

# CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION, MA

*for the degree of Master of Arts in Curriculum & Instruction*

Through the Master of Education and the Certificate of Advanced Study, experienced teachers are prepared to become more competent and better informed practitioners who serve as leaders for educational reform in local schools and school districts.

Also offered are master's degree programs leading to teacher licensure for individuals who have a degree in a field other than education and wish to become teachers. The four majors leading to licensure are Early Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 2), Elementary Education (Grades 1 - 6), Middle Grades Education (Grades 5-8), and Secondary Education (Grades 9 - 12). In addition to completing the courses required for an Ed.M. degree, students in these programs follow the same sequence of professional education courses as undergraduate students.

Only master's students wishing to become licensed teachers in one of these areas should apply to the Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Middle Grades, or Secondary Education majors. Master's degree candidates who do not wish to become teachers, or who are already teachers, should apply to the major in Curriculum and Instruction. The EdM is attained through satisfactory completion of coursework while the MA and MS degrees require the completion and defense of a thesis.

Two doctoral degree programs are offered. The Ph.D. program prepares degree candidates for careers involving research and scholarship, including those in colleges and universities where research is generally combined with teacher education. The Ed.D. program prepares scholarly practitioners for leadership positions in teacher training institutions, state education agencies, and public school districts.

Length of time for a degree: an Ed.M. program can be completed by a student attending full-time in a calendar year, while the M.S. or M.A. often takes longer. The Ed.M. with licensure typically takes two years to complete. Doctoral programs usually require five years of full time study.

## Admission

Interested applicants should start at the College of Education Graduate Programs website (<http://education.illinois.edu/programs/grad/>). In addition to the application, the applicant is required to submit the following information: a statement of purpose, updated resume, official transcripts from all colleges attended, and three letters of recommendation. A scholarly writing sample in English (e.g., a master's thesis, article, or academic paper) is required for application to a doctoral program. Note: The master's degree with teacher licensure program only admits students for the fall term.

International applicants must submit TOEFL scores. The Department of Curriculum and Instruction's TOEFL requirement for full status admission is greater than 102; the minimum score for limited status is 550 on the paper-based test, 79 on the internet-based test, and 213 on the computer-based test. International applicants also must submit a Declaration and Certification of Finances. Please note: TOEFL or IELTS scores must be less than two years old from the first day of class at the proposed term of entry in order to be valid. In addition, individual academic programs may require a higher score, or evidence of spoken English language proficiency; contact your proposed program of study office (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/depts/>) for the minimum TOEFL,

TSE, or IELTS requirement for admission. For additional details, refer to the Graduate College Handbook English Proficiency Requirements for Admission (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c/>).

## Faculty Research Interests

For information about specific faculty research interests, current grants, and publications, please visit the Faculty Finder (<https://education.illinois.edu/faculty-finder/>).

## Facilities and Resources

Departmental resources consist of cooperation with Children's Research Center, Center for Small Urban Communities, as well as other resources in the College. Students who are interested in second language acquisition can become a part of the SLATE program. The department is connected to the University of Illinois Writing Project and the following journals: *International Journal of Education & the Arts*, *Journal of Curriculum Studies*, and *American Educational Research Journal*. The department also has available resources and some workshops provided during the academic year. Program areas (including CREATE, DELTA, Language & Literacy, and MSE) offer discipline-specific resources.

The College of Education also has many resources to assist graduate students through their academic career. The Bureau of Educational Research works with students to secure research funding. The Council on Teacher Education (<http://cote.illinois.edu/>) entitles candidates seeking a Professional Educator License and provides accreditation of professional education programs. Each student completing a degree program is assigned a graduate adviser, who is available to assist the student with planning the program of study and determining degree requirements, courses and timelines for degree completion.

Information on University resources can be found at the GradMAP pages website (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/current-students/>).

## Financial Aid

Financial aid in the form of assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, and tuition waivers can be found throughout the college (<https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/financial-aid/>) and campus. Campus opportunities can be found at the Graduate College (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/funding-jobs/>) and the Office of Student Financial Aid (<http://www.osfa.illinois.edu/>). **Please note: Graduate students employed as Staff by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are not eligible for a College of Education Award or Scholarship.**

*for the degree of Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction*

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction offers many programs leading to the degree of Master of Arts (M.A.). A list of programs and additional requirements can be found on the program's website, (<https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/programs/?degree=edm&department=ci>) the College of Education Graduate Programs Handbook (<https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/>), and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

Students may select a concentration in Bilingual-Bicultural Education (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/>) or Digital Learning (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/>).

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Psychological Foundations Courses in Educational Psychology</b>		<b>4</b>
Select one of the following:		
EPSY 400	Psychology of Learning in Education	
EPSY 401	Child Language and Education	
EPSY 402	Sociocultural Influence on Learning	
EPSY 404	Adjustment in School Settings	
EPSY 405	Personality and Soc Dev	
EPSY 406	Psychology of Classroom Management	
EPSY 407	Adult Learning and Development	
EPSY 408	Learning and Human Development with Educational Technology	
EPSY 430	Early Adolescent Development	
EPSY 485	Assessing Student Performance	
EPSY 490	Developments in Educational Psychology	
EPSY 553	Global Issues in Learning	
<b>Philosophical and Social Foundations Courses in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership</b>		<b>4</b>
Select one of the following:		
EPOL 401	History of American Education	
EPOL 402	Asian American Education	
EPOL 403	Historical and Social Barriers	
EPOL 405	School and Society	
EPOL 406	Professional Ethics in Education	
EPOL 407	Critical Thinking in Education	
EPOL 408	Aesthetic Education	
EPOL 409	Sociology of Education	
EPOL 410	Racial and Ethnic Families	
EPOL 412	Politics of Education	
EPOL 413	Economics of Education	
EPOL 480	Technology and Educational Reform	
<b>Elective Hours:</b>		<b>24</b>
400/500-Level Hours Required, including Independent Study		
500-Level Hours Required in Education		
Research/Project/Independent Study Hours (min/max applied toward degree)		0-8
CI 599	Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)	2-8
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

## Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Minimum GPA	3.0
Human Subjects Approval	

for the degree of Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction

1. Students will acquire deep knowledge of content in the field of education.
2. Students will display a deep understanding of psychological foundations of learning.

3. Students will demonstrate a deep understanding of philosophical foundations of education.
4. Students will display a deep understanding of best pedagogical practices in K-12 classrooms, with attention to 21st century skills and practices.
5. Students will display deep knowledge of conducting a research study, including reviewing literature, collecting and analyzing data, and writing a thesis.

for the degree of Master of Arts in Curriculum & Instruction

## Graduate Degree Programs in Curriculum & Instruction

- Curriculum and Instruction, EdM (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction-edm/>) (on campus, off-campus & online)
  - optional concentrations:
    - Bilingual-Bicultural Education (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/>)
    - Digital Learning (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/>)
- Curriculum and Instruction, MA (p. 1)
  - optional concentrations: (p. 1)
    - Bilingual-Bicultural Education (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/>)
    - Digital Learning (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/>)
- Curriculum and Instruction, MS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction-ms/>)
  - optional concentrations:
    - Bilingual-Bicultural Education (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/>)
    - Digital Learning (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/>)
- Curriculum and Instruction, CAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction-cas/>) (on campus, off-campus & online)
  - optional concentration:
    - Bilingual-Bicultural Education (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/>)
- Curriculum and Instruction, EdD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction-edd/>) (on campus, off-campus & online)
  - optional concentrations:
    - Bilingual-Bicultural Education (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/>)
    - Digital Learning (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/>)
- Curriculum and Instruction, PhD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction-phd/>)
  - optional concentrations (PhD only):
    - Digital Learning (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/>)

- Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (<http://www.slate.illinois.edu/>)
  - Writing Studies (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/>)
  - Early Childhood Education, EdM (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/early-childhood-education-edm/>) with teacher licensure
    - optional concentrations:
      - Bilingual-Bicultural Education (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/>)
      - Digital Learning (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/>)
  - Elementary Education, EdM (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/elementary-education-edm/>) with teacher licensure
    - optional concentrations:
      - Bilingual-Bicultural Education (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/>)
      - Digital Learning (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/>)
  - Middle Grades Education, CERT (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/middle-grades-education-cert/>)
  - Secondary Education, EdM (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/secondary-education-edm/>) with teacher licensure
    - concentrations:
      - English (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/secondary-education-edm/english/>)
      - Mathematics (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/secondary-education-edm/mathematics/>)
      - Sciences (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/secondary-education-edm/sciences/>)
      - Social Science: History (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/secondary-education-edm/social-science-history/>)
    - optional concentrations:
      - Bilingual-Bicultural Education (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/>)
      - Digital Learning (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/>)
- Graduate College Admissions & Requirements (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>)  
 College of Education Admissions & Requirements (<https://education.illinois.edu/programs/grad/how-to-apply?url=/programs/grad>)

*for the degree of Master of Arts in Curriculum & Instruction*

---

#### **Department of Curriculum & Instruction**

Head of the Department: Sarah McCarthy

director of graduate studies: Emma Mercier

graduate admissions information: Mitzi Koeberlein

Curriculum & Instruction website (<http://education.illinois.edu/ci/>)

Curriculum & Instruction faculty (<https://education.illinois.edu/faculty-finder/ci/>)

142 Education Building, 1310 South Sixth Street, Champaign, IL 61820  
(217) 244-3542

Graduate Student Services Office email  
([gradservices@education.illinois.edu](mailto:gradservices@education.illinois.edu))

#### **College of Education**

College of Education website (<http://education.illinois.edu/>)

College of Education programs (<https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/programs/>)

#### **Admissions**