Secondary Education (Online)

Master of Arts (M.A.)

The Master of Arts in secondary education: educational studies is designed to serve the need for advanced study at the graduate level by middle, junior, and senior high school teachers and is built upon the model of the teacher as a competent professional educator. The objective of the degree is to enhance the teaching and organizational ability of the candidates and thus improve classroom instruction. Although this program does not lead to an initial teaching certification, it assists candidates in becoming leaders in their field.

Secondary education: educational studies candidates deepen their teaching skills and area knowledge. The program consists of 33 credit hours, which are divided into 18 credit hours of online core course work and 15 credit hours of electives, making this program extremely convenient and practical. This option best serves those who are current teachers.

Secondary education: educational studies students will...

- Receive personal attention from a faculty advisor with expertise in their area of study.
- Complete course work online at their own pace.
- Complete research relating to issues in their teaching.

Why should I study secondary education: educational studies at Southeast?

Southeast Missouri State University is consistently recognized for academic excellence by the U.S. News & World Report “Best Regional Universities” rankings for institutions in the Midwest and is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. In addition, the College of Education has received national recognition for many of their programs in the early, elementary, special education, and secondary programs. This recognition highlights the College of Education’s commitment to providing education of the highest quality and standards.

Southeast offers competitive tuition rates for graduate students, compared to other online graduate programs. Additionally, National Education Association (NEA) members are offered in-state tuition rates, plus a 5 percent discount.

Career Planning

Teachers with this master’s degree are often considered leaders in their school setting and become curriculum specialists, department chairs, experts in their field, or team leaders. Those who choose 15 hours of content as their electives are eligible to teach dual credit courses in their school. Many graduates with a master’s degree in secondary education: educational studies have become leaders in other settings, as well.

Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates

- District technology director
- Curriculum leader
- Program leader

Admission Requirements

1. A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university
2. An undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (except when superseded by specific program requirements that require a higher GPA)

Applicants who are denied admission have the opportunity to appeal to the College of Education Admission Appeals Committee, which is composed of one representative from each program offering a graduate program.
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This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST**

Master of Arts in Secondary Education: Educational Studies

**Core Courses (18)**
- GR691 Methods of Research (3)
- SE637 Curriculum Construction (3)
- SE600 Multimedia in Education (3)
- EF690 Found. of Curriculum Dev. (3)
- SE638 Improvement of Instruct. & Assessment (3)
- SE641 Teaching Multicultural Society (3)

GR698 Graduate Paper & Comps or Thesis (0) must be taken during the last semester.

Educational Studies Option Electives (15)
- Any subject specialty courses
- Advanced placement workshops
- Teacher education courses
- SE680 Variable Topics in Middle and Secondary Education
- Autism
- Special education

Educational Technology Electives (15)
- SE617 Foundation of Ed Technology (3)
- SE500 Internet in Education (3)
- SE683 Instructional Design & Tech (3)
- SE685 Planning for Tech in the School District (3)
- SE680 Topics in Middle & Secondary Education (3)

**Degree Requirements**

The student must attain an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher in order to graduate from the program. No internship or practicum is required.