SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction + School of Education

Saint Louis University is a world-class Catholic, Jesuit institution educating nearly 13,000 students on two dynamic, urban campuses - in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Founded in 1818, the University is celebrating its bicentennial.

With a legacy of innovative academics and research, compassionate health care and faithful service, Saint Louis University attracts a diverse community of scholars who push intellectual boundaries in pursuit of creative, meaningful ways to impact the world, striving to serve a higher purpose and seek a greater good.

OVERVIEW

Saint Louis University’s graduate program in curriculum and instruction is ideal for those interested in writing curriculum and improving instruction in a variety of fields such as education, physical therapy and business.

M.A.:
The Master of Arts degree is designed to prepare individuals for positions in educational settings where they can focus on issues related to curriculum and instruction in K-12 schools. The degree requires the completion of 32 credit hours of coursework.

At the end of the program, students, in consultation with their advisor, will prepare a theme paper on a topic related to their coursework and complete a one-hour oral examination based on the theme paper and completed coursework.

Graduate students wishing to enter the M.A. program must have completed 18 credit hours of upper division undergraduate coursework in education or related areas approved by the School of Education.

M.A.T.:
The Master of Arts in Teaching degree is designed to offer classroom teachers expanded knowledge in subject-matter areas, current educational developments, and the processes of teaching and learning. The degree requires the completion of 32 credit hours of coursework, an oral examination and a content-focused theme paper.

Graduate students wishing to enter the M.A.T. program must have completed 18 credit hours of upper division undergraduate coursework in education or related areas approved by the School of Education.

M.A.T. with Alternative Certification:
Students who have an undergraduate degree in a content area may pursue Missouri teacher certification via the Alternative Certification route. The program requires the completion of 34 credit hours, successful completion of the required Missouri Educator Assessments, teaching for two years in an accredited Missouri public or non-public school having obtained Missouri provisional certification, and participating in the school or district’s professional development programs and performance-based teacher evaluation program.

Ph.D.:
The Doctor of Philosophy degree program emphasizes the tools of research and the interplay of theory and practice in education. The degree requires the completion of 30 credit hours of coursework, 12 hours of dissertation research, a comprehensive written examination, an oral examination/proposal defense as well as a public presentation and defense of the dissertation.

Graduate students wishing to enter the Ph.D. program must have a master’s degree in education or a related field and complete six credit hours of graduate research coursework as a prerequisite for the doctoral program. If the student does not have some or all of these credit hours, he or she may take these hours during the doctoral program in addition to the program coursework.
In the spirit of the Jesuit tradition of education, the curriculum and instruction program is committed to providing students with:

- Individualized academic experiences that focus on their specific content area of intellectual interest.
- In-depth preparation in both pedagogical and research skills to apply theory to practice.
- Opportunities to address social and moral issues related to education, especially in urban settings.

Career Paths:
Possible career paths include curriculum coordinator, teacher educator, educational outreach coordinator, nonprofit specialist, special educator and adult educator.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Students may apply for graduate assistantships. Assistantship information and application forms are available on the School of Education webpage, in the financial aid section. Please contact student financial services for more information on financial aid.