**Master of Education**  
**Special Education**

**Degree Program**  
A minimum of 30 credit hours is required. All program plans consist of:

1. 12 hours of core courses,
2. 9-15 hours in a concentration,
3. Electives that offer an opportunity to specialize, and
4. a capstone or internship.

**Emphasis Areas and Program Websites**
[https://www.umsl.edu/degrees/masters/med-special-education.html](https://www.umsl.edu/degrees/masters/med-special-education.html)

- Behavior Principles and Interventions; Inclusive Education; Transition Studies

**Application Requirements**

1. Application - [http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now](http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now)
2. Official transcripts from all universities attended
   a. Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree in education before beginning the master’s program.
3. Grade Point Average
   a. Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale
   b. 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:
      i. Admission requires GPAs of 2.75 or better in
         1. a) the undergraduate major field,
         2. b) education coursework, and
         3. c) overall.
      ii. Students with GPAs below 2.75 may 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 9 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
   a. May be invited for applicants who do not meet the normal criteria for admission.

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall semester:** July 1  
**Spring semester:** December 1  
**Summer session:** May 1

**Application Deadline (for international applicants)**

**Fall Semester:** May 1  
**Spring Semester:** October 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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