THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
Department of Curriculum & Instruction

Master’s Degree
Language and Literacy Studies

Master of Arts and Master of Education degrees with a specialization in language and literacy studies are offered through the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. This handout contains information regarding the coursework which is required for the M.A. or M.Ed. degrees with either thesis or report, as well as the 36-hour M.Ed. with coursework only.

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BASIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

All programs must include a minimum of 30 semester hours from the following or their equivalent.

1. ONE GENERAL COURSE: ………………………………… MINIMUM: 3 HOURS
   __EDC 382E  Teaching Elementary School Subjects Reading/Language Arts
   __EDC 382S  Teaching Secondary School Subjects English/Language Arts/Reading

2. ONE COMPOSITION COURSE: …………………………… MINIMUM: 3 HOURS
   __EDC 384P  Teaching Composition
   __EDC 385G Special Topics: Reading and Writing in the Elementary School

3. ONE LITERATURE COURSE: …………………………….. MINIMUM: 3 HOURS
   __EDC 384P  Children’s Literature
   __EDC 384P  Literature for Young Adults

4. ONE LANGUAGE COURSE: ………………………………… MINIMUM: 3 HOURS
   __EDC 385G Language Acquisition
   __EDC 385G Psycholinguistics
   __EDC 385G Literacy Acquisition
   __EDC 385G Sociolinguistic Methods
   __EDC 385G Biliteracy

5. ONE RESEARCH COURSE: ………………………………… MINIMUM: 3 HOURS
   __EDC 396T  Research in Reading
   __EDC 396T  Research in Language Arts

6. ONE PRACTICUM COURSE: ………………………………… MINIMUM: 3 HOURS
   __EDC 384P Diagnostic Prescriptive Reading Instruction
   __EDC 384P Diagnostic Prescriptive Language Arts Instruction
   __EDC 384P Practicum in Reading Difficulties
   __EDC 384P Practicum in Remedial Teaching
   __EDC 397P Internship in Language Arts
   __EDC 671ai  Secondary Reading (when offered with practicum component)
7. ONE RESEARCH METHODS COURSE………………MINIMUM: 3 HOURS
   _EDC 384P  Educational Research and Design

8. THREE SPECIALIZATION COURSES:………………MINIMUM: 9 HOURS
   NOTE: Additional courses taken beyond the minimum requirements in areas 1 through 5 may be counted toward the 9-hour minimum in this area. With the prior approval of the Graduate Advisor, additional courses from other departments (e.g., Psychology, Educational Psychology, English) that relate to Language and Literacy Studies may be applied toward the 9-hour minimum in this area.
   _EDC 385G  Reading Difficulties
   _EDC 382S  Secondary, College, and Adult Reading
   _EDC 385G  Special Topics in Literacy
   _EDC 385G  Children’s Questioning
   _EDC 385G  Program Development; Literacy Programs
   _EDC 386  Literacy and Culture
   _EDC 671b  Content Area Reading
   _EDC 384P  Young Adult Literature
   _EDC 385G  Sociolinguistics
   _EDC 385G  Biliteracy
   _EDC 398T  Supervision or College Teaching

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (depending on type of degree sought)

9. For students seeking Master of Education degree with coursework only:
   TWO ELECTIVE COURSES…………………………MINIMUM: 6 HOURS
   _Elective:
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   OR
   For students seeking a Master of Arts degree with Thesis;
   THESIS………………………………………………… 6 HOURS
   _EDC 698A & B  Thesis
   OR
   For students seeking a Master of Arts degree with Report:
   ONE ELECTIVE COURSE…………………………… 3 HOURS
   REPORT………………………………………………… 3 HOURS
   _Elective:
   _EDC 398R Report

All programs must include at least 6 semester hours outside the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. No more than 9 hours upper division undergraduate coursework may be counted (distributed as follows): 6 hours in Curriculum & Instruction and 3 hours outside C&I, or 3 hours in Curriculum & Instruction and 6 hours outside C&I.

Summary

MASTER OF EDUCATION……………………36 hours
MASTER OF ARTS with thesis……………… 36 hours
MASTER OF ARTS with report……………… 36 hours

For the Reading Specialist Certificate, students are required to have:
1) a minimum of 3 semester hours at elementary level, 3 semester hours at secondary level, and 3 semester hours of all-level work;
2) a minimum of 3 semester hours of multi-cultural coursework;
3) a minimum of 18 semester hours of reading courses.

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