Degree Program
A minimum of 33 credit hours is required. All program plans require a) 12 hours of core courses, b) 9-15 hours in a concentration, c) electives that offer an opportunity to specialize, and d) a capstone or exit course.

Emphasis Areas
Autism and Developmental Disabilities
Cross Categorical Disabilities
Early Childhood Special Education

Application Requirements
1. Application
   http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html
2. Official transcripts from all universities attended
   Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree in education before beginning the master's program.
3. Grade Point Average
   Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale. Students whose total undergraduate GPA and major GPA are between 2.75 and 2.99 may be admitted on a restricted basis except in the following circumstances: Admission requires GPAs of 2.75 or better in a) the undergraduate major field, b) education coursework, and c) overall. Students with GPAs below 2.75 can submit "supportive evidence" and letters of recommendation. Students entering with GPAs below 2.75 are admitted on restricted status and required to obtain a 3.0 graduate GPA in their first 12 graduate hours.
4. Entrance examinations
   a. There are no entrance exams for domestic students.
   b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
5. Letters of recommendation
   May be invited for applicants who do not meet the normal criteria for admission.
**Application Deadlines**
Deadline for receipt of all admission materials:
- Summer session: May 1
- Fall semester: July 1
- Winter/spring semester: December 1

**Application Fee**
$50 for domestic applicants; $40 for international applicants

**Assistantships and Fellowships**
Typically, assistantships are awarded only to doctoral students.

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