlines

Deadline for receipt of all admission materials

- Summer session: May 1
- Fall semester: July 1
- Spring semester: December 1

Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

Assistantships and Fellowships

Typically, assistantships are awarded only to doctoral students.

Program Chair

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For Advising Services

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