EdSp in Learning, Teaching and Curriculum with Emphasis in Literacy Education

Degree Requirements

The EdSp is a 30-hour program of specialization built on the master's degree. The program requires course work in core, research, and electives. The program is directed by an advisory committee (3 members) and supervised by the major advisor. Coursework will generally comprise upper-level graduate work in literacy education, tailored to the student's needs and career objectives.

- **Prerequisites**
  - Foundations of Educational Psychology (or equivalent)
  - Introduction to Statistics (or equivalent)

- **English Education or Literacy Education Core**
  - To be negotiated with advisor to meet your professional goals

- **Education Core** (3+ semester hours)
  - If not completed as a part of the master's degree, one or more graduate courses in the behavioral, social, philosophical, or historical foundations of education

- **Research Courses** (6+ semester hours)
  - Introduction to Educational Statistics
  - Overview of Educational Research

- **Electives**
  - May be taken to deepen specialization or to advance the student's career goals

Sample Plan of Study

Please consult with an advisor to inquire what a sample program of study may look like.

Comprehensive Examination Process

A thesis or seminar paper and final examination are required.

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the EdSp in Learning, Teaching and Curriculum program (https://gradstudies.missouri.edu/degreecategory/learning) and the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/minimum-requirements.php). Because requirements vary, you must refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you’ve applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.

Admission requirements will be based upon the following criteria. Complete admission requirements (https://education.missouri.edu/degree/literacy-education-eds) for the EdSp program.

- Completion of an appropriate Bachelor's degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- Completion of an appropriate master's degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- A minimum of three letters of recommendation.
- Statement of purpose clearly indicating that the proposed degree is appropriate to the applicant's professional aspirations.
- GRE scores taken within the last 5 years (preferred minimum scores should be V150, Q141, A3.5 or higher)
- For students whose native language is not English, a score of 80 IBT or better on the TOEFL or a 6.5 on the IELTS taken within the past two years

The LTC graduate program cannot assure admission to all applicants who meet minimum standards specified for the degree program. Resource constraints do not permit the admission of all qualified applicants.

A committee of faculty reviews the credentials of each applicant. It is the responsibility of this committee to exercise professional judgment related to the criteria that applicants must meet in order to be considered for admission to the program.