

# CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION, M.A.

The Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction is a non-thesis program designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of individuals who work in educational settings as well as those who wish to serve as educational advocates.

In the spirit of the Jesuit tradition of education, this program is committed to providing students with:

- Individualized academic experiences that focus on their specific area of interest related to teaching and learning, classroom instruction, and curriculum development
- Learning experiences that bridge research and practice
- Opportunities to explore educational issues through a social justice perspective

## Curriculum Overview

The degree requires completion of 32 credits of coursework, an oral examination, and a content-focused theme paper.

## Careers

Possible career paths for someone with a graduate degree in curriculum and instruction include curriculum coordinator, teacher educator, educational outreach coordinator, nonprofit specialist, special educator, adult educator, and educational advocate.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants must have completed 18 credits of upper-division undergraduate coursework in education or related areas approved by the School of Education.

### Application Requirements

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE or other applicable graduate entry exam scores
- Résumé
- Professional goal statement

### Requirements for International Students

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency>)
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the

grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Please note that application deadlines for this program differ for international students.

### Application Deadlines

Domestic students should apply for the fall semester by July 1, for the spring semester by November 1 and for the summer semester by April 1. International students should apply by May 1 for the fall semester, Oct. 1 for the spring semester and February 1 for the summer semester.

### Review Process

A committee reviews each application wholly.

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for graduate assistantship, applicants should complete their applications by February 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at <http://finaid.slu.edu>.

## Accreditation

The School of Education at Saint Louis University is accredited by Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). To contact CAEP:

1140 19th St NW #400  
Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: (202) 223-0077

## Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to explain learning and curriculum theories.
2. Graduates will be able to research questions in the field of curriculum and instruction.
3. Graduates will be able to analyze social justice issues in education.
4. Graduates will be able to explain how learning and curriculum theories are used to develop education programs.
5. Graduates will be able to use oral and written communication.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Curriculum and Instruction</b>		
<i>Select two of the following:</i>		6
EDI 6450	Curriculum Development	
EDI 6460	Curriculum Theory	
EDI 6310	The Supervision Process in Elementary School	
or EDI 6320	The Supervision Process in Secondary School	
EDI 6410	Elementary School Curriculum	
or EDI 6420	Secondary School Curriculum	
or EDI 6430	Middle School Curriculum	
or EDI 6440	Curriculum Development in Parochial Schools	
EDI 6230	Seminar in Instruction	
<b>Educational Psychology</b>		
EDF 5300	Advanced Educational Psychology	3
or EDF 5700	Advanced Growth and Development	
<b>Educational Philosophy or History</b>		
EDF 6100	Studies in Educational Philosophy	3

or EDF 6460 History of American Education from 1865

<b>Electives</b>		
<i>Select 14 credits of the following:</i>		<b>14</b>
EDF 5600	Foundations of Urban Education	
EDF 6600	Education in American Culture	
EDI 5390	Teaching Reading: Contemporary Issues & Practices	
EDI 5600	Models of Teaching	
EDI 6250	Practicum Curriculum and Instruction	
EDI 6550	Principles of Assessment for Education Settings	
EDSP 5260	Practicum in Special Ed.	
EDSP 5310	Advanced Studies in Psych/Educ the Exceptional Child	
EDSP 5530	Fundamentals in Neurology	
EDSP 6020	History and Philosophy of Special Education	
EDSP 6030	Ethics of Special Education Leadership	
EDSP 6060	Media and Disability Issues	
EDSP 6110	Special Educ Administration	
EDSP 6120	Comparison of International SPED Programs	
EDSP 6500	Advanced Seminar in Special Education	

<b>Research Courses</b>		
EDR 5400	Qual Research in Education	3
EDR 5100	Intro to Inferential Stats: Ed	3
or EDR 5600	General Research Methods for Education	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>32</b>

### Non-Course Requirements

- Students must complete a theme paper on a topic related to their coursework
- Students must complete an oral examination.

### Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

### Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
EDI 6460	Curriculum Theory	3
EDR 5000	General Research Methods for Education	3
or EDR 5100	or Intro to Inferential Stats: Ed	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

<b>Spring</b>		
EDI 6450	Curriculum Development	3
EDR 5400	Qual Research in Education	3
or EDR 5100	or Intro to Inferential Stats: Ed	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

<b>Summer</b>		
Content Elective (see below)		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
EDF 6100	Studies in Educational Philosophy	3
EDF 5300	Advanced Educational Psychology	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

<b>Spring</b>		
EDI 6550	Principles of Assessment for Education Settings	3
Content Elective (see below)		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

<b>Summer</b>		
Content Elective (see below)		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

<b>Year Three</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
EDI 6410	Elementary School Curriculum	3
or EDI 6420	or Secondary School Curriculum	
or EDI 6430	or Middle School Curriculum	
Theme paper and oral exam		0
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>33</b>

### Program Notes

<b>Content Electives</b>		
Code	Title	Credits
EDF 5600	Foundations of Urban Education	3
EDF 5700	Advanced Growth and Development	3
EDF 6650	Seminar: History of American Education	3
EDI 5390	Teaching Reading: Contemporary Issues & Practices	3
EDI 5600	Models of Teaching	3
EDI 6230	Seminar in Instruction	3
EDI 6310	The Supervision Process in Elementary School	3
EDI 6320	The Supervision Process in Secondary School	3
EDSP 6020	History and Philosophy of Special Education	3

<sup>1</sup> Indicates available as a summer elective

### Contact Us

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 314-977-3292  
 slued@slu.edu