Elementary Education
Master of Science

The Master of Science (MS) and the Master of Education (M.Ed) degrees are offered by the Department of Teaching and Learning in the College of Education and Human Development. These two Elementary Education Master Programs strive for excellence in education for all learners. The Programs are dedicated to the professional development of responsive teachers as learners, active agents of learning, and articulate visionaries. We provide high quality educational experiences that emphasize inquiry, reflection, and collaboration. In order to be accessible to our graduate students we offer Programs in a variety of formats including campus based and distance degrees.

The Master of Science: Elementary Education is committed to preparing knowledgeable and responsive educators through the advanced study of research, creative scholarship, and educational theory. Students in the program will:
- Commit to the continuing process of learning with an emphasis on learning to teach.
- Become more confident, responsive, and reflective as decision-makers in their educational learning communities.
- Plan, implement, and evaluate strategies of research in education.
- Examine practices and assumptions in schools, including moral and ethical standards along with the concerns of schools in society.
- Embrace inclusive diversity by meeting the varied needs of students and communities.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must meet the School of Graduate Studies’ current minimum general admission requirements as published in the graduate catalog.

- Teacher Licensure or a baccalaureate degree
- A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.75 for all undergraduate work or a GPA of at least 3.0 for the junior and senior years of undergraduate work (based on A= 4.00).
- Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies’ English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog.

Refer to the Admissions section of the graduate catalog for additional information on admission requirements and application procedures.

Degree Requirements

Degree requirements for the Master of Science Degree in Elementary Education include:

A detailed description of the M.S. degree may be found in the Degree Requirements section. Scholarly tool requirements are described in the Education departmental section.

The Master of Science Degree in Elementary Education is available in two tracks. Track I, either thesis or non-thesis, is open to licensed or non-licensed persons who wish to follow a research-oriented program of study. Track I requires a minimum of five credits of scholarly tool coursework and allows a maximum three credits of readings.

Track II, available only in the non-thesis option, provides opportunity for non-licensed persons to study Elementary Education at the graduate level. Track II requires a minimum of six credits of coursework in Foundations of Education.

Non-Thesis Option:
- Thirty-two (32) credits including credits required for the major.
- A minimum of three credits of Independent Study
- At least one-half of the credits must be at or above the 500-level.

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• A maximum of one-fourth of the credit hours required for the degree may be transferred from another institution.
• Preparation of a written independent study approved by the faculty advisor.

Thesis Option:
1. A minimum of 30 semester credits in a major field, including the credits granted for the thesis and the research leading to the thesis.
2. At least one-half of the credits must be at or above the 500-level.
3. A maximum of one-fourth of the credit hours required for the degree may be transferred from another institution.

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*The Department of Teaching & Learning also offers a Master of Education degree in Elementary Education.