

Department of Teacher Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INSTRUCTION (MSI) Elementary

OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in Instruction is a Language Arts Program designed to offer professional development to classroom teachers who are interested in updating and refining their teaching competencies in the area of Language Arts at the elementary level.

Within this program, students obtain a master's degree with coursework in two areas:

- >a professional core composed of 18 credit hours of coursework in literacy foundations, curriculum development, cultural diversity, assessment, media technology, and research.
- >a specialization in language arts with 18 credit hours of interdisciplinary coursework in education, reading, English, linguistics, and/or speech.

Throughout the program there is an emphasis on enhancing teachers' leadership skills in developing and implementing Language Arts curricula.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 (4.0 scale)
- Current, valid, state teaching certificate
- Eighteen credit hours of undergraduate coursework in English literature and composition, linguistics, and/or speech
- Fifteen credit hours of undergraduate coursework in education with one, three credit hour course in the methods of teaching reading or English
- Completed application with two letters of recommendation and official transcripts.

To Apply

For an admissions application package and application deadlines, contact the Graduate College at (773) 442-6000. Applications are accepted for fall term admission only.

Transfer Credits

A maximum of nine credit hours of graduate level coursework may be transferred into the program, based upon the evaluation of the coursework being equivalent in scope and content to required program coursework. This acceptance of credits is in accordance with the policy established by the Graduate College.

For more information
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Schedule of Courses

Courses are scheduled Monday through Thursday evening from 4:15 - 6:55 p.m. and 7:05-9:45 p.m. Friday 4:15-6:55 p.m. and occasionally on Saturday mornings. Not all courses will be offered in all time slots.

Program Coursework

Professional Core **18 credit hours**

EDFN 416	Cultural Pluralism and the Schools	3 cr
ELED 414	Curriculum Development	3 cr
ELED 430	Trends and Issues in Assessment	3cr
INMD 410	Media Technology for Educators	3 cr
READ 402	Issues in Reading Instruction	3 cr
ELED 406	Research Skills for the Classroom Teacher.	3 cr

Language Arts Concentration **18 credit hours**

ELED 418	Theoretical Implications for the Elementary Classroom	3 cr
ELED 419	Current Issues in Elementary Language Arts Instruction	
OR		3 cr
LING 414	Theories of Teaching English as a Second Language	
READ 425	Literature-based Reading Programs for the Elementary Classroom	
OR		3 cr
READ 414	Reading and Writing Processes	
ELED 417	Multicultural Literature and Drama in the Elementary Classroom	3 cr

Total: **36 credit hours.**



Note:

At the program coursework conclusion, a reflective portfolio and oral examination are required.

