

# MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

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Available on the Jackson and Germantown  
Campuses

## Program Purpose

The purpose of the M.A.Ed. program is to provide relevant continuing programming for educators seeking a diversity of knowledge, skills, and values for post-baccalaureate preparation and licensure.

## Objectives of the Program

Students in the M.A.Ed. program will:

1. Enhance their knowledge, skills and values relating to the major issues facing today's practitioners in education.
2. Apply research skills to current education problems.
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## Business Administration (BAD)

615. Seminar and Workshop in Economic Education (3)

### 533. Internship (1-4)

Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

### 579. External Domestic Study Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

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### 580. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)

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### 585 Special Studies in Business (1-4)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

### 598. Seminar (1-3)

A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

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## Communication Arts (COM)

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### 585. Special Studies in Communication (1-4)

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### 598. Seminar (1-3)

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### 640. Special Studies in Communication Arts (3)

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### 655. Independent Study (1-4)

Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

### 680. Research in Communication Education A (3)

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### 685. Research in Communication Education B (3)

A continuation of Research in Communication Education A.

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## Education (EDU)

### 502. Transformational Teaching (3) Su

This course focuses on the conception of what teaching is and can be, on meeting the challenge of engaging all students. Educational psychology, philosophy, and pedagogy as foundational concepts in the discipline of education are explored, including their interrelationship. The synergistic roles of scholar, practitioner, and relater are studied in the context of school culture and transformational teaching; and, the synergism of academic, social, and spiritual goals in education are explored with emphasis on improved student learning.

### 504. Technology in the Classroom (2)

A study of the most recent technology advancements utilized to enhance student achievement in the elementary, middle, and high school classroom with emphasis on the many facets



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595. Special Workshops (1-4)  
Graduate credit offered in concentrated format for license renewal and elective credit. Maximum of 6 hours can count toward a degree. Selected topics may vary each year.

598. Seminar (1-3)  
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

602. Technology-Rich Learning (2)  
Focus for the course is the integration and utilization of current instructional technology with emphasis on student learning, including the integration of technology as a learning tool for elementary/secondary classrooms: mobile technology, Web-based teacher productivity tools, specific-use software, mobile apps, adaptive technology, presentation software, Internet, and future trends.

604. Teaching in a Pluralistic Society (3)  
A study of pluralistic society and the expression of diversity in families and schools with emphasis on current research and best teaching practices.

610. History and Philosophy of Education (3)  
History and philosophy of American education with attention to European antecedents, and philosophical movements such as Idealism, Realism, Perennialism, Essentialism, Progressivism, Reconstructionism, and Existentialism.

614. Learning Theories and Styles (3)  
See PSY 614 for course description.

615. Seminar and Workshop in Economic Education (3)  
Basic theories of economics at both the macroeconomic and microeconomic level. The workshops will stress practical applications of economic principles and basic classroom methods for teaching economics.

616. Children and Literature (3)  
A critical analysis of each genre of literature for children as a basis for the appreciation, selection, and use of suitable materials to foster active learning, personal growth, and recreational reading. This course is intended for the student who did not take a course in children's literature as an undergraduate.

618. Cultural Foundations of Education (3)

An examination of the cultural foundations of education and the role of culture in the development of the individual and the community. The course will explore the cultural foundations of school practice and the role of culture in the development of the individual and the community. The course will explore the cultural foundations of school practice and the role of culture in the development of the individual and the community.



634. School Facilities (3)

Consideration of the school plant, grounds, and major equipment in relation to the educational needs of the community; factors in site selection; procedures in planning of school buildings; principles of design and construction; architectural and contractual services; and maintenance.

637. Leading the Secondary Environment (2)

Leading the secondary learning environment is a two hour course focusing on the precepts to build preventative, supportive, and corrective strategies of classroom management that engage students for learning and empower teachers for transformational teaching. Topics include classroom organization, building classroom communities, building interpersonal relationships, and designing behavior contracts.

638. Middle Grades Education (2)

This course is designed to support teachers as they prepare to teach within a middle grades environment. Time is given to explore the philosophy and structure of middle grades instruction. The challenges, issues, and current trends in middle grades design are discussed with emphasis of building a community of learner and collaboration among colleagues.

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646. Planning for the Early Childhood Environment (4)

Prerequisite: EDU 629

Graduate students will develop sensitivity to the cognitive and creative development of infants and young children, planning for diagnostic and assessment strategies which are supportive of young child.

650. Educational Measurement and Evaluation (3)

A study of the measurement of learning, attitudes and feelings, products and performances, and social interaction. Difficulty and discrimination of test items as well as validity and reliability of tests are emphasized. Descriptive statistics for sets of data are introduced.

655. Independent Study (1-4)

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660. Issues and Trends in Education (3)

A course designed to research the literature related to recent developments in education, including the aims, philosophies, methods, content, and problems related to the field. Students will identify and develop a synthesis of research related to a potential line of research.

665. Research Design (3)

A study of research designs which control threats to the validity of research conclusions, including statistical treatment of data.

671. Standards, Strategies and Students (3)

Standards-based instruction is a process for planning, delivering, monitoring, and improving academic programs in which clearly defined academic content standards provide the basis for content in instruction and assessment. This course is designed to help teachers optimize students' learning through using standards as a basis for lesson and assessment design in order to foster maximum student learning.

695. Thesis B (3)

Prerequisite: EDU 690.

A continuation of Thesis A. Students will gather and analyze research data and complete a written thesis and oral defense.

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A continuation of Research in LANG 680.

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## Library Information Specialist (LSC)

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### 511. Sports Injury Management (3)

This course will provide students with a basic understanding of the role of athletic trainers and other medical professionals in the management of athletic injuries, as well as, the role of athletic department administrators in the appropriate response to and management of such injuries. Topics of discussion will include: Policy and Proced.





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685. Research in Special Education B (3)

A continuation of Research in SE 680.

## Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

510. Language and Acquisition (3)

The tenets of human language, focusing on 1st and 2nd language acquisition considering its psycholinguistic and sociolinguistic aspects.

515. Language & Literacy (3)

The critical context of literacy and where students consider composition theory, critical theories of literacy, and practical literacy issues in a variety of learning contexts.

520. Critical Contexts of Language Assessment (3)

Critical theory and practice of language testing and design. Students will have opportunity to explore the impact of testing and standards on learners and learning while critically reflecting their own test designs.

530. Theory & Practice: Language Curriculum Development (3)

The critical context of curriculum development, allowing students to explore language curriculum design and develop an extensive, detailed language curriculum.

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