

## Master of Education Special Education

### Degree Program

A minimum of 30 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

<http://umsl.edu/go/SpecialEd>

- Autism and Developmental Disabilities; Cross Categorical Disabilities; Early Childhood Special Education

### Application Requirements

1. Application - <http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>
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 9 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

Fall semester: July 1

Spring semester: December 1

Summer session: May 1

### Application Deadline (for international applicants)

Fall Semester: May 1

Spring Semester: October 1

### Application Fee

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

### Assistantships and Fellowships

Typically, assistantships are awarded only to doctoral students.

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