

PhD in Learning, Teaching and Curriculum

Degree Requirements

The PhD in Learning, Teaching and Curriculum is offered with emphasis in Art Education, Early Childhood Education, Language and Literacies For Social Transformation, Mathematics Education, Science Education and Social Studies Education. Students must choose an emphasis area. To receive a PhD degree, you must complete a minimum of 72 hours of coursework beyond a bachelor's degree. A minimum of 15 credit hours must be at the 8000-level or above, exclusive of research, problems, and independent study experiences. Programs of study are individually planned with a faculty committee. More details are available on the emphasis area pages.

Admissions

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications as early in the process as possible. Applications can take 6-8 weeks to complete through the procedures and processing system. Every reasonable effort will be made to process the application for the semester requested.

- Completion of an appropriate baccalaureate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Evidence of at least 2 years of successful experience in an appropriate field

Applicants can submit all required materials and information through the Graduate School's online application system (<https://applygrad.missouri.edu/apply/>).

Priority Deadline: While admissions are rolling, the priority deadline for Fall admission is **November 1** of the previous year (e.g. November 1st, 2025 is the priority deadline for Fall 2026 applicants). For full consideration in funding opportunities, applications must be submitted and complete prior to the deadline. The graduate admissions committee will begin reviewing applications shortly after that date.

Required Application Materials:

- Unofficial transcripts of all prior coursework
- Statement of purpose
- Letters of recommendation (minimum 3 letters; confidential and sent through the online application system)
- Personal Data Sheet
- Official English Proficiency scores (if applicable) (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/international-applicants/#language>)

Confirmation Materials (required to finalize admission upon acceptance, sent to the Graduate School):

- Official transcripts
- Any additional required information

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.

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