Graduate Catalogue

This publication is intended as a description of the graduate academic programs and activities of Union University. While it is not an offer to make a contract, it is offered as a comprehensive description that can serve as a guide for students contemplating study or already enrolled at Union University.

The administration and faculty believe that the educational and other programs of the University described in this catalogue are effective and valuable. The ultimate results of programs offered in terms of achievement, employment, professional licensing, or other measure, are dependent on factors outside the programs, such as the personality and energy of the student, governmental or institutional regulations, and market conditions. Therefore, except as specifically stated herein, the University makes no representation or contract that following a particular course or curriculum will result in specific achievement, employment or qualification for employment, admission to degree programs, or licensing for particular professions or occupations.

In compliance with all applicable state and federal law, including provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Union University does not illegally discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, age, disability, or military service in admissions; in the administration of its education policies, programs, or activities; or in employment. Under federal law, the University may discriminate on the basis of religion in order to fulfill its purposes. Persons who believe their rights under this policy have been violated should contact the Office of the President.

In compliance with its duties under state and federal law, Union University makes an annual report of campus crime statistics and campus security policies. These reports are distributed annually to current students and employees. Prospective students and employees may request copies of the reports from the Office of Safety and Security.

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AN OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY

Statements of Purpose

Mission

The mission of Union University, a higher education institution of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is to provide quality undergraduate and graduate education to students of qualified preparation and good character in ways consistent with the following guiding principles.

Guiding Principles

- **Academics:** Union University is committed primarily to an undergraduate liberal arts education, including a required core curriculum of general education, and opportunities for specialization in selected professional areas. Union expects undergraduate students to demonstrate competency in analytical skills and communication skills, knowledge of the cultural, social, historical, and scientific aspects of life, and an understanding of their chosen area of specialization. Union also offers graduate programs in selected professional areas. Union expects graduate students to demonstrate within their disciplines advanced knowledge and skills. Graduates are expected to demonstrate both leadership and high performance.

- **Christian Values:** Union University endeavors to give an articulate and vigorous witness to the Christian faith as the unifying principle around which one relates learning to life. Each student is encouraged to explore in depth the basis, meaning, and implications of his or her relationship to God in Jesus Christ. A distinctive part of Union’s purpose is the preparation of students for leadership positions in churches.

- **Development of the Whole Person:** Union University defines the whole person under the sovereignty of God to be a person of intellectual, spiritual, social, psychological, and physical dimensions. By means of a holistic education process, Union University endeavors to approach students from these perspectives, and to provide the atmosphere, opportunities, and resources for students to know wholeness within the context of a community of learners.

- **Personal Attention:** Union University seeks to practice the Christian faith by demonstrating thoughtfulness and concern for students and by giving personal attention to their needs, both inside and outside the classroom.

The University’s Goals

- To cultivate a Christian community which provides a **person-centered, service-oriented** approach to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other constituents.

- To provide strong educational programs within a highly respected **academic** environment.

- To admit only students **capable of successfully completing** the educational expectations of Union University.

- To ensure that Union University remains sensitive to students’ financial needs by remaining an **affordable** institution of higher education.

- To increase **enrollment** and to provide additional personnel services, facilities, and equipment to meet the academic and personal needs of students.

- To provide the atmosphere and services associated with a predominantly **residential** campus consistent with the university’s guiding principles.

- To foster **Christian values**, educate **spiritual leaders**, and provide services to the affiliated **churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention**.

- To offer **informational, artistic, and educational services** in selected fields to the West Tennessee community and beyond.

(Adopted by the Faculty and the Board of Trustees, 1994)

Accredited By

Union University is accredited by the **Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools** (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097; Telephone 404-679-4501) to award baccalaureate, masters and education specialist degrees. The University also has the following discipline-specific accreditation:

- **National Association of Schools of Music**
- **National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education**
- **The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission**
- **Teacher Education Program, Tennessee State Department of Education**
- **Tennessee Health Related Boards**

The University is a candidate for the following discipline-specific accreditation:

- **American Chemical Society**
- **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education**
The University’s History

Union University is an heir of three ante-bellum Tennessee schools—West Tennessee College and its predecessor, Jackson Male Academy, both located at Jackson, and of Union University, located at Murfreesboro—and it is the heir of another college in 1927, Hall-Moody Junior College of Martin.

Jackson Male Academy, founded in 1823 shortly after the opening of West Tennessee for settlement, was chartered by the legislature in 1825, making it the earliest school whose roots are linked with what later became the Southern Baptist Convention.

West Tennessee College originated in the mid-1840s when supporters of the Academy secured a charter for a college and received an endowment from the state to come from the sale of public lands. Under its charter, the property rights and governance of the Jackson Male Academy were vested in the trustees of the College. The College offered three degrees—bachelor of arts, bachelor of philosophy, and master of arts—and had four departments: Moral Philosophy, Languages, Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy and Chemistry. West Tennessee College continued until 1874, when at a time of depressed economic conditions, the trustees offered the College’s buildings, grounds, and endowment to Tennessee Baptists in the hopes of attracting a southwestern regional university planned by the state’s Baptist leaders.

Meanwhile, after years of discussion and the raising of an endowment, the Baptist General Assembly of Tennessee in 1848 established Union University at Murfreesboro, near the geographical center of the state. Union University came upon hard times when in 1859 its highly respected president, Dr. Eaton, died and when during the Civil War its campus was badly damaged. It reopened in 1868 only to close again in 1873, largely because of its financial condition and an epidemic of cholera.

Southwestern Baptist University, the immediate predecessor of the present Union University, originated because of a desire by Tennessee Baptists, who still had a separate convention for each of the state’s three Grand Divisions, for greater unification. Education became the core issue around which such unification was promoted. Committees of the three conventions met jointly in Humboldt in 1873 and issued a resolution supporting the establishment of a first-class regional university. An Educational Convention met in Murfreesboro in 1874, and following that a committee was appointed to select a location for the proposed university. The committee recommended the acceptance of the offer made by the citizens of Jackson to assume ownership of West Tennessee College.

In September 1874, the new institution opened at Jackson as an academy, and in 1875 it was chartered as Southwestern Baptist University. In 1907, Dr. T. T. Eaton, a trustee at Southwestern from its beginning, bequeathed his 6,000 volume library to the college. He was a former professor at Union University at Murfreesboro, where his father, Dr. Joseph H. Eaton, had been president. Shortly thereafter the
name of Southwestern Baptist University was changed to Union University to honor the Eatons and others from Union at Murfreesboro who had had a major impact on Southwestern as faculty, administrators, trustees, and contributors. In a further move to unify its educational efforts, the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1925 secured a new charter which vested all rights, authority, and property of Union University in the Convention, including the election of the University’s trustees. Two years later, the Convention was able to consolidate Hall-Moody Junior College at Martin (1900-1927) with Union University. During the 1920s, Union discontinued its graduate program, its Law Department, and its high school and added a bachelor of music degree program.

After a major fire in 1912, several new buildings were constructed, including the centerpiece of the campus for the next 60 years, Barton Hall. In 1948 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools granted Union University its original accreditation. In 1962, at the request of local physicians, Union developed a nursing program with the assistance of Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

Because of the deterioration of its aging campus, Union in 1975 moved from near downtown to a new campus located along Highway 45-Bypass in north Jackson. Since then, enrollment has increased from about 1,000 students to almost 2,500; the multi-purpose Penick Academic Complex has been enlarged several times; many additional housing units have been erected; and the Blasingame Academic Complex and the Hyran E. Barefoot Student Union Building have been constructed. Part of the reason for growth derived from new academic programs and graduate studies in education and business administration. In the 1990s Union has had its greatest intercollegiate athletic success as Union’s Lady Bulldogs basketball team of 1998 finished first in the NAIA National Basketball Tournament.

In 1990 Union reinstated graduate study with the establishment of the Master of Education Degree. In 1994, Union added the Master of Business Administration program, modifying it Fall 1997 to reflect the cohort organizational model. In Summer 1997, the University added a second master’s degree for classroom teachers, a cohort program, naming it the M.Ed., and renaming the original degree, the M.A.Ed., to better reflect the nature of the degree. The Education Specialist degree was begun Summer 2001 at both locations. A third masters program was launched Fall of 2000, the Master of Science in Nursing.

To broaden its connection with the wider Christian higher education movement, Union in the mid-1990s joined the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. During 1997 and 1998, under the leadership of President David S. Dockery, who was elected as Union’s fifteenth president in December 1995, Union established its presence in the Memphis suburb of Germantown with an undergraduate program in nursing and graduate programs in Business, Education and Nursing. The University also adopted a new campus master facilities plan to accommodate the University’s growth well into the twenty-first century.

Beginning Fall 2001, Union will offer a graduate program, the Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies, at an off-campus site in San Francisco, California.

The Campus

The uniqueness of the Union University campus, located on U.S. Highway 45 By-Pass and Union University Drive in Northwest Jackson, is related to the academic facilities and student housing. Union’s campus is designed with the student as its axis. All facilities, programs, and personnel are interrelated in an attempt to meet the needs of students.

In addition to the main campus in Jackson, Union University opened a second campus in the Memphis suburb of Germantown, Tennessee in 1997. Because of the rapid growth of the campus, the faculty and staff offices, classrooms and computer lab facilities moved to a new location in June 2001. Union also has an off-campus site in San Francisco, California.

An abbreviated description of the Jackson campus facilities follows. A more detailed description of each building, as well as the services available through each, is presented in the Campus Life Handbook.

Penick Academic Complex

The Penick Academic Complex houses the G.M. Savage Memorial Chapel, Fred DeLay Gymnasium, E.T. “Rocky” Palmer Activities Center, Joseph H. Miller III Science Center, the W. D. Powell Theatre, Waldrop Administrative Center, Union Station, Computing Services, and Emma Waters Summar Library.
The Waldrop Administrative Center contains the offices of Admissions and Retention, Career Services, the Registrar, Business Services, the Executive Suite, University Relations, Church Services and the Alumni Suite.

The Emma Waters Summar Library, through its holdings and subscriptions and through its membership in regional and international networks, has access to journals and books from over 21,000 major libraries throughout the world. The Instructional Media Center houses a growing collection of media hardware and software available for student and faculty use.

Blasingame Academic Complex

The McAfee School of Business Administration and the School of Education and Human Studies are located in the Blasingame Academic Complex.

Student Housing Complex

Union University recognizes and is fully committed to the value of the educational experiences—spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally—which occur within the on-campus residential environment. All resident students are required to sign a residence life contract for the academic year. For information on Residence Life behavioral values, philosophy, fees, family housing, reservation and procedures please refer to the Union University Student Handbook located on Union University’s website at www.uu.edu.

Student housing, arranged in three complexes (Hurt Complex, H.E. Watters Complex and McAfee Complex), features private bedrooms in apartment-like units. Each apartment is on one level in a 2-story construction. All lead to the three Commons Buildings which house the resident directors, provide facilities for lounge areas, laundry and recreation.

Married student housing is located in the Warmath Apartments, north of single-student housing. The complex consists of 32 two-bedroom apartments.

Hyran E. Barefoot Student Union Building

The Barefoot Student Union Building houses the University’s cafeteria and dining hall (Gilbert-Powers Student Commons), Coburn Dining Room, President’s Dining Room, Lexington Inn, Eldon Byrd Faculty Lounge, George Harvey Lecture Hall, Campus Printing and Mail Services, offices for Student Services (Dean of Students, Student Government Association, Student Activities Council, Counseling, Health Services, and Campus Security), offices of Enrollment Management (Financial Aid, the Learning Center and Enrollment Services), and Campus Ministries (Missionary-In-Residence), Prayer Chapel, the Missionary Wall, and the offices for Lest We Forget and Cardinal and Cream.

Hammons Hall

Hammons Hall contains the Lifeway Bookstore as well as the offices for Institutional Advancement, Testing, and non-traditional degree programs. General classrooms and a community room are also housed in Hammons Hall.

Jennings Hall


Graduate Studies

All programs and objectives in Graduate Studies at Union University derive from the statement of Mission of Union University. Accordingly in this context, Graduate Studies seeks to provide students with a quality educational experience in a Christian university environment. Specifically, Union expects graduate students to:

- Demonstrate within their disciplines advanced knowledge and skills.
- Display competency in critical evaluation of issues, trends and methodologies.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply research that extends the body of knowledge in the field.
- Enhance their ethical decision-making ability through an academic environment integrated with a Christian faith.
- Build intellectual and moral knowledge to cope with a pluralistic world and better serve their communities, businesses and schools.

Graduate Studies seeks to reflect the Guiding Principles of Union University in academics, Christian values, development of the whole person and personal attention to student needs. Its goals are to cultivate a Christian academic community which is excellence-driven, Christ-centered, people-focused and future-directed.

Graduate Governance and Admissions

Six graduate programs currently exist at Union University: the M.B.A., administered by the McAfee School of Business Administration; the M.A.Ed.,
the M.Ed., and the Ed.S. degrees administered by the School of Education and Human Studies; the M.S.N., administered by the School of Nursing; and the M.A.I.S., administered by the Institute of International and Intercultural Studies.

The Master of Business Administration degree program is administered by the M.B.A. Director and by the Dean, McAfee School of Business Administration. The Master of Arts in Education, the Master of Education and the Education Specialist degree programs are administered by Directors of Graduate Studies in Education and by the Dean, School of Education and Human Studies. The Master of Science in Nursing is administered by the M.S.N. Director and the Dean of the School of Nursing. The Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies is administered by the Director of the Institute of International and Intercultural Studies in collaboration with the MAIS Advisory Council and the Academic Council comprised of all University deans. The Graduate Faculty is responsible for approval of curriculum and graduate program policies. It is comprised of all doctorally qualified faculty at Union. The Graduate Faculty considers recommendations from the Graduate Curriculum Committee, which is responsible for examining graduate programs, course offerings, and policies relative to graduate studies at Union. The committee is composed of five faculty members who choose a chair from one of their number each year. Each program is represented by one graduate student on the committee. Ex-officio members include the President, Provost, directors of the graduate programs, Registrar, and Acquisitions Librarian. Curriculum changes are discussed and approved by graduate faculty in the departments and on task teams. Task teams may be created by the Deans of the Schools/Colleges to consider and make recommendations to the Graduate Curriculum Committee. Thus, significant curriculum and policy changes and additions proceed from the Directors (and/or task teams) to the Graduate Curriculum Committee to the Graduate Faculty. The graduate governance structure at Union University is completed by the Provost, the President, and the Board of Trustees.

The Program Directors are empowered to make admissions decisions based on the approved and published admission criteria. Admission decisions of the nursing graduate program are made by the Graduate Nursing Admissions Committee. The Graduate Nursing Admissions Committee is comprised of the Dean, School of Nursing, the MSN Program Director and three graduate nursing faculty appointed by the Dean on a yearly basis. The Graduate Business Admissions Committee and the Graduate Education Admissions Committee, comprised of business or education faculty and directors, respectively, receive recommendations from the appropriate Dean regarding candidates for admission who do not meet regular admission requirements. The MAIS Advisory Council, comprised of the director and the faculty across the disciplines, receive recommendations from the MAIS Program Director regarding candidates for admission who do not meet regular admission requirements. The respective Admissions Committees may recommend Conditional Admission for students who do not meet published criteria for admission.

Student Life

Graduate students are welcomed and are encouraged to participate in the many religious, cultural, and educational activities that take place on the University campus. For more information on student life, graduate students may consult the latest edition of The Campus Life Handbook.

Student Conduct

It is understood and expected that graduate students will possess a higher level of maturity and responsibility than undergraduate students. Therefore, many of the restrictions placed on undergraduates are waived for graduate students. However, since Union University is committed to providing quality education within a Christian environment, all students are expected to recognize this commitment and to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the Christian life-style. Furthermore, since positive relationships with faculty and other students contribute to the learning process, students are expected to make every effort to avoid behavior that is known to be offensive to others.

The President, the Dean of Student Services, and the judicial system of the University are charged with the administration of discipline. They are empowered to rule in any irregularity pertaining to student life.

Chapel and Spiritual Life

Chapel is one of the distinctive features of the Christian college and is for the strengthening of faith in God, for instruction, and for the enrichment of the religious life of the total college family. The Chapel and Spiritual Life Committee, comprised of students, faculty, and administrators, plans and schedules varied chapel programs each semester to accomplish these purposes.
Chapel attendance is not compulsory for graduate students. However, graduate students are invited to participate fully in chapel as well as in other spiritual activities including activities sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, the Baptist Nursing Fellowship, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Confidentiality of Student Records

The privacy and confidentiality of all student records shall be preserved in accordance to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. The objective of the Act is to provide students and parents greater access to and control over information contained in educational records. The law stipulates that each institution is responsible for making students aware of the law and its various ramifications. More information about FERPA can be obtained from the Registrar. Official student academic records, supporting documents, and other student files shall be maintained, only by members of the University staff employed for that purpose, in separate files:

- Academic records, supporting documents and general education records—maintained by the Academic Center, academic departments and advisers
- Records of discipline proceeding—maintained by the Student Services Office
- Financial records—maintained by the Business Office
- Medical records—maintained by the Student Health Services Office
- Admissions records—maintained by the Admissions Office
- Financial aid records—maintained by the Financial Aid Office
- Placement records—maintained by the Career Services Office

Directory information (student’s name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, academic major, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent previous educational institution attended) may be made public by the University unless a student requests to the Academic Center in writing that such information be released only upon his/her consent.

Motor Vehicle Registration and Parking

Every individual who maintains or operates a motor vehicle on the Union University campuses must register each vehicle with the Office of Safety and Security at the beginning of the semester or within 24 hours when brought to the campus. For graduate students, there is no fee for obtaining parking permits. The vehicle’s license plate number and proof of current auto liability insurance are required for registration of the vehicle.

The permit must be affixed directly to the glass on the outside of the rear window on the driver’s side in the bottom corner. Use the adhesive on the permit to attach it to the window. No other method of attaching the permit is acceptable.

Sexual Harassment

Union University is committed to providing its faculty, staff, and students with an environment free from explicit and implicit coercive sexual behavior used to control, influence, or affect the well-being of any member of the university community.

Sexual Harassment Defined: The definition of sexual harassment varies greatly. Therefore we will use the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s guidelines. According to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s guidelines prohibiting sexual harassment, there are two types of sexual harassment: (1) *Quid pro quo*—“submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual that is used as a basis for employment decisions affecting such individual” and (2) Hostile environment—“unwelcome sexual conduct that unreasonably interferes with an individual’s job performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.” Sexual harassment in the college community may include, but may not be limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where: (1) submission to such conduct is a term or condition of an individual’s employment or education; (2) submission to or rejection of said conduct is used as a basis for academic or employment decisions affecting the individual; or (3) such conduct results in a hostile environment which has the effect of interfering with an individual’s academic or professional performance.

Policy Statement: Sexual harassment of any type will not be tolerated and is expressly prohibited. Sexual harassment is grounds for disciplinary action which may include reprimand, demotion, discharge, or other appropriate action, dependent upon the nature of the harassment. Faculty are asked to be especially sensitive to the fact that they are in a position of authority over students and that author-
ity carries with it responsibility to be mindful of situations in which they are dealing with students in private, one-on-one associations both on and off campus.

**Complaint Procedure:** A student with a complaint against a faculty member, a member of the administration, or another student may contact the Dean of Students. Alternate contacts include the Director of Human Resources, the Executive Vice President and the President. The contact person will initiate an Incident Report form and forward to the Director of Human Resources.

The University will handle the matter with as much confidentiality as possible. There will be no retaliation against any staff, faculty, or student who reports a claim of sexual harassment or against any staff, faculty, or student who is a witness to the harassment. The University will conduct an immediate investigation in an attempt to determine all of the facts concerning the alleged harassment. The investigation will be directed by the Director of Human Resources unless the Director of Human Resources or someone in the director’s office is the subject of the investigation. In that event, the office of the Provost (faculty) or Executive Vice President (staff or student) will direct the investigation. As a part of the investigation of the claim of sexual harassment, the contact person, the complainant, and the respondent will be asked to provide statements regarding the incident. Once the report is reviewed and investigation is concluded, a finding may be found that sexual harassment did not occur, or a finding may be found that sexual harassment did occur and corrective action (reprimand, demotion, discharge, or other appropriate action) will be communicated in writing to the complainant and the respondent. Appeals to this process may be conducted in accordance to the most recent revision of the handbook under the section(s) entitled “ Violations of Standards of Conduct” or “Grievance Procedures.”

All documents, except disciplinary action documents, related to an incident will remain in a file other than the employee’s personnel file. Although filed separately, all personnel related files are kept in the Human Resources office.

**Academic Policies**

**Class Attendance**

Regular and successive attendance is expected of all students enrolled in all lecture, laboratory, and seminar classes. Each faculty member will determine how this policy will be administered in his/her classes. However, students must satisfy all testing, reporting, and required functions defined for the course.

**Ethical Responsibilities**

Union University upholds the highest standards of honesty. Students are to avoid plagiarism of materials, to refrain from the use of unauthorized aids on tests and examinations, to refuse to give or receive information on tests and examinations, and to turn in only those assignments which are the result of their own efforts and research. On the other hand, faculty members are to accept the responsibility for discouraging cheating. They are to make every effort to provide the physical conditions which would deter cheating. They are to be aware at all times of the activity in the testing area.

**Procedure for handling cases of dishonesty:** Any student found guilty by the instructor of cheating will be subject to disciplinary action by the instructor. The instructor will file a report of the incident and the intended disciplinary action with the office of the Dean or MAIS Program Director. If the student deems this action to be unfair, he/she may request a hearing before the Dean or MAIS Program Director. A written report of this hearing and decision will be filed with the Office of the Provost.

**Numbering of Courses**

Unless otherwise noted in the course description, courses numbered in the 500’s may be taken for graduate credit or by upper level undergraduates for undergraduate credit. Expectations will be greater in these courses for students registered for graduate credit. Courses numbered 600 and above may only be taken for graduate credit.

Courses numbered 595 are workshops. No more than six hours of credit from courses numbered 595 may be used to satisfy the degree requirements. No more than six hours may be taken for pass/fail credit in the M.A.Ed. program.

**UnionUOnLine**

Union University offers a few select courses utilizing interactive web-based instruction. UnionUOnLine faculty are fully qualified members of the Graduate Faculty of Union University. Additional information including calendar, course offerings, tuition, and technical systems requirements can be found at [www.unionuonline.org](http://www.unionuonline.org) or by selection of UnionUOnLine from the Main Page menu of Union’s web page found at [www.uu.edu](http://www.uu.edu).
Grading System

Grades for graduate courses at Union University shall be interpreted as follows:

A  Superior academic performance.
B  Strong academic performance.
C  Below average, but passing academic performance.
P  Pass.
F, FF Failure. (P or FF apply to pass-fail courses.)
I  Incomplete. An Incomplete must be removed within the first five weeks of the term following issuance of the Incomplete; otherwise, the incomplete becomes an F.
IP  In Progress, issued for a course which by design extends into the following term or semester.
W  Withdrawal beyond the period officially allowed. See “Withdrawal from Classes.”
N  Audit.

Requirements for Grade Point Average

In order to graduate with an M.B.A., an M.A.Ed., an M.Ed., M.S.N., M.A.I.S., or Ed.S. degree, students are required to have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 for all courses taken for graduate credit at Union University. Quality points shall be awarded as follows:

A - 4 quality points for each semester hour of credit
B - 3 quality points for each semester hour of credit
C - 2 quality points for each semester hour of credit
P - 0 quality points (course hours are not applied in computation of the grade point average)
F - 0 quality points
FF- 0 quality points (course hours are not applied in computation of the grade point average)
W - 0 quality points
N - 0 quality points

Repetition of Courses

A student may repeat a graduate course one time. Although the credit for the course will be given only once, only the final attempt will be used in the computation of the grade point average.

A 500-level course taken for undergraduate credit may not be repeated for graduate credit.

Academic Probation and Suspension

After completion of 9 graduate hours at Union University, a graduate student whose cumulative GPA from courses taken at Union University for graduate credit is below 3.0 will be placed on academic probation. A graduate student whose GPA from courses taken at Union is below 2.5 will be sus-

pended from the graduate degree program. While suspended from the degree program, the student may, in an effort to improve the GPA, repeat courses in which a grade of C or F has been received. When the student’s GPA has been raised to 2.5 or higher, the student may apply for readmission to the degree program.

A graduate student suspended from the graduate program is not eligible to file for Veterans Administration Benefits.

Academic Grievance Procedures

Orderly procedures are provided by which a student may be heard concerning a just grievance. Procedures are outlined in the Campus Life Handbook for the student who wishes to register dissatisfaction with the quality of instruction or performance of a professor.

Both the Campus Life Handbook and the Faculty Handbook detail the procedure for a formal grade appeal. The student should first ask the instructor how the grade was determined. It is hoped that most problems can be resolved at this level. If additional discussions are necessary, the student should contact his faculty advisor to begin the formal process of appeal.

Admission Information

General Admission Requirements

1. Completed application for the specific program, including payment of a$25 application fee.
2. Official transcript(s) showing all course work, completion of baccalaureate degree(s), and all graduate credit previously attempted.

Other program specific admission requirements are included in the program sections of this Catalogue.
Additional Admission Requirements for International Students

All international students will meet the same requirements for regular admission to the University and for admission to the specific graduate program intended. International students will be required to complete the International Student Application for Admission as well as the application for admission to the specific graduate program intended and the $50.00 application fee. All documents must be in English, and the official transcripts must be certified English translations. The following additional requirements must be met:

A. A physical examination.
B. Student insurance approved by Union University.
C. A financial affidavit.
D. A TOEFL score of at least 560 (Computer based 220).

From a country where the native language is English, students will be admitted on academic credentials without regard to language requirements. Academic requirements will be the same as for regular admission.

From a country where the native language is not English, students will submit TOEFL score reports of not less than 560 for admission to Union University.

From another accredited institution of higher learning in the United States, international students will be required to meet the same requirements for admission as all other transfer students as well as meeting the required TOEFL score.

Each international student shall prepay or show responsible evidence (such as a government scholarship) of having an adequate sum of money for one academic year. This money shall be enough to cover tuition and other expenses for the student while enrolled at Union University. Declaration of Finances forms are available in the Admissions Office.

An I-20 form may be issued by the Director of Admissions only after admission requirements and the above monetary requirements have been satisfied.

Special Categories of Admission

Provisional Students

With limited exceptions, provisional students are enrolled in eligible programs for the purpose of obtaining a degree from Union University. These students do not have immediate access to official documents in order to be fully admitted. Any credit taken while in this status will not be transferred as regular matriculated credit until the status has officially been changed. Students will be required to submit all outstanding items to complete the admissions file in order for the provisional status to be changed.

The student will be bound by all general academic requirements imposed upon regular matriculated students so far as prerequisites, amount of work, and quality of work are concerned. All work completed or attempted will be fully documented in the Academic Center.

The student will sign a contract at the time of admission defining the status of a provisional student accepting the limitation of that status. The student must also sign a waiver so that Union University will have the right to request those documents needed to complete the admission file.

A student may remain on provisional status for only one semester and the subsequent short term unless special circumstances exist and permission for an extension is given in writing by the Program Director. A personal conference with the Program Director may be required before the student is accepted for admission on a provisional basis.

Non-Degree Seeking Students

Some students may be admitted in this category if they desire to take courses primarily for special interest or on a “visiting student” basis. Often these special students are enrolled in other institutions and are enrolled for only one or two terms at Union. Students must submit an application to the appropriate graduate school, pay the application fee (nonrefundable), and submit an official transcript as proof of at least the baccalaureate degree. Students must meet all requirements for admission to change from Non-Degree Seeking status to Degree Seeking status.

Registration Information

Registration dates for each term are given in the calendar of this catalogue. In order to accommodate the varied personal schedules of students, early registration is also allowed. The dates and times for early registration will be published for each term. Students can also get this information by contacting the appropriate graduate program office.
Late Registration and Class Changes

Late registration and changes of classes are allowed until a week into the Fall and Spring Semesters and 3 days into the 4-, 6-, and 8-week terms. Due to the concentrated nature of the 3-week terms, entrance is not allowed after the first day of class. A late registration fee or a class change fee will be charged for these changes. Those considering late registration for a cohort program should contact the appropriate graduate program office.

A student making a change in his/her class schedule after completing registration will follow this procedure:
1. Obtain proper forms from the appropriate graduate office,
2. Secure the signature of his/her advisor,
3. Present the forms to the appropriate graduate office for the schedule change.

Withdrawal from Classes

Students will be allowed to withdraw through 11 weeks or its equivalent and will receive the notation on their permanent records “Withdrawn from all Classes” as of the date the withdrawal was processed. Students discontinuing class attendance without permission will receive an “F” in those courses. In exceptional cases, such as extreme illness or other circumstances beyond the student’s control, the Registrar may assign a grade of W for a withdrawal after the allowable period.

A student withdrawing from all classes must complete a withdrawal form and submit it to the appropriate graduate program office.

Readmission

Students who have not been enrolled for at least one semester will be required to readmit by completing a new application to the appropriate graduate program. Official transcripts from other schools attended during the interval will be required. No additional application fee will be required.

Financial Information

Refunds

If a student withdraws from a class, tuition will be refunded on a prorated basis as follows:

Sixteen-week Terms

- On or before the first day of class: 100%*
- After first day of class through week 1: 90%
- Week 2 through week 4: 50%
- Week 5 through week 8: 25%
- After week 8 following first day of class: no refund.

Four-week Terms

- On or before the first day of class: 100%*
- After first day of class through week 1: 50%
- Week 2: 25%
- After week 2 following the first day of class: no refund.

Eight-week Terms

- On or before the first day of class: 100%*
- After first day of class through week 2: 50%
- Week 3 through week 4: 25%
- After week 4 following first day of class: no refund.

*Less $50 matriculation fee

Three-week Terms

- Within two academic days: 80% refund
- Within three academic days: 70% refund
- Within four academic days: 60% refund
- Within five academic days: 50% refund
- Within six academic days: 40% refund
- After six academic days: no refund

Six-week Terms

- Within three academic days: 90% refund
- Within four academic days: 80% refund
- Within five academic days: 70% refund
- Within six academic days: 60% refund
- Within seven academic days: 50% refund
- Within eight academic days: 40% refund
- After eight academic days: no refund

Regulations for refunds for all terms are as follows:
1. Students refusing to conform to the disciplinary rules of the university forfeit all claims for refunds.
2. All above rules and regulations put the responsibility on the student. He/she saves money and avoids misunderstanding by immediately seeing the Vice President for Business and Financial Services or the Assistant Vice President for Business and Financial Services.

Treatment of Title IV Funds When a Student Withdraws

If a student in a semester program withdraws from a semester on or before the 60% point in time calculated using calendar days, a portion of the to-
tal of Federal Stafford Loan which has been dis-
bursed or could have been dispersed to the student
for that semester must be returned, according to the
Return of Title IV Funds regulations of the Higher
Education Amendments of 1998. A student in a pro-
gram offered in modules who withdraws from a
module and earns no credit hours for an enrollment
period for which he is receiving a loan is also sub-
ject to the Return of Title IV Funds regulations. The
calculation of the return of these funds may result
in the student owing a balance to Union University.
Examples of calculation of the Return of Title IV
Funds are available in the Office of Financial Aid.

How to Obtain a Credit of Institutional Charges

In order to obtain a credit of institutional charges,
a student must notify Union Station in person or
the Academic Center in writing of his desire to with-
draw from the university, the reason for withdraw-
ing, and indicate the last day which he attended
class. This information will be recorded on a with-
drawal record and passed on to the Office of Busi-
ness Services and the Financial Aid Office for calcu-
lation of Return of Title IV Funds, if applicable.

Equipment

Any University equipment such as musical instru-
ments, athletic equipment, laboratory apparatus,
etc., that may be made available for students’ use is
the responsibility of the student. Any damage or
breakage, other than by normal use, will be charged
to the student’s account.

No equipment is to leave the campus, unless in
care of the faculty member responsible for it.

Financial Assistance

Graduate students may apply for the Federal
Stafford Loan. Policy and procedures for adminis-
tration of financial aid are published in the finan-
cial aid handbook, Financing Your Education, avail-
able in the Financial Aid Office.

VETERANS: Union University is approved by the
Department of Veterans Affairs for all veterans and
dependents of veterans who qualify. Check with the
Academic Center as soon as possible.

How to Apply

By completing all the steps below, students will
maximize the financial aid for which they will be
considered. Throughout the process, our financial
aid staff is available to answer questions and offer
assistance to complete the application forms.

Step 1.
Apply and be accepted to Union University.

Step 2.
Complete and return a Union University Application
for Financial Assistance that is available in
the Financial Aid Office at Union University or with
your Program Director.

Step 3.
Secure a Free Application for Federal Student Aid
(FAFSA) from the Financial Aid Office at Union
University or your Program Director. Complete this
form and file on the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov or
mail to the federal processor (address is on packet)
as soon after January 1 as possible. The instructions
are self-explanatory. We will receive the information
electronically if you use Union’s code, 003528.

Step 4.
Complete and return a Master Promissory Note
to apply for a Federal Stafford Loan to the Financial
Aid Office. These forms are available from the Fi-
nancial Aid Office at Union University, your Pro-
gram Director, or a local bank.

Appeal Procedures

Appeal Procedures. A student who wishes to ap-
peal for a variance from graduate policies or proce-
dures should direct a written petition to the Dean of
the McAfee School of Business Administration, the
Dean of the School of Education and Human Stud-
ies, or the Dean of the School of Nursing, or the Di-
rector of the Institute for International and Intercul-
tural Studies requesting the variance and carefully
outlining the reasons for the request. After consid-
eration of the petition, the Dean/Institute Director
will determine whether the petition can be granted
and will inform the student, in writing, of the deci-
sion.

If the student is dissatisfied with the Dean’s/In-
itute Director’s response to the petition, the stu-
dent may then appeal the Dean’s/Institute Director’s
decision to the Graduate Appeals Committee. The
Graduate Appeals Committee will review the peti-
tion, gather information as it is needed, and render
a decision. The Committee will inform the student,
in writing, of their decision.

If the student is dissatisfied with the decision of
the Graduate Appeals Committee, that decision can
be appealed first to the Provost and then, if neces-
sary, to the President. The decision of the President
will be final. Copies of all correspondence related to all formal petitions and appeals will be kept for future reference in the student’s file in the office of the respective Graduate school.

**Review of Grades.** A graduate student who feels that the grade received in a course is in error or was not fairly determined should contact the instructor of the course to discuss how the grade was determined.

If, after discussion of the grade in question with the instructor of the course, the student remains unsatisfied, the student may request that the grade be reviewed by the Director of the Program and/or the Dean of the College or School which offered the course. If either the Dean or the Director was the instructor who issued the grade, they will not participate in the review. The remaining person on the review committee will appoint another member of the program to serve on the review committee. The review committee will gather any additional information that is needed and will review the grade. The review committee will inform the student and the instructor, in writing, of their decision.

If either the student or the instructor is not satisfied with the decision of the review committee, that decision may be appealed to the Graduate Appeals Committee. The Graduate Appeals Committee will inform both the student and the instructor, in writing, of their decision. Either the student or the instructor may appeal the decision of the Graduate Appeals Committee first to the Provost and then, if necessary, to the President. The decision of the President will be final. The appeal procedure in cases of alleged student cheating is stated under *Ethical Responsibilities* found earlier in this *Catalogue*.

**Graduation Policies and Requirements**

Commencement is held on the Jackson campus following spring semester (May), following fall semester (December), and following summer sessions (August) for all programs other than the M.A.I.S. Students should choose to participate in the appropriate ceremony according to the following schedule:

If academic requirements are completed or expected to be completed by:

- December after the December ceremony, January, February, March, April or May prior to the May ceremony, attend Commencement ceremony in May;

- May beyond the May ceremony, June, July, August prior to the August ceremony, attend Commencement in August;

- August beyond the August ceremony, September, October, November, December prior to the December ceremony, attend Commencement ceremony in December.

An Application for Graduation must be filed in the Graduate office of the appropriate program by the deadlines shown below. Applications for Graduation are available in each Graduate Studies office. Commencement for M.A.I.S. graduates will be held at the off-campus site following program completion.

Attendance at the activities related to graduation is expected. Activities included in this expectation are Baccalaureate (May only) and Commencement. Petitions for graduating in *absentia* should be directed to the Office of the Provost.

Students who successfully complete a graduate degree program are granted a diploma. A candidate for the graduate degree must:

- Accumulate required semester hours for the degree:
  - 37 for the M.B.A.,
  - 30 credit hours for the M.Ed.,
  - 33 credit hours for the M.A.Ed. (thesis route),
  - 39 credit hours for the M.A.Ed. (non-thesis route)
  - 39 credit hours for the M.A.I.S.
  - 38 credit hours for the M.S.N.
  - 39 credit hours for Ed.S.

- Accumulate a grade point average of 3.0 (minimum) for M.B.A., M.Ed., M.A.Ed, M.A.I.S., M.S.N., or Ed.S.

- Successfully complete all degree requirements which are in effect for each program.

- File an Application for Graduation with the respective Graduate School office. Application deadlines are:
  - March 1 for candidates who plan to complete requirements by the May Commencement.
  - June 1 for completion by August Commencement.
  - October 1 for completion by December Commencement.

- Pay in full the student’s account in the Business Office.

- Discharge all other obligations (fines, credentials, etc.) at the University.
THE McAFFEE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Mission Statement

To provide a contemporary business education in a Christian context.

The M.B.A. Academic Program

The Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree provides advanced study for individuals interested in managing and leading organizations.

Program Emphasis

Courses

There are 12 courses and an orientation program in the Union M.B.A. curriculum. The orientation program, comprised of 3 class meetings for one hour of credit, serves as a review of background information needed in each of the business disciplines.

The remaining 12 courses are 3 semester hours of graduate credit each. Courses are scheduled in a manner that allows the student to continue a career and an already busy schedule. The courses meet from 6 to 10 p.m. one evening a week. Only one course is taken at a time, and each cohort of students progresses through the program together. Courses are 8 weeks in duration. The entire 37-semester hour M.B.A. program is completed in 24 months.

The course load is divided into three terms of twelve hours per term, with the exception of Term 1 which includes the one hour Orientation program.

Faculty

The strength of the Union M.B.A. is the qualified faculty that serve our student body. Union’s business faculty combine practical work experience in management, consulting, and the professions with strong academic backgrounds. This dual emphasis on practicum and education provides a rich and relevant classroom experience for our M.B.A. students. Faculty pursue innovative teaching concepts while continuing to conduct and publish business-related research.

Program Benefits

The program strives to develop the following knowledge and skills in each student:

1. Advanced knowledge in accounting, economics, finance, management, marketing, and quantitative methods;
2. Application of strategic management concepts within the functions of organizations;
3. Effective leadership and communication skills;
4. The capacity to make decisions leading to achievement of organizational objectives;
5. An understanding of the importance of Christian ethics and its application to organizational decision-making.

Students also will benefit from the following:

1. Convenient, one night a week scheduling;
2. Lock-step courses taught one at a time;
3. A full-time program that allows students to continue their careers;
4. Friendships developed within the cohort that will last a lifetime; and,
5. Personal contact with a professor in each course, each night.

Program Features

Case Methodology

The intensive study of cases is the focus of the Union M.B.A. Case study provides concrete organizational experiences for students to analyze. These real-life situations reinforce classroom discussions and interactive activities.

Admission Information

Regular Admission Requirements

1. Official transcript(s) showing all course work, completion of baccalaureate degree(s), and all graduate credit previously attempted.
2. Completed application for the M.B.A. program, including payment of a $25 application fee.
3. Submission of a score on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). The minimum acceptable GMAT score is 400. An applicant will be accepted as an M.B.A. student if his/her combined credentials (undergraduate grade point average <UGPA> and performance on the GMAT) measure at least 1200 points according to the following formula:
   
   \[(300 \times \text{UGPA}) + \text{GMAT Score}\]
4. Minimum two years’ post-baccalaureate work experience. Students not meeting this requirement must have completed a group of undergraduate foundation courses. This list is available from the M.B.A. Director.

Conditional Admission Requirements

Applicants who do not meet the regular admission requirements to the M.B.A. program may be admitted conditionally at the discretion of the M.B.A. Director and the Graduate Business Committee. Students who are conditionally admitted may obtain regular admission after 12 hours of graduate study have been completed with a minimum 3.0 grade point average, or when the specific cause for conditional admission is removed.

Conditional admission to the M.B.A. program will be granted based on the following criteria.

1. All admissions criteria are met with the exception of the submission of a GMAT score. A score must be submitted during the first term of enrollment in the M.B.A. program.
2. The student meets admission requirements but has a low grade point average from previous academic work.

Transfer of Credit

Graduate credit for courses earned at a regionally accredited college or university or at a recognized foreign college or university may be transferred to Union University if the courses are essentially the same courses as those required in the cohort program. Such transfer credit will not be allowed for courses used to satisfy another degree at another institution. The maximum number of semester hours that may be transferred to Union University and applied to the M.B.A. degree is nine.

No grade less than “B” may be transferred. Courses taken more than five years before beginning the M.B.A. program at Union University will be considered on an individual basis.

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of the thirty-seven hours of required course work.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 for the required course of study.

The Cohort Approach

The Union M.B.A. provides a delivery system for graduate education that is unique. Groups of 15 to 30 students pursue each course together, meeting one night a week for eight weeks per course. This model emphasizes teamwork, cooperation, and the sharing of knowledge between students. Each cohort group is further subdivided into study groups of 4 to 6 students. Every attempt is made to structure study groups so that students’ past experiences and business strengths are complementary. Lifelong friendships are developed under this format, and the learning that takes place in the classroom is supplemented in team exercises and projects. Study group meetings outside of class are at the discretion of group members.

Financial Information

There are four methods of payment for the program.
1. One-hundred percent of tuition expense for the entire program before the first night of class.
2. The payment of tuition for each term before the first night of class for that term.
3. The payment of one-third of the tuition at the beginning of the term and two equal payments at one-third intervals during the term. Interest will be assessed on the unpaid balance at the rate of 1.5% per month.
4. Tuition Reimbursement

Tuition is $300 per semester credit hour, or $11,100 for the program:

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The following are non-refundable fees:
Application Fee: $25
Graduation Fee: $100; Student keeps masters hood

Financial Aid

Students enrolled in the M.B.A. Program may apply for the Federal Stafford Loan. A Union University Application for Financial Assistance and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form must be completed by each applicant. A Master Promissory Note must also be on file in the Financial Aid Office.

Union University is approved by the Department for Veterans Affairs to offer educational benefits to veterans, reservists, and dependents of veterans who qualify for Veterans Benefits. Any person who qualifies for VA Benefits should check with the Academic Center as soon as possible upon registration.
Course Descriptions

Master in Business Administration (MBA)

Term One (13 hours)

601 MBA Orientation (1)
An orientation to the activities and experiences of graduate study in business at Union University, including adjustment to academic development and spiritual growth. This course, which provides an overview of basic undergraduate business concepts, is required of all entering MBA students.

610 Managerial Economics (3)
This course will build on a traditional basis of microeconomic theory through the case method and research projects. Case application will bring microeconomic analysis into the realm of managerial decision making.

635 Business Research Methods (3)
This course will develop business analytical tools using mathematics, statistics and computer technology. These tools will then be applied to a variety of business problems emphasizing planning, collection and interpretation of data, and presentation of results.

648 Human Behavior in Organizations (3)
Behavioral sciences applied to interpersonal relationships in organizations; concepts of human aspects of businesses as distinguished from economic and technical aspects. Focus is on the process of managing people.

653 Production & Operations Management (3)
Planning and control of operations in manufacturing and service organizations; examination of decision theory applications; emphasis on developing skills and techniques through case studies.

Term Two

612 Analytical Managerial Accounting (3)
Managerial accounting which focuses on historical and standard cost systems and cost analysis using various quantitative techniques.

620 Ethical Management (3)
Ethical Management makes intensive use of the case method to probe ethical issues facing the modern business world. An ethical audit of the student’s firm also provides an opportunity to give practical relevance to the issues presented in class.

625 Managerial Finance (3)
Analysis of the capital structure, dividend policy, and working capital policy of the firm. Additional topics include: risk measurement, valuation, cost of capital, and analytical tools used for the acquisition and allocation of funds.

630 Management Information Systems (3)
This course is designed to provide an understanding of the field of information systems. Broad-based instruction in distributed databases, network architectures, telecommunications options, and hardware/software platforms. Applied knowledge to ensure that MIS goals and expenditures are consistent with and in support of the mission of the organization. Case studies are used extensively to learn about the current issues facing information management.

Term Three

615 Organizational Theory (3)
An examination of the impact of external environmental forces on the structure of an organization, the importance of organizational structure to the achievement of strategic and operational plans of management, and the various configurations available.

621 Business & The Legal Environment (3)
Tort law, contract law, agency, business organizations, negotiable instruments, property, business regulations, and industrial law. Case analysis of court decisions.

628 Strategic Marketing (3)
An analysis of the marketing of goods and services and the role of marketing in the economy. Marketing strategy explored through case studies and recent literature.
Coverage of strategic management concepts and integration of material learned in the functional areas of business; use of case studies and field projects to provide a top management view of the business enterprise.
THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN STUDIES

Master of Arts in Education
Master of Education
Education Specialist

Mission Statement

The graduate programs in education are designed to provide, within a service oriented Christian environment, quality graduate study opportunities to meet the educational needs of four distinct groups.

1. Persons who are licensed teachers and wish to complete graduate degrees in their professional teaching fields by completing either the M.A.Ed. or M.Ed., or Ed.S.;

2. Persons with baccalaureate degrees who are not licensed to teach and who do not desire to qualify for a license, but who wish to increase their knowledge of children, young people, and education by completing the M.A.Ed. degree;

3. Persons with baccalaureate degrees who are not licensed to teach but who wish to be. (These persons may choose to apply graduate courses taken to meet licensure requirements toward the M.A.Ed. degree.);

4. Persons with baccalaureate degrees who do not wish to pursue a graduate degree at this time, but who want to take graduate courses for personal or professional growth through M.A.Ed. course offering. These persons may or may not hold a teaching license.

Calendar for M.A.Ed. 2001—2002

Dates may vary slightly. Separate course schedules for each program are available.

Fall Semester 2001
Session I
August 15  M.A.Ed. Registration Deadline for Fall 2001
August 27  M.A.Ed. Classes Begin
September 28 Deadline for Returning Applications for Graduation (December and January)

Session II
October 25  M.A.Ed. Classes Begin
December 7  M.A.Ed. Registration Deadline for Winter 2002
December 15  Fall Commencement

Winter Semester 2002*

January 2  M.A.Ed. Classes Begin
January 18  M.A.Ed. Registration Deadline for Spring 2002

Spring Semester 2002
Session I
January 28  M.A.Ed. Classes Begin
February 26  Deadline for Returning Application for Graduation (May and August)

Session II*
April 1  M.A.Ed. Classes Begin
May 15  M.A.Ed. Registration Deadline for Summer 2002
May 18  Spring Commencement

Summer Semester 2002

June 1  Deadline for Returning Application for Graduation (August)
August 3  August Commencement

*An additional class meeting will be scheduled within the session to meet required minimum classes.
MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Admission to Graduate Coursework

All students, whether degree-seeking or non-degree-seeking in the M.A.Ed. program, who desire to take graduate courses in education at Union University must meet prescribed admission criteria. After admission, the student may take courses for personal or professional growth, seek teacher licensure, or pursue the Master of Arts in Education Degree. Some students may choose to seek the M.A.Ed. as they complete their teacher licensure.

Applicants desiring to take graduate courses in education should submit the following to the Office of Graduate Studies in Education:

1. A completed Application to Graduate Studies in Education.
2. A $25 application processing fee.
3. Official transcript(s) showing all coursework, completion of baccalaureate degree(s), and all graduate credit previously attempted from regionally accredited institutions.
4. Official transcript(s) indicating a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale of all undergraduate and post-baccalaureate coursework combined.
5. A brief writing sample scheduled by the Office of Graduate Studies in Education.

For short courses designed primarily for license renewal, only the following admission criteria will be required. Students should submit an Application for Admission to Graduate Studies in Education, a $25 application fee, a copy of their teaching license or an official transcript showing completion of a baccalaureate degree. If the student decides to seek the M.A.Ed. or take coursework other than the short courses, all requirements for full admission to graduate studies must be submitted. Note: A maximum of six semester hours taken in this short-course format may be used to satisfy M.A.Ed. requirements.

Conditional Admission to Graduate Coursework

Applicants who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement of 3.0 will be required to successfully complete a full 500-600 word writing sample, which will be evaluated by faculty in the Department of English. Subsequently, if the writing sample is adequate, the student will be placed on a conditional admission status for the first nine hours of graduate work at Union University. After successfully completing nine graduate hours of at least 3.0 grade average work, the student may appeal to the Dean of the School of Education and Human Studies for full admission to pursue graduate studies in education.

Undergraduate students in their last term of course work who, after registering for all courses required for graduation, need additional hours to be classed as full-time students, may be allowed to register for one graduate course for graduate credit.

Admission to the Master of Arts in Education Degree Program

In addition to the above admission criteria for applicants desiring to take graduate courses, those seeking admission to the M.A.Ed. Degree Program should submit the following to the Office of Graduate Studies in Education:

1. An official report showing an acceptable score on the Miller Analogies Test, the National Teacher Exam Specialty Area Test, or the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
2. Two completed Reference Evaluation forms. These references must be from persons who are familiar with the applicant’s professional or academic abilities. If the applicant is currently teaching, at least one recommendation should be from an administrator or supervisor who is familiar with the applicant’s work as a teacher. Forms are available in the Office of Graduate Studies in Education. If the student is seeking teacher licensure, forms are available in the office of the Director of Teacher Education.

Conditional Admission to the Master of Arts in Education Degree Program

Students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement or the minimum test score requirement for admission to the Master of Arts in Education Degree program will be required to successfully complete a full 500-600 word writing sample, which will be evaluated by faculty in the Department of English. Subsequently, if the writing sample is adequate, the student will be placed on conditional admission status for the first nine hours of graduate work at Union University. After successfully completing nine graduate hours of at least 3.0 grade average work, the student may appeal to the Dean of

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the School of Education and Human Studies for full admission to the Master of Arts in Education Degree Program.

Advisement

The Dean of the School of Education and Human Studies will assign the student to an advisor who will, with the student, develop a degree plan which will be placed in the student's file in the Office of Graduate Studies in Education in the School of Education and Human Studies. The student will consult with the advisor prior to each registration to plan courses.

Requirements for the Master of Arts in Education Degree

Two options are available for completion of the M.A.Ed. Degree, a thesis option requiring a minimum of 33 semester hours of graduate credit and a non-thesis option requiring a minimum of 39 semester hours of graduate credit. Students choosing the thesis option of the program are required to write a thesis or research report while students choosing the non-thesis option of the program are required to successfully complete the Capstone Research Seminar. All degree requirements must be completed within five years of the date of admission to the degree program.

Requirements for the Thesis Option of the M.A.Ed.

A minimum of 33 semester hours of approved graduate work is required for completion of the thesis option of the M.A.Ed. degree. This option consists of four components: a required core, a concentration area, education electives and the thesis.

I. Required Core: 15 hours
   A. EDU 610
   B. EDU 620
   C. EDU 650
   D. EDU 660
   E. EDU 670

II. Select one Concentration
   A. Concentration: Designed Studies (15 core + 18 concentration hours)
      1. Education Electives, advisor-approved, 6-9 hours
      2. Education Electives or other Electives, advisor-approved, 6-9 hours
   B. Concentration: Curriculum and Instruction, Non-Licensure (15 core + 18 concentration hours)
      1. EDU 604, EDU 625, EDU 626
      2. PSY 610 or PSY 614
      3. Education Electives, advisor-approved, 3 hours
   C. Concentration: Human Growth and Development, Non-Licensure (15 core + 18 concentration hours)
      1. SE 625, PSY 610, and PSY 614
      2. EDU 651 or EDU 657
      3. Education Electives, advisor-approved, 2 hours

III. Thesis, EDU 690

Requirements for the Non-Thesis Option of the M.A.Ed.

A minimum of 39 semester hours of approved graduate work is required for completion of the non-thesis option of the M.A.Ed. degree. This option consists of three components: a required core, education electives and concentration area.

I. Required Core (15 hours)
   A. EDU 610
   B. EDU 620
   C. EDU 650
   D. EDU 670
   E. EDU 675

II. Select one concentration
   A. Concentration: Early Childhood Education, Licensure (15 core + 29 concentration hours)
      With appropriate prerequisites, initial licensure and Praxis II Specialty Tests*, this program leads to an additional endorsement in Early Childhood PreK-4.
      1. Courses with Field Experience component: EDU 552, 553, 554, 555
      2. EDU 504, (prior technology experience needed)
      3. EDU 629, EDU 651, EDU 657
   B. Concentration: Elementary Education, Licensure (15 core + 24 concentration hours)
      With appropriate prerequisites, initial licensure and Praxis II Specialty Tests*, this program leads to an endorsement in Elementary K-8.
      1. Courses with Field Experience component: EDU 552, 553, 554, 555
      2. EDU 504 (prior technology experience needed)
      3. EDU 629 and 658
   C. Concentration: Library Information Specialist, Licensure (15 core + 41 concentration hours)
      With appropriate prerequisites, this program leads to an initial license in Library Information Specialist PreK-12. Praxis II Tests
and student teaching semester are required for licensure but not for the degree.
1. SE 625 and PSY 610
2. LSC 610, 620, 630, 640, 650
3. EDU 510 and EDU 616
4. EDU 437, Enhanced Student Teaching PreK-12, 14 hours

D. Concentration: Secondary Education, Licensure (15 core + 24 concentration hours)
With appropriate prerequisites, including those in the teaching content field, this program leads to an initial licensure in a secondary (Grades 7-12) field. Praxis II Tests and student teaching semester, or 2 years of successful teaching experience on an Interim A license appropriate to the endorsement area, are required for licensure but not for the degree.
1. EDU 504 (prior technology experience needed)
2. EDU 530, 604, 625, 626
3. PSY 610 and SE 625
4. Education Electives, advisor-approved, 4 hours

E. Concentration: Special Education, Licensure (15 core + 24 concentration hours)
With appropriate prerequisites, initial licensure and Praxis II Specialty Tests*, this program leads to an additional endorsement in SE-Modified K-12.
1. SE 605, 610, 631, 632, 641, 645
2. Education Electives, advisor-approved, 6 hours
An endorsement in SE-Comprehensive may be added by taking 6 hours of designated coursework. An endorsement in SE-Early Childhood is available by taking 8 hours of designated coursework.

F. Concentration: Curriculum and Instruction, Non-Licensure (15 core + 24 concentration hours)
1. EDU 604, 616, 625, 626
2. PSY 610 or EDU/PSY 614
3. Education Electives, advisor-approved, 9 hours

G. Concentration: Human Growth and Development, Non-Licensure (15 core + 24 concentration hours)
1. SE 625, PSY 610, EDU/PSY 614
2. EDU 651, EDU 657
3. Education Electives, advisor-approved, 7 hours

* Praxis II Specialty Area Tests appropriate to the endorsement are required for licensure but not for the degree.

Admission to Candidacy for the Master of Arts in Education Degree
An important step in the student’s progress toward the Master of Arts in Education Degree is admission to Candidacy. Students will be admitted to degree candidacy status only when the following conditions have been met.
1. Interview with the Director of Graduate Studies, Jackson.
2. Development of a program of study.
3. Completion of at least 18 semester hours in the program, including EDU 650, Educational Measurement and Evaluation. Additionally, if the student is pursuing the thesis option, EDU 660, Issues and Trends in Education, is required.
5. A minimum grade point average of 3.0.

Additional Candidacy Requirement for Thesis-Option Students: Students completing the thesis option of the program must have degree candidacy before beginning the master’s research. In addition to the candidacy requirements above, thesis option students will be required to submit a research proposal which has been approved by the student’s research committee. It is the responsibility of the student to consult with the Dean of the School of Education and Human Studies regarding the formation of the research committee. The approved research proposal must be filed in the Office of the School of Education and Human Studies before candidacy is granted.

The student will receive written notification when degree candidacy status has been achieved.

Full-Time Students
A graduate student enrolled for 9 or more hours during an academic semester will be considered a full-time student. A graduate student enrolled for 6 or more hours during the Summer or 3 or more graduate hours in Winter or any less-than-14-week semester shall be considered full time.

Maximum Load
The maximum load for a graduate student is 15 hours during the Fall or Spring semesters and 6
hours during the Winter term. The maximum load for the 8-week Summer session is 12 hours. No more than 6 hours may be taken during any Summer term. Fall and Spring Semester schedules are designed for teachers. An optimum load for teachers is six hours, one course per term.

**Transfer of Credit into the M.A.Ed. Degree Program**

Up to nine semester hours of graduate credit from a regionally accredited college or university may be transferred into the degree program at the time the student is admitted to the program, provided the grades received in those courses were B or higher. Work being transferred into the program must have been completed within five years prior to admission to the program.

Transfer of credit after the student has been admitted to the degree program (transient credit) will be acceptable provided (1) the total semester hours of transfer credit does not exceed nine hours, (2) the grade received in the course is B or higher, and (3) written approval of the course being taken has been obtained from the Dean of the School of Education and Human Studies prior to taking the course. A maximum of six hours of workshop/short course/video course credit may be transferred.

**Residency Requirements**

All students pursuing the Master of Arts in Education Degree are required to meet residency requirements for the degree. Students electing the thesis option of the program must complete at least 21 semester hours of work on the Jackson campus. Students electing the non-thesis option of the program must complete at least 27 semester hours of work on the Jackson campus.

**Courses Taken by Non-Degree Students**

A maximum of twelve hours of graduate work taken at Union before a student is admitted to the degree program may be used to satisfy the M.A.Ed. requirements.

**Financial Information**

The registration of a graduate student signifies an agreement by the student to fulfill the related financial obligations to the end of the term for which the student has registered.

There are two methods for the payment of expenses.

1. All expenses may be paid in full prior to or on the day of registration.
2. Payment may be made in two equal payments, with one-half due at the time of registration and the balance due halfway through the term. A 1.5% service charge will be added to the unpaid balance following the initial payment.

For students who have a definite commitment of financial aid from the Financial Aid Office of the University, the difference between the total cost for the term and the financial aid allocation is the amount payable by the student to the University.

**Tuition and Fees**

Non-degree-seeking post-baccalaureate students  $205/semester hour (2001-2002)

Tuition for Student Teaching will be charged at the undergraduate rate.

Other fees when applicable:

- Application Fee (non-refundable, one-time only) $25
- Late Registration Fee $25
- Audit Fee $110 semester hour
- Course Change Fee $10
- Lab/Materials Fee per Course: EDU 552, 553, 554, 555, 651, 657, 658; SE 651, 657 $15
- Thesis Binding Fee $50
- Graduation Fee: Student keeps masters hood $100

**Financial Assistance**

Students enrolled in Graduate Studies in Education for a minimum of six hours per semester, Fall or Spring, may apply for the Federal Stafford Loan. All students applying for this loan must complete an institutional Application for Financial Assistance and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Forms are available in the Financial Aid Office. A Master Promissory Note must also be filed in the Financial Aid office.

Some students may qualify for a Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) loan. The Tennessee Teaching Scholars Program provides a forgivable loan of $3,000 for post-baccalaureate students admitted to state-approved teacher education programs at a Tennessee institution of higher education who pledge to teach at the public preschool, elementary, or secondary level in Tennessee one year
for each year the award is received. Contact the Fi-
nancial Aid Office for information on requirements
for qualifying, how to apply, and the application
deadline.

Veterans: Union University is approved to offer
educational benefits to veterans, reservists, and de-
pendents of veterans who qualify for Veterans Ben-
efits. Any person who qualifies for the above should
check with the Academic Center as soon as possible
upon registration.
# Master of Arts in Education

**Requirements for the MA.Ed. Degree Options**

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| **Required Core** | 15 Hours:  
EDU 610 His & Phil Educ  
EDU 620 Curr Dev & Implem  
EDU 650 Educ Meas & Eval  
EDU 660 Issues & Trends in Educ  
EDU 670 Research Design  | 15 Hours:  
EDU 610 Hist & Phil Educ  
EDU 620 Curr Dev & Implem  
EDU 650 Educ Meas & Eval  
EDU 670 Research Design  
EDU 675 Capstone Research Seminar  |
| **Concentration Area** | 6 Hours  | 12–20 Hours  |
| With the assistance of a faculty advisor, the student will select an area that will provide growth in the knowledge and methodology of that area  | 6 Hours  | 2–11 Hours  |
| **Education Electives** | 6 Hours  | 2–11 Hours  |
| With the assistance of a faculty advisor, the student will select education courses that will increase the student’s professional knowledge and skills  | 6 Hours  | 2–11 Hours  |
| **Additional Electives** | 3 Hours  | Not Required  |
| With the assistance of a faculty advisor, the student will select additional courses in either education or the specialty area  | 3 Hours  | Not Required  |
| **Thesis** | Minimum of 3 Hours  | Not required in the non-thesis option  |
| **Minimum Hours Required** | 33 Hours  | 39 Hours, varies with state licensure requirements  |
Course Descriptions

Art (ART)

533 Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

585 Special Studies in Art (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598 Seminar (1-3)
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

610 Theories and Processes in Drawing and Painting (3)
Exploration of concepts in drawing and painting with consideration of subject matter, media processes and developmental learning activities for art programs.

620 Theories and Processes in Sculpture (3)
Exploration of concepts and techniques in sculpture with consideration to developmental learning activities for art programs.

640 Special Studies in Art (3)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655 Independent Study (1-4)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680 Research in Art Education A (3)
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685 Research in Art Education B (3)
A continuation of Research in Art Education A.

Biology (BIO)

533 Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

585 Special Studies in Biology (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598 Seminar (1-3)
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

640 Special Studies in Biology (3)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655 Independent Study (1-4)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680 Research in Biology Education A (3)
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685 Research in Biology Education B (3)
A continuation of Research in Biology Education A.

Business Administration (BAD)

533 Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

585 Special Studies in Business (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598 Seminar (1-3)
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.
615 Seminar and Workshop in Economic Education (3)
The seminars will focus on basic theories of economics at both the macroeconomic and microeconomic level. The workshops will stress practical applications of economic principles and basic classroom methods for teaching economics.

640 Special Studies in Business Administration (3)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655 Independent Study (1-4)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680 Research in Science Education A (3)
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685 Research in Science Education B (3)
A continuation of Research in Science Education A.

Communication Arts (COM)

533 Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

585 Special Studies in Communication (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598 Seminar (1-3)
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

640 Special Studies in Communication Arts (3)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.
685 Research in Communication Education B (3)
A continuation of Research in Communication Education A.

Education (EDU)

504 Technology in the Classroom (2)
A study of the most recent technology advancements utilized to enhance student achievement in the elementary, middle, and high school classroom with emphasis on the many facets of the computer as a teaching tool. Prior technology experience needed.

510 Computer Applications in the Classroom (3)
A study of existing computer software for elementary and secondary educational use. Criteria for the evaluation and selection of software are emphasized. Grading and management applications and word processing are included.

517 Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Art (3)
A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching art in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

518 Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Science (3)
A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching science in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

519 Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Business (3)
A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching business in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

520 Instructional Methodology for Secondary School English (3)
A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching English in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

521 Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Physical Education and Health (3)
A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching physical education and health in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

522 Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Mathematics (3)
A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching mathematics in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

523 Instructional Methodology for Modern Languages in Secondary School (3)
A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching modern languages in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

524 Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Music (3)
A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching music in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

525 Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Social Studies (3)
A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching social studies in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.
526 Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Speech and Theatre Arts (3)
A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching speech and theatre arts in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

530 Secondary School Methods (3)
A study of the principles, methods, and best practices for teaching at the secondary level with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

533 Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

540 Using Games and Activities in the Elementary Classroom (3)
A study of the principles and practices related to the effective use of games and activities in the elementary classroom.

552 Instructional Design of Language Arts (4)
A practical study of the design and implementation of instruction of reading and children’s literature in the elementary (K-8) classroom with emphasis on current research in the field. Includes field experience.

553 Instructional Design of Reading (4)
A study of the design and implementation of instruction of reading with emphasis on current research and practice, including investigation of common reading problems, assessment methods, and remediation techniques. Field experience included.

554 Instructional Design of Mathematics and Classroom Management (4)
A study of the design and implementation of instruction of mathematics in the elementary (K-8) classroom with emphasis on current research in the field, including examination of effective strategies of comprehensive classroom management.

555 Instructional Design of Science and Social Studies (4)
A study of the design and implementation of instruction of science and social studies in the elementary (K-8) classroom with emphasis on current research in the field.

585 Special Studies in Education (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

595 Special Workshops (1-4)
Graduate credit offered in concentrated format for license renewal and elective credit. Maximum of 6 hours can count toward a degree. Selected topics may vary each year.

598 Seminar (1-3)
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

604 Teaching in a Pluralistic Society (3)
A study of pluralistic society and the expression of diversity in families and schools with emphasis on current research and best teaching practices.

610 History and Philosophy of Education (3)
A study of the history and philosophy of American education with attention to European antecedents, and philosophical movements such as Idealism, Realism, Perennialism, Essentialism, Progressivism, Reconstructionism, and Existentialism.

614 Learning Theories and Styles (3)
See PSY 614 for course description.

615 Seminar and Workshop in Economic Education (3)
The seminars will focus on basic theories of economics at both the macroeconomic and microeconomic level. The workshops will stress practical applications of economic principles and basic classroom methods for teaching economics.
616 Children and Literature (3)
A critical analysis of each genre of literature for children as a basis for the appreciation, selection, and use of suitable materials to foster active learning, personal growth, and recreational reading. This course is intended for the student who did not take a course in children’s literature as an undergraduate.

620 Curriculum Development and Implementation (3)
This course is designed to investigate the factors that have influenced and will shape the school curriculum. Various organizational patterns, trends, and issues are studied.

625 Classroom Management (3)
A study of comprehensive classroom management strategies which will center on interpersonal relationships, classroom organization and management, instruction, problem solving, behaviorism, and schoolwide discipline.

626 Reading in the Content Area (3)
Content reading skills are skills with focus. Rather than consisting of lessons to teach initial reading, content area reading builds on skills to teach strategies related to specific areas of the curriculum. Such instruction is designed to teach students the specific skills necessary to learn more effectively in science, social studies, literature, math, music, and physical education. Students in this course will create materials related to their specific content area. Field Experience required.

629 Current Research in Early Childhood Education (3)
Study and analysis of current research related to children and educational programs for children, birth through grade three. Field Experience required.

630 The School and Community Relations (3)
A study of designing programs around needs and problems of the school and its special publics, dealing constructively and effectively with these needs, and promoting a positive school environment for the steady improvement of public education.

632 School Law (3)
A study of sources of school law, student rights, and legal issues affecting education.

634 School Facilities (3)
Consideration of the school plant, grounds, and major equipment in relation to the educational needs of the community; factors in site selection; procedures in planning of school buildings; principles of design and construction; architectural and contractual services; and maintenance.

640 Special Studies in Education (3)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

650 Educational Measurement and Evaluation (3)
A study of the measurement of learning, attitudes and feelings, products and performances, and social interaction. Difficulty and discrimination of test items as well as validity and reliability of tests are emphasized. Descriptive statistics for sets of data are introduced.

651 Cognitive Development of the Young Child (4)
Students examine the theoretical and applied aspects of cognitive development in young children. Language development, quantitative thinking and number concepts, goals and concepts for other curriculum areas, as well as assessment principles and models are explored. Practicum required. Prerequisites: EDU 629.

655 Independent Study (1-4)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

657 Creative Development of the Young Child (4)
Students examine the development of creativity in young children with attention given to the use of the expressive arts for early intervention, meeting curricular objectives in all areas, and programming strategies for young children with special needs. Assessment principles and models are explored. Practicum required. Prerequisites: EDU 629.
Middle School Design (3)
Design and implementation of instruction in the middle school with attention to the philosophy and structure of the middle school and to issues, problems and practices in building a community of learners and collaboration with colleagues and support personnel based on current research in the field. Includes Field Experience.

Issues and Trends in Education (3)
A course designed to research the literature related to recent developments in education, including the aims, philosophies, methods, content, and problems related to the field. Students will identify and develop a synthesis of research related to a potential line of research.

Research Design (3)
A study of research designs which control threats to the validity of research conclusions. Students will complete a research proposal of a significant problem in education including a review of the literature related to the problem.

Capstone Research Seminar (3)
An extensive review of literature and synthesis of key learning based on the student’s concentration area designed to provide a culminating experience of the M.A.Ed., non-thesis option. The final product will be presented to faculty and peers. To be taken the semester before graduation. Prerequisite: Completion of graduate coursework.

Research in Education A (3)
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

Research in Education B (3)
A continuation of Research in Education A.

Thesis A (3)
A course designed to help the student complete the master's research and thesis. Specific course content will be designed to meet the research and writing needs of the individual student.

Thesis B (3)
A continuation of Thesis A.

English (ENG)

Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

Special Studies in English (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

Seminar (1-3)
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

Special Studies in English (3)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

Independent Study (1-4)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

Research in English Education A (3)
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

Research in English Education B (3)
A continuation of Research in ENG. 680.

History (HIS), Political Science (PSC), and Geography (GEO)

Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

Special Studies in Social Sciences (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.
598 Seminar (1-3)
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

640 Special Studies in Social Sciences (3)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655 Independent Study (1-4)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680 Research in Social Science Education A (3)
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685 Research in Social Science Education B (3)
A continuation of Research in Social Science Education A.

Languages (LAN)

533 Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

585 Special Studies in Languages (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598 Seminar (1-3)
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

640 Special Studies in Languages (3)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655 Independent Study (1-4)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680 Research in Language Education A (3)
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685 Research in Language Education B (3)
A continuation of Research in Language Education A.

Library Information Specialist (LSC)

610 Principles of Librarianship (3)
A study which traces the development of library history from its earliest existence through the 20th century. In addition to the history and theories, it includes a study of the types of libraries, services, trends, issues and problems in libraries.

620 School Library Administration (3)
A study on how to organize and administrate school libraries with emphases placed on developing and implementing short and long range goals, developing and administrating programs, and keeping abreast of practices through current literature.

630 Collection Management and Organization (3)
A study which provides background information and current rules regarding the Dewey Decimal Systems of Classification and cataloging of materials. The course gives student hands on practice in creating records and editing records based on Machine Readable Format (MARC). The course will focus on activities that take place in route operations of collection management and organization of a library with emphasis on acquisition of materials, bibliographic control, cataloging, preservation and weeding of materials.

640 Young Adult Literature (3)
An evaluation which provides information about young adult literature as well as offers discussion on multicultural, multinational and classical literature for selection and appreciation of library materials.
Practicum (6)
Library experience and training in elementary, middle and secondary school requiring 200 clock hours under the supervision of a licensed school librarian and college supervisor. Prerequisite: Completion of all other course work required for the degree.

General Reference (3)
A study which introduces students to basic printed reference and electronic resources for school library media centers and how to use them effectively. Focuses on how to use strategies in seeking answers to reference questions. The reference resources studied will serve as a selection guide for school libraries.

Mathematics (MAT) and Computer Science (CSC)

Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

Special Studies in Mathematics & Computer Science (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

Seminar (1-3)
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

Special Studies in Mathematics and Computer Science (3)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

Independent Study (1-4)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

Research in Mathematics Education A (3)
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

Research in Mathematics Education B (3)
A continuation of Research in Mathematics and Computer Science Education A.

Music (MUS)

Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

Special Studies in Music (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

Seminar (1-3)
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

Special Studies in Music (3)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

Independent Study (1-4)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

Research in Music Education A (3)
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

Research in Music Education B (3)
A continuation of Research in MUS 680.

Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport (PEWS)

Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

Special Studies in Physical Education and Health (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.
598 Seminar (1-3)  
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

640 Special Studies in Physical Education and Health (3)  
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655 Independent Study (1-4)  
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

660 Issues and Trends in Physical Education Education (3)  
A course designed to research the literature related to recent developments in Physical Education including the aims, philosophies, methods, content, and problems related to the field. Students will identify and develop a synthesis of research related to a potential line of research.

680 Research in Physical Education and Health Education A (3)  
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685 Research in Physical Education and Health Education B (3)  
A continuation of Research in Physical Education and Health Education A.

Psychology (PSY)

533 Internship (1-4)  
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

585 Special Studies in Psychology (1-4)  
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598 Seminar (1-3)  
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

610 Advanced Educational Psychology (3)  
This course involves an in-depth study of the field of educational psychology. Emphasis will be upon applying current research and issues such as human development, learning, and motivation to the educational setting.

614 Learning Theories and Styles (3)  
Prominent theories of learning and learning styles in the context in which they were originated, their influences upon contemporary psychological and educational thought, and their present applications.

624 Comparative Study of Child Development Theories (3)  
This course is for the student who did not take a course in child development or human development as an undergraduate. It is a critical study of the prominent theories relating to physical, social, emotional, and cognitive growth of children, as well as factors which impact upon development. The roles of the teacher and of other professionals who work with young children are explored.

625 Learning and Behavioral Characteristics of Persons with Exceptionalities (3)  
A study of the learning and behavioral characteristics of students with exceptionalities. Theoretical models and experimental results will be examined.

640 Special Studies in Psychology (3)  
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655 Independent Study (1-4)  
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680 Research in Psychology Education A (3)  
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685 Research in Psychology Education B (3)  
A continuation of Research in Psychology Education A.
Sociology (SOC)

533 Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

585 Special Studies in Sociology (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598 Seminar (1-3)
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

640 Special Studies in Sociology (3)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655 Independent Study (1-4)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680 Research in Sociology Education A (3)
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685 Research in Sociology Education B (3)
A continuation of Research in Sociology Education A.

Special Education (SE)

533 Internship (1-4)
Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

585 Special Studies in Special Education (1-4)
Groups studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

595 Special Workshops (1-4)
Graduate credit offered in concentrated format for license renewal and elective credit. Maximum of 6 hours can count toward a degree. Selected topics may vary each year.

605 Current Research in Educational Assessment of Persons with Exceptionalities (3)
An investigation of assessment procedures for persons with special needs. Attention is given to the research base related to appropriate techniques and instruments and interpretation and transformation of test data into programmatic guidelines for instructional objectives.

610 Current Research in Behavior Management of Persons with Exceptionalities (3)
A study of the various theories and techniques for managing behavior of students with exceptionalities. Attention is given to experimental results and related practical, moral, and legal issues.

625 Learning and Behavioral Characteristics of Persons with Exceptionalities (3)
A study of the learning and behavioral characteristics of students with exceptionalities. Theoretical models and experimental results will be examined.

631 Educational Needs of Persons with Mild/Moderate Disabilities (3)
A study of the diagnostic criteria of particular disability categories with emphasis on the individual educational needs of individuals with mild to moderate exceptionalities, including a study of Federal and State law, behavioral and psychosocial aspects, and pedagogy involved in relevant educational trends such as inclusion. Includes observation field experience.

632 Characteristics and Needs of Students with Emotional Disabilities (3)
A study of the psychological and educational characteristics and needs of persons with severe and profound emotional and behavioral problems, with considerations given to the assessment and intervention strategies for individuals with these disabilities in light of current trends and legislation. Includes observation field experience.
640 Special Studies in Special Education (3)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

641 Teaching Mathematics and Science to Students with Exceptionalities (3)
A study of the content, objectives, and pedagogy of instructing students with exceptionalities in the area of mathematics and science in grades K-8. Field Experience included. Prerequisite: SE 631 or 632.

645 Teaching Language Arts and Social Studies to Students with Exceptionalities (3)
A study of the content, objectives, and pedagogy of instructing students with exceptionalities in the area of language arts and social studies in grades K-8. Field Experience included. Prerequisite: SE 631 or 632.

650 Current Research in Assessment of Learning Problems in the Young Child (3)
An investigation of the assessment methods for identification and diagnosis of learning problems in infants and young children and of the research related to effective techniques for early intervention.

651 Cognitive Development of the Young Child (4)
Students examine the theoretical and applied aspects of cognitive development in young children. Language development, quantitative thinking and number concepts, goals and concepts for other curriculum areas, as well as assessment principles and models are explored. Field Experience required. Prerequisites: EDU 629.

655 Independent Study (1-4)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

656 Teaching Language Arts and Social Studies to Students with Exceptionalities (3)
A study of the content, objectives, and pedagogy of instructing students with exceptionalities in the area of language arts and social studies in grades K-8. Field Experience included.

657 Creative Development of the Young Child (4)
Students examine the development of creativity in young children with attention given to use of the expressive arts for early intervention, meeting curricular objectives in all areas, and programming strategies for young children with special needs. Assessment principle and models are explored. Field Experience required. Prerequisites: EDU 629.

660 Issues and Trends in Special Education (3)
A course designed to research recent developments in Special Education, including the aims, philosophies, methods, content, and problems related to the field.

680 Research in Special Education A (3)
A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685 Research in Special Education B (3)
A continuation of Research in SE 680.
Teacher Licensure: Post-Baccalaureate Requirements for Initial and Add-on Endorsement

Conceptual Framework: A Teacher-Student Dynamic of Sensitivity, Reflection and Faith

Mission Statement

The mission of the Teacher Education Program is to prepare highly effective teachers within an environment of sensitivity, reflection, and faith: teachers who are sensitive to the diverse learning needs of their students; competent teachers who embrace reflective scholarship and a spirit of inquiry; and teachers who carefully consider their world view and integrate in their classrooms Christian values such as stewardship of the environment, belief in the dignity and worth of each individual, and grace to lead, empower, and motivate every student to enjoy learning and to continue learning for a lifetime.

Goals

On completion of the Teacher Education Program, students will have developed:

- Understanding of the growth and development of children and adolescents and sensitivity to their diverse learning needs;
- Academic competence in a broad base of general education and in a major appropriate for the licensure being sought;
- Knowledge of a variety of effective teaching methods and materials which utilize skills that effectively apply content knowledge and knowledge of children and adolescents to the learning environment;
- Awareness that teachers need continuing professional growth to remain effective and desire to pursue further study;
- Knowledge of the ethical and professional responsibilities of teachers and an understanding of the teacher’s role as a leader in the community;
- A desire to have a lifestyle that demonstrates Christian values.

NCATE Accreditation

The Teacher Education Program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) 2010 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036; phone 202-466-7496. This accreditation covers initial teacher preparation programs and advanced educator programs.

Profile of the Teacher Education Program

To be licensed to teach in the State of Tennessee, prospective teachers must earn a bachelor’s degree with a major in an academic field and meet specific competencies needed in the teaching profession.

Areas of licensure: Union offers both initial licensure and additional endorsement in the following areas:

- Basic Business/Acctng, 7-12
- Biology, 7-12
- Chemistry, 7-12
- Data Processing, 7-12
- Early Childhood Educ., PreK-4
- Economics, 7-12
- Elementary, K-8
- English, 7-12
- English as a Second Lang., PreK-12
- French, 7-12
- Government, 7-12
- Health, K-12
- History, 7-12
- Library Information Specialist, Pre K-12
- Marketing, 7-12
- Mathematics, 7-12
- Middle Grades, 5-8
- Music Education:
  - Vocal/General, K-12
  - Instrumental, K-12
- Physical Education, K-12
- Physics, 7-12
- Spanish, 7-12
- Special Education:
  - Modified, K-12
  - Comprehensive, K-12
  - Early Childhood
- Speech Comm., 7-12
- Theatre, K-12
- Visual Art, K-12
Post-Baccalaureate Requirements

(For post-baccalaureate initial licensure and add-on endorsements)

Official transcripts. Students who seek post-baccalaureate teacher licensure must first complete an application for admission to Graduate Studies in Education and submit a $25.00 (non-refundable) application fee. The candidate must order official transcripts from all colleges and universities that have been attended; these transcripts must be sent directly to Union University and may not be stamped "Issued to Student."

Transcript evaluations. After the candidate has completed the application for admission to Graduate Studies in Education and submitted a $25.00 application fee, and official transcripts have been received, the candidate should call the Director of Teacher Education for an appointment for a transcript evaluation. Post-baccalaureate candidates must have a transcript evaluation completed by the Director of Teacher Education prior to starting classes; if the licensure program takes more than one year to complete, the post-baccalaureate candidate should have another evaluation completed. At this meeting the candidate will be apprised of course work that remains, TEP status, Praxis II (NTE) requirements, and any proposed changes in licensure requirements.

Admission to the TEP. Post-baccalaureate candidates must secure a copy of the Teacher Education Program Handbook, Vol. I and meet the following requirements for admission to the Teacher Education Program.

1. Satisfactory scores on the PPST: Reading=174, Math, 173, Writing=173), or CBT: Reading=321, Math=318, Writing=319) or ACT (Composite of 22e), or SAT (Total of 1020) or MAT=35 or GRE (Verbal=350, Quantitative=400, Analytical=400).
2. Minimum GPA of 3.0 from all undergraduate courses taken or provisional admission to graduate course work
3. Two positive reference forms
4. Interview with the Teacher Education Screening Committee
5. Approval of the Education Department
6. Approval of the Teacher Education Committee

Application to the TEP. The application to the TEP is submitted upon entrance to Union University’s post-baccalaureate program. Due to the nature of class schedules on the graduate level, candidates may take courses that are required for licensure when they are available even if they require admission to the TEP on the undergraduate level. However, candidates must be fully admitted to the TEP prior to student teaching.

Continuation in the TEP. In order to remain in the TEP following admission, the post-baccalaureate candidate must maintain a GPA of 2.75 in all course work taken at Union since completion of the baccalaureate degree and a GPA of 2.75 in the professional education core.

Admission to student teaching. Candidates must file an application to student teach before the posted deadline during the semester prior to student teaching. Applications are available in the Education Department. Other requirements for student teaching are as follows:

1. Minimum scores on all applicable portions of the Praxis II series (NTE) must be received by Union before the student is admitted to student teaching or before teaching experience can be substituted for student teaching
2. A recommendation from the department of the student’s endorsement area or a minimum GPA of 2.75 in all undergraduate and graduate courses in the endorsement area
3. Satisfactory completion of a field experience at an appropriate level
4. Completion of the professional education core
5. Lack no more than one course for completion of the endorsement requirements
6. Completion of one term of full-time professional education
7. Approval of the Dean of Students
8. Approval of the Teacher Education Committee.

No courses may be taken during the semester of student teaching. During the semester of student teaching, seminars are held on Thursday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 and attendance is mandatory.

Teaching experience may or may not be allowed to substitute for student teaching. Post-baccalaureate candidates who have completed either two years of successful experience on the Interim A in the area of licensure or 3 years of experience on a permit or combination of permit and Interim A may submit a letter of appeal to the Dean of the School of Education and Human Studies. The letter must include the verification of Teaching Experience Form com-
pleted by the Supervisor or principal indicating grade, subject, and dates taught along with copies of local evaluations completed by the supervisor and/or principal and a copy of Praxis II (NTE) scores. If the Dean deems that the experience is within the guidelines of Union’s policy, he/she will allow the experience to substitute for student teaching. If denied, the candidate may appeal the decision to the Teacher Education Committee.

**Application for teacher licensure.** Applications for Tennessee teacher licensure are completed during a student teaching seminar and are filed with the Tennessee State Department of Education when all requirements are completed.

**Academic Policies**

**Minimum GPA requirements.** Minimum GPA’s are listed above. Following admission to the TEP, if the GPA drops below the minimum, the student is removed from the TEP and may not take any courses that require admission to the TEP. In this case it is strongly recommended that the student repeat courses that caused the GPA to fall below the minimum required. When the GPA is at or above the minimum, the student will be submitted for readmission to the TEP.

**Early field experiences.** As is required by national standards and by the Tennessee State Department of Education guidelines, early field experiences are a vital part of the TEP at Union. The purpose of these early field experiences is to introduce the prospective teacher to a variety of school settings, learners, and routine activities. The knowledge and skills introduced in course work will be refined in the early field experiences.

*Proof of professional liability insurance is required of all students enrolled in courses with field experiences.* This expense is the responsibility of the student. Options for this coverage include, but are not limited to, membership in Student Tennessee Education Association, Christian Educators’ Association International, or Professional Educators of Tennessee. Liability insurance is also available through Union University. Information about each of these options is available through the Director of Teacher Education.

**Appeals.** The Education Department is charged with the responsibility to follow the established policies for admission to and completion of the TEP. The Teacher Education Committee, which includes representatives of the faculty from across the university, is the TEP coordinating and policy-making body for the unit and is responsible for assuring that the established policies are followed. If the student feels that established policy or practice is not being followed, the Teacher Education Committee should be contacted. The Teacher Education Committee is also the appeals committee for the TEP. All appeals for variance from established policy and practice should be presented in writing to the Dean of the School of Education and Human Studies. The Dean will consider whether the appeal may, within established policy, be granted. If the appeal has been denied by the Dean, the student may choose to direct the appeal to the Teacher Education Committee. The student should contact the chairman of the TEC and present the appeal in writing. After the TEC has considered the appeal, the student will be notified in writing of the committee’s determination.

**Assessment of student outcomes.** To be admitted to student teaching, students must acquire passing scores on all applicable portions of the Praxis II (NTE) as determined by the Tennessee State Department of Education. The NTE should be taken at least one semester prior to the beginning of student teaching to assure receipt of passing scores.

**Financial Information**

In addition to tuition, a fee of $125 will be charged all students engaged in enhanced student teaching. A fee of $35 is charged for extended field experience. This fee is used to meet part of the expenses of the cooperating teacher stipend and travel expenses incurred by the university supervisor.

A materials fee is also charged for student teaching and appropriate courses throughout the education curriculum and elsewhere in the university to cover costs directly related to the course or laboratory. Current materials fees are indicated in the “Financial Information” section of the Catalogue.
THE MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

Purpose

The Master of Education degree (M.Ed.) is designed for the professional development of the classroom teacher. It provides licensed teachers enhancement of their skills and knowledge utilizing the most contemporary topics in curriculum and instruction.

The Cohort Approach

The Union M.Ed. program accepts students in groups of 15 to 24 to pursue each course together in a cohort. This model emphasizes teamwork, cooperation, professional support and sharing of knowledge among students. Each cohort is further subdivided into action research groups of 4-6 students. Lifelong friendships are developed through this format and learning takes place in a spirit of unity, rigor and cooperation. The curriculum consists of 12 courses totaling 30 semester hours with no transfer credits or electives permitted. The degree program begins each June and ends in July of the following year, with the course calendar published in advance for the 14-month program. Except for summer coursework, when Saturdays as well as weekdays are utilized, courses during the school year are offered on Saturdays in a unique delivery system, an intensive format where one course at a time is completed by the cohort of students.

Admission Information

Candidates for admission to the M.Ed. (cohort) program will need the following:
1. A teaching license.
2. A minimum G.P.A. of 3.00 based on a 4.00 scale (undergraduate and post-baccalaureate credits combined).
3. An interview with the Director of the M.Ed. program.

Successful candidates must also complete an Application to Graduate Studies in Education; arrange for official transcripts to be sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies in Education from previously attended colleges or universities; and request of two persons who are in positions to judge the candidate’s potential as a graduate student to recommend the candidate, using the forms provided in the application packet. In addition, a completed “Certificate of Immunization” is required.

Persons not qualifying for Admission may be granted Conditional Admission after successfully completing a Writing Sample (evaluated by English Department faculty) and upon the recommendation of the Graduate Education Admissions Committee and the Dean of Education and Human Studies. Provisionally admitted students may be granted Admission after 9 hours of (minimum) 3.00 grade average work and a recommendation from the Dean of Education and Human Studies. Failure to be fully admitted to the M.Ed. program after 9 hours of coursework will result in termination from the program. A student may appeal termination through the regular appeals process outlined in this Graduate Catalogue.

Graduation Requirements

For graduation from the M.Ed. degree program, the student will:
1. Successfully complete the 30 semester hours of required course work.
2. Demonstrate a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 cumulative for the program.
3. Successfully complete the Creative Research Project.

Financial Information

The following payment plans are available:
1. Full payment may be made for the program of 30 semester hours—tuition is discounted by 5% when 100% payment is received prior to the advent of the program.
2. Payment may be made by the semester, with 50% due before classes begin that semester, and 50% due one month later.
3. Monthly payments may be made in 15 payments, beginning the first of June and ending the first of August the following year. Payments include a monthly service charge on the outstanding balance.

Tuition is $225 per semester hour, or $6750 for the program—effective for the June 2001-July 2002 cohorts. Tuition is $230 per semester hour, or $6900 for the program—effective for the June 2002-July 2003 cohorts.

The following are Non-Refundable Fees:
Application Fee: $25
Graduation Fee: $100
Student keeps Master’s hood
Computer Fee: $15
attached to the graduate course, EDU 602 - Educational Computer Technology

Financial Aid

The Federal Stafford Loan (subsidized or unsubsidized) is available to M.Ed. students who need financial assistance. To qualify for a student loan, the graduate student must:
1. Be admitted to the M.Ed. degree program.
2. Not be in default on a former loan or owe a refund on any grant.
3. Complete and return the FAFSA and Union Financial Aid Application to Union University's Financial Aid Office by April 1 for Summer through Spring semesters and by April 1 again of the following year to cover the remaining Summer semester. A Master Promissory Note must also be on file in the Financial Aid office.

Curriculum Calendar for the M.ED.

(The order of the M.Ed. courses will vary for individual cohorts.)

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Total Semester Hours 30

Course Descriptions

Education (EDU)

601 Schools and Families in a Pluralistic Society (3)
Study of the changes in and dynamics of the contemporary family and the impact on the classroom and learning practices. The teacher’s role and response to a rapidly changing American society are emphasized.

602 Educational Computer Technology (3)
Focus of the course is the integration and utilization of the latest in instructional technology. Includes analysis and evaluation of existing software and hardware for elementary/secondary classrooms: teacher productivity tools, specific-use software, multimedia technology, adaptive technology, presentation software, Internet, webpage construction, and future trends. Prerequisite: CSC 105 and EDU 250 on equivalent computer skills.

603 Student-Centered Instructional Design (3)
Teaching strategies which focus on student learning such as constructivism, brain-based teaching and learning, integrated thematic instruction, inquiry and multiple intelligence learning styles are studied.

605 Teacher Effectiveness (3)
Review of the educational research literature on teacher effectiveness as it focuses on the teacher-student dynamic and the learning environment. Issues of teaching strategies and classroom management are studied.

607 Alternative Assessment (3)
Creation and use of alternative measures of student achievement which involve examination of the processes as well as the products of learning. Variants of performance assessments that
require students to generate rather than choose a response. Exhibitions, investigations, demonstrations, written or oral responses, journals and portfolios are examples of alternatives.

609 Inclusionary Instruction (3)
Rationales for inclusionary classrooms and schools, including the changing assumptions of how children learn, demographic changes, shifts in funding and demonstrations of effective programs.

641 Trends in Curriculum and School Reform (3)
Recent innovative trends in educational practice including current curriculum models and school reform models.

643 Methods and Designs for Classroom Research (2)
Identification of the key problems and issues in educational research, development of skills of critical analysis of the literature and the implementation of a proposal for action research in the classroom.

644 Creative Research Proposal (1)
Introduction to the field of educational research. Students will review the literature on a topic of choice and write a proposal for the Creative Research Project.

645 Creative Research Project (2)
Designed to assist the teacher in defining and researching an education problem in a classroom setting. Effective applications to specific educational practice and school improvement are emphasized.

647 Faith and Ethics in Education (2)
Study of world views and ethical thinking in the context of the school classroom. The place of faith and values in the public school arena is an issue of study.

EDU 649 Interpersonal Relationships in the School Setting (2)
Study of interpersonal relationships and educational leadership in the school setting. Motivation, decision-making, conflict resolution are included.
EDUCATION SPECIALIST DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Purpose

The purpose of the Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in Educational Leadership is to prepare school leaders who will focus on the central issues of teaching and learning and school improvement and who will make a difference as moral agents and sensitive social advocates for the children and communities they serve.

Program Description

The Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in Educational Leadership is offered along two tracks: (1) Administration and Supervision (A&S), a licensure track designed to prepare school principals and supervisors of instruction; and (2) Curriculum and Supervision (C&S), a non-licensure track designed for school leaders who desire knowledge of concepts and strategies for school and classroom leadership. The degree is based on Union’s conceptual framework of A Teacher-Student Dynamic of Sensitivity, Reflection and Faith. Union University desires to prepare school leaders who are grounded in and committed to excellence in teaching and learning with values based on our Judeo-Christian heritage.

The Cohort Approach. The Union Ed.S. Degree Program accepts students in groups of 20-30 to pursue each course together in a cohort. Lifelong friendships are developed through this format, and learning takes place in a spirit of unity, rigor and cooperation.

Program Delivery. Students will be accepted into cohorts who will complete the program utilizing an innovative delivery system designed to meet the needs of educators. Ed.S. students will begin the program with a course offered on Saturdays in April and May, 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. over 5 1/2 Saturdays, followed by an intensive two months in which students complete 6-7 semester hours utilizing Saturdays in June and July, and mornings two days a week in June and July. Time is provided during the summer for library research, group projects, independent reading, and Practicum hours. In the fall, instruction occurs on Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on 5 1/2 Saturdays for a course in September and October, followed by other courses offered on Saturdays in November-December, January-February, March-April, and May-June-July. Saturdays are utilized for courses offered January through May. The guiding principle is that students will complete one course before moving to another.

Administration and Supervision students begin the Practicum in their first summer if they are following Tennessee’s Standard Program Route (as defined in the Tennessee State Department of Education Guidelines for Administrator Endorsement). The Practicum runs the entire school year through the month of June. A full-time Internship, January through June, is required for A&S students following Tennessee’s Internship Program Route (as defined in the Tennessee State Department of Education Guidelines for Administrator Endorsement). Students and faculty maintain online contact during the intervening weeks and months in support of course assignments. Saturdays are also utilized for courses offered January through June. In June A&S students complete their Practicum or Internship and, with C&S students, present their Ed.S. Problems Paper. Also in June, A&S students take the ISLLC Administrator Assessment for “Beginning Administrator Licensure” and for graduation in August.

The Beginner Administrator’s License will qualify the candidate for an administrative position in the schools. If the candidate wants to qualify for the Professional Administrator’s License, he or she must be employed in a public school administrative position. At that juncture, the Graduate Studies in Education Program enters into the approved follow-up process of mentorship with the public school system which allows the candidate to advance to a license at the Professional Administrator’s level.

Curriculum: Ed.S. in Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision

Prerequisites: Human Growth and Development, Instructional Technology, Educational Assessment and 3 years of teaching experience by the time licensure application is made.

Transfer Credit by Petition: Maximum of 9 Semester Hours May Be Applied.

Licensure: This program leads to a recommendation for licensure as a principal or supervisor of instruction in the State of Tennessee. It is designed to
meet NCATE, ISLLC and State of Tennessee licensure standards in school leadership.

EDU 601—Schools and Families in a Pluralistic Society

EDU 603—Student-Centered Instructional Design

EDU 610—History and Philosophy of Education

EDU 700—Research Issues in Educational Leadership

EDS 703—Supervision

EDS 704—Leadership Issues I—Theories and Strategies

EDS 705—Leadership Issues II—Planning and Finance

EDS 706—Organizational Decision Making

EDS 708—Curriculum and School Improvement

EDS 709—Legal Issues in School Governance

EDU 723—Faith and Ethics in Educational Leadership

*EDS 731 Leadership Practicum (5 hours)

OR

**EDS 730—Leadership Internship (5 hours)

EDU 785 Readings in Teaching and Learning (1 hour)

Total: 39 hours

Exit Assessment:

Completion of Practicum or Internship—end of June

Completion of ISLLC Exam—middle of July

Presentation of Problems Paper—end of July

Graduation—first weekend in August

*Standard Program Route Only

**Internship Program Route Only

Curriculum: Ed.S. in Educational Leadership: Curriculum and Supervision

Prerequisites: Human Growth and Development, Instructional Technology, Educational Assessment

Transfer Credit by Petition: Maximum of 9 Semester Hours May Be Applied.

EDU 601—Schools and Families in a Pluralistic Society

EDU 603—Student-Centered Instructional Design

EDU 610—History and Philosophy of Education

EDU 700—Research Issues in Educational Leadership

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EDS 708—Curriculum and School Improvement

EDS 709—Legal Issues in School Governance

EDU 723—Faith and Ethics in Educational Leadership

EDS 732—Problems Paper: Educational Leadership (2)

EDU 785—Readings in Teaching and Learning (1)

EDU 786—Seminar: Readings in Cultural Diversity

Total: 39 hours

Exit Assessment:

Presentation of Problems Paper—end of July

Graduation—first weekend in August

Calendar for Ed.S.

Dates may vary slightly. Separate course schedules for each cohort are available.

Spring Year One

April 6 Classes Begin

Summer

June 1 Classes Begin

Fall Semester

September 7 Classes Begin

Winter/Spring

January 4 Classes Begin

Summer

June 1 Deadline for returning Application for graduation

June 3 Classes Begin

August, First Saturday Summer Commencement

Admission Information

All candidates for admission to the Ed.S. Degree Program in Educational Leadership must submit an Application to Graduate Studies in Education along with
a non-refundable application fee ($25) and arrange for official transcripts to be sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies in Education from previously attended colleges or universities. In addition, a completed Certificate of Immunization will be required of all students.

If not documented on an official transcript, the student must complete coursework in instructional technology, human growth and development, and assessment or educational measurement before graduating from the Ed.S. Degree program.

Admission Criteria. Candidates for admission to the Ed.S. Degree program in Educational Leadership must have a minimum of a Master’s degree, three year’s teaching experience and demonstrated leadership potential as more specifically stated in the following admission criteria.

1. Grade Point Average—Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher. Prior Graduate GPA of 3.2 or higher.
2. Teacher Licensure—Teacher licensure and three years teaching experience by program’s completion.
3. Student Goals—Goals aimed at becoming a teaching team leader, principal or supervisor as expressed in a letter to the Dean.
4. Recommendations—Rating forms from three present or former employers who can attest to candidate’s leadership potential.

In addition to the criteria above, candidates for admission to the Administration and Supervision track must submit the following.

• Writing Sample—All candidates for the Administration and Supervision track, regardless of GPA, must successfully complete an Ed.S. writing sample demonstrating adequate advanced graduate level writing skills.
• A&S Screening Committee Interview—All candidates for the Administration and Supervision track must be interviewed by an admissions screening committee comprised of university and public school personnel who will make a recommendation to the Program Director concerning admission to the program. Candidates should possess leadership potential as demonstrated by past leadership experiences as exhibited in the screening interview.

Provisional Admission. Persons not meeting either of the GPA requirements (undergraduate or graduate) may be granted Provisional Admission to the Curriculum and Supervision track or the Administration and Supervision track following the successful completion of the Ed.S. writing sample. After successful completion of 9-10 hours of Ed.S. coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.0, the student will be removed from provisional admission status and granted admission to the Ed.S. program.

Candidacy for the Degree

All Ed.S. students must apply and be admitted to Degree Candidacy after completion of 9-10 semester hours of coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.0 before proceeding to complete the Ed.S. degree in Educational Leadership.

Graduation Requirements

All students completing the Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership must meet the following criteria for graduation.

1. Successful completion of the required 39 semester hours of coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
2. Successful presentation of the Problems Paper.
   In addition to the above criteria, students completing the Administration and Supervision licensure track must:
3. Successfully complete the required Practicum or Internship.
4. Successfully complete the ISLLC Exam.

Financial Information

The following payment plans are available for students in the Ed.S. program.

1. Full payment may be made for the program of 30 semester hours. Tuition is discounted by 5% when payment for 30 semester hours is received prior to the advent of the program. Tuition must be paid on an individual basis for courses required for completion of the program which are in addition to the required 30 semester hours.
2. Payment may be made by the semester with 50% due before classes begin and 50% due one month later.
3. Monthly payments may be made in 17 equal payments beginning the first of April and ending the first of August the following year. Payments include a service charge.

Tuition and Fees. Tuition for 2001-02 cohorts is $225 per semester hour, or $6750 for the required
minimum of 30 semester hours. Tuition for 2002-03 cohorts is $230 per semester hour or $6900 for the required minimum of 30 semester hours. The following are non-refundable fees:

- Application Fee: $25
- EDS 730/731 Internship/Practicum Fee (A&S): $200
- Graduation Fee: $100

**Financial Aid.** The Federal Stafford Loan (subsidized or unsubsidized) is available to Ed.S. students who need financial assistance. To qualify for a student loan, the graduate student must:
1. Be admitted to the Ed.S. Degree program.
2. Not be in default on a former loan or owe a refund on any grant.
3. Complete and return the FAFSA and Union Financial Aid Application to Union University’s Financial Aid Office by February 1 for programs beginning in April. A Master Promissory Note must be on file in the Financial Aid Office.

**Course Descriptions**

**Education (EDU), Education Specialist (EDS)**

703 **Supervision (3 hours)**
Analysis of supervisory models and techniques, management techniques and group processes, staffing patterns and organizational structures to support teaching and learning. Students develop skills in all aspects of instructional planning.

704 **Leadership Issues I: Theories and Strategies (3 hours)**
A thorough introduction to the essential issues of educational leadership including strategic planning, theories of leadership development, the change process, school improvement, comprehensive reform in schools, systems perspectives and more. This course is prerequisite to Leadership Issues II: Planning and Finance.

705 **Leadership Issues II: Planning and Finance (3 hours)**
An application of leadership issues related to planning and finance, including school improvement planning, policies for equity and diversity, the management of collective bargaining, fiscal and non-fiscal resources for districts, budget planning and management collaborative planning, use of media and more.

706 **Organizational Decision Making (3 hours)**
Theoretical approaches to understanding complex organizations are examined and applied to educational organizations, drawn from organizational theory, development and behavior. Students develop effective solutions for interpersonal, structural, and organizational problems experienced in contemporary educational communities. Strategic planning for educational change, including technological, is studied.

708 **Curriculum and School Improvement (3 hours)**
Study and evaluation of modern practices and strategies in curriculum development with the emphasis on school improvement. The process of curriculum planning with a focus on system accountability and student learning is studied.

709 **Legal Issues in School Governance (3 hours)**
Areas of the law as it impacts school administrators are studied, including, but not limited to, sources of the law and the courts, the law and students and educational personnel, desegregation and its effects, school finance issues and school district liability, federal law and regulations involving special education.

723 **Faith and Ethics in Educational Leadership (3 hours)**
A critical analysis of faith issues, ethical decision making, world-view frameworks and values questions in the context of schools and educational leadership, especially in the public sector but not excluding the private. Techniques and tools are identified and practiced to analyze, clarify and evaluate ethical issues within educational contexts.

730 **Leadership Internship (5 hours)**
The internship for the Administration and Supervision track of the Ed.S. in Educational Leadership is a five-month, mentored experience involving two or more settings and multiple levels with an introductory field practicum of one month. It is the application in a workplace environment of the strategic, instructional, organizational and contextual leadership program standards. Students develop and present a
Student-Centered Instructional Design (3 hours)
A study of teaching strategies which focus on student learning such as constructivism, brain-based teaching and learning, integrated thematic instruction, inquiry and multiple intelligence learning styles.

History and Philosophy of Education (3 hours)
A study of the history and philosophy of American education with attention to European antecedents, and philosophical movements such as Idealism, Realism, Perennialism, Essentialism, Progressivism, Reconstructionism, and Existentialism.

Research Issues in Educational Leadership (3 hours)
Students learn to locate, critique, and report research findings; apply introductory methods of analyzing, synthesizing and evaluating research evidence; compare types of qualitative and quantitative educational research; and design a "Problems Paper" utilizing action research in an educational leadership context.

Readings in Teaching and Learning (1-3 hours)
A study of research in teaching and learning with the emphasis on school improvement and the school leader as an authority in best practices in teaching and learning.

Seminar: Readings in Cultural Diversity (3 hours)
A seminar course dealing with the theoretical and applied basis of educational administration in multicultural contexts. Students examine through readings the needs and characteristics of various cultural groups with the focus on translation to practice and policy.
THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

Master of Science in Nursing

Mission Statement

• To provide masters nursing education that builds on the baccalaureate undergraduate foundation.
• To prepare the graduate for advanced professional nursing practice with specific functional and clinical abilities
• To prepare advanced practice nurses academically for doctoral study in nursing

Program Outcomes

The graduate of the master’s nursing program will be able to:
1. Incorporate theory and research in advanced practice nursing.
2. Assume leadership roles in nursing education or nursing administration to promote health and well being of persons in an intercultural world.
3. Integrate knowledge of health care economics and policy into the delivery of cost effective, ethically responsible nursing care.
4. Manage information using technology to influence nursing practice.

The Cohort Approach

The MSN Program accepts students on two campuses in groups of 10-15 per campus. Groups pursue the degree as a cohort. This model emphasizes group cohesion, cooperation, and interactive support. Core courses are taken together as a group. Administration or education track courses are taken with the respective track group. The program begins in the fall and ends in December of the following fall, consisting of 16 months and 4 semesters. Within semesters, most courses are offered in an accelerated, 7-8 week format.

Graduate Program Admission Requirements

Admission to the program will be based on competitive selection from the pool of applicants who meet the following admission requirements:
1. Completion of a baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLN accredited program
2. Official transcript(s)
3. Official GRE test score
4. RN licensure verification form
5. Evidence of writing skills to include:
   • Statement of philosophy of nursing that integrates faith into the discipline of nursing
   • Statement of professional career goals
6. Interview with the Nursing Graduate Admissions Selection Committee
7. Three letters of professional/academic reference specifying the applicants capabilities for graduate study
8. Completed application with application fee of $25.00

Students admitted to the program must have and maintain while in the program:
1. Current CPR certification
2. Evidence of Hepatitis B, MMR, polio and tetanus vaccination
3. Rubella and varicella titers
4. Freedom from tuberculosis as evidenced by a negative PPD or health provider examination
5. Evidence of professional malpractice insurance

Conditional Admission

Applicants who do not meet the regular admission requirements to the MSN program may be admitted conditionally at the discretion of the MSN Graduate Admissions Committee. Conditional admission will require contractual agreement between the applicant and the Graduate Admissions Committee. The contract will specify the conditions and deadlines that must be met to matriculate to the regular MSN program.

Transfer of Credit

Graduate credit for courses earned at a regionally accredited college or university or at a foreign college or university may be transferred to Union University if the courses are essentially the same as those required in the MSN program. Such transfer credit will not be allowed for courses used to satisfy another degree at another institution. The maximum number of semester hours that may be transferred...
to Union University and applied to the MSN degree is six.

No grade less than "B" may be transferred. Courses taken more than five years before beginning the MSN program at Union University will be considered on an individual basis.

Financial Information

Tuition is $300 per semester hour or $11,400 for the program—effective for the Fall 2001 and 2001 Cohorts. Full payment for a term (Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall or other non-regular term) is expected at the time of registration for classes.

- Application Fee: $25
- Graduation Fee: $100

Any combination of the following payment is available.
1. Check, cash, or credit card
2. Federal Stafford loan
3. Employer reimbursement
4. FACTS (an electronic monthly draft from a savings or checking account)

Books cost approximately $100 per course and are purchased from Lifeway Christian Stores.

Federal Stafford Loan

The Stafford loan application process will require that you:
1. Complete and forward the FAFSA (federal loan application) to the federal government with Union University’s code of 003528.
2. Complete a Union Financial Aid Application and a Stafford Master Promissory Note and forward to the Union University Financial Aid Office.
3. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 731-661-5015.

If Federal Stafford loan is not approved and available at the time of registration, the student must assume the cost by paying in full by check, cash, credit card, or FACTS.

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of the thirty-eight hours of required course work.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 for the required course of study.
3. Successfully complete all degree requirements which are in effect for the MSN program.
4. File an application for graduation with the Graduate Nursing Office. The application deadline is Friday, September 28, 2001 for students who plan to complete degree requirements for December 2001 graduation.
5. Pay in full the student’s account in the Business Office
6. Discharge all other obligations (fines, credentials, fees, etc.) at the University.

M.S.N., Nursing Education (38 hours)

Fall Semester 2002 (Semester 1)
Session I
NUR 510 Information Systems in Healthcare 2
NUR 520 Theory of Nursing Practice 2
*NUR 514 Statistics for the Health Sciences (Full Semester) 3

Session II
NUR 530 Research Methods 3
NUR 540 Health Policy/Health Economics 3

Spring Semester 2002 (Semester 2)
Session I
NUR 550 Health Promotion/Disease Prevention 3
NUR 570 Curriculum Design 4

Session II
NUR 560 Ethical Issues in Health Care 3
NUR 620 Teaching/Learning Throughout the Lifespan 3

Summer 2002 (Semester 3)
NUR 610 Instructional Methods 3
NUR 552 Intercultural Issues 3

Fall 2002 (Semester 4)
NUR 696 or 697 Thesis or Scholarly Project 3
NUR 690 Nursing Education Seminar/Practicum 3
M.S.N., Nursing Administration (38 hours)

Fall Semester 2002 (Semester 1)
Session I
NUR 510  Information Systems in Healthcare  2
NUR 520  Theory of Nursing Practice  2
*MAT 514  Statistics for the Health Sciences (Full Semester)  3

Session II
NUR 530  Research Methods  3
NUR 540  Health Policy/Health Economics  3

Spring Semester 2002 (Semester 2)
Session I
NUR 550  Health Promotion/Disease Prevention  3
NUR 525  Introduction to Administrative Practice (Admin I)  3

Session II
NUR 535  Quality Measurement and Information Management in Health Services (Admin II)  4
NUR 560  Ethical Issues in Health Care  3

Summer 2002 (Semester 3)
NUR 645  Applied Financial Management (Admin III)  3
NUR 552  Intercultural Issues  3

Fall 2002 (Semester 4)
NUR 696 or 697  Thesis or Scholarly Project  3
NUR 695  Nursing Administration Seminar and Practicum (Admin IV)  3

*All courses with the exception of NUR 514, will be offered in 8 week accelerated sessions.

Calendar for the M.S.N., 2001-2002

Fall 2001 Cohort
Session I
August 28, 2001  Classes Begin, Germantown
August 30, 2001  Classes Begin, Jackson
October 9  Classes End, Germantown
October 11  Classes End, Jackson

Session II
October 16  Classes Begin, Germantown
October 18  Classes Begin, Jackson
December 11  Classes End, Germantown
December 13  Classes End, Jackson
Spring 2002

Session II
January 29, 2002  Classes Begin, Germantown
January 31, 2002  Classes Begin, Jackson
March 19, 2002  Classes End, Germantown
March 21, 2002  Classes End, Jackson
March 25-March 29  Spring Easter Break

Session II
April 2, 2002  Classes Begin, Germantown
April 4, 2002  Classes Begin, Jackson
May 21, 2002  Classes End, Germantown
May 23, 2002  Classes End, Jackson

Session II of Summer 2002
July 30, 2002  Classes Begin, Germantown
August 1, 2002  Classes Begin, Jackson
August 20, 2002  Classes End, Germantown
August 22, 2002  Classes End, Jackson

Fall 2001
Session I
August 28  Classes Begin, Germantown
August 30  Classes Begin, Jackson
October 1  Deadline for Returning Applications for Graduation (December 2002)
November 30  Deadline for Thesis submission and defense
November 30  Deadline for Scholarly Project completion

Session II
October 16  Classes Begin, Germantown
October 18  Classes Begin, Jackson
December 11  Classes End, Germantown
December 13  Classes End, Jackson
December 15  Fall Commencement

Session II
October 23  Classes Begin, Germantown
October 25  Classes Begin, Jackson

November 30  Deadline for Thesis submission and defense
GRADUATE COURSES

() Hours Credit; F-Fall; W-Winter; S-Spring; Su-Summer

Nursing (NUR)

510  Information Systems in Health Care (2) F
A study of information systems in the health care arena. The focus of the course is the use of technology in health care practice, educational and administrative decision making. This class consists of 1 and 1/3 class hours per week and 2 and 2/3 lab hours per week.

514  Statistics for the Health Sciences (3) F
This course serves as an introduction to biostatistics. Topics include a review of descriptive statistics, probability, and probability distributions; confidence intervals and classical hypothesis tests for one and two samples; analysis of variance; hypothesis tests for categorical data; regression and correlation; and nonparametric methods, all with an emphasis on applications in the health sciences. Appropriate statistical software will be utilized throughout the semester. This class consists of 3 class hours per week. Prerequisite: MAT 114 and admission to the MSN program.

520  Theory of Nursing Practice (2) F
Prepares the graduate to critique, evaluate, develop and utilize appropriate theory in the advanced practice of nursing. The course focuses on logical form as well as the development and evaluation of theory. This class consists of 2.6 class hours per week.

525  Nursing Administration I-Introduction to Administrative Practice (3) S
This course will integrate information about delivery systems, organizational mission, structure, culture, personnel motivation, management and networking. The focus will be on exploring these concepts from a nursing perspective and a wholistic Christian worldview. This class consists of 4 class hours per week. Prerequisite: Admission to MSN Program

530  Research Methods (3) F
Specific aspects of the research process from quantitative analysis and qualitative perspectives will be studied. Emphasis will be placed on analysis of research, which prepares the student to utilize research findings as a basis for decision-making. The student will develop a proposal for research thesis or scholarly project. This class consists of 4 class hours per week. Prerequisite: MAT 514.

535  Nursing Administration II-Quality Measurement and Information Management in Health Services (4) F
This course examines the quality of healthcare in relationship to nursing care delivery. It will include the concepts and information systems that are necessary in the identification, tracking, and evaluation of quality indicators. Emphasis is placed in terminology and information systems specific to nursing administration and quality. This class consists of 5.3 class hours per week. Prerequisite: NUR 525.

540  Health Policy/Health Economics (3) F
The emphases of this course are health care policy and economics of healthcare delivery. This course will acquaint the student with historic policy legislation and its impact on the healthcare delivery system. The economic characteristics of the health service industry will be examined in relationship to effective, ethically responsible nursing care. This class consists of 4 class hours per week.

550  Health Promotion/Disease Prevention (3) S
This course explores the importance of wholistic health promotion, disease prevention, and health risk education in individuals, families, and communities. Attention will be given to developmental, cultural, and managerial perspectives, as well as educational theory in assessing, analyzing, planning, implementing, and evaluating health promotion strategies. This class consists of 4 class hours per week. Prerequisite: Admission to MSN Program

552  Intercultural Issues (3)
This course focuses on the study of culturally appropriate and wholistic professional nursing care of persons in this pluralistic global society. Emphasis is placed on sensitivity to and respect for cultural diversity, communication, critical thinking, research and theories of intercultural nursing. Emphasis will be placed on cultural assessment and strategic planning for culturally
competent nursing care which will result in positive health care outcomes for intercultural populations.

560 Ethical Issues in Health Care (3) S
An examination of healthcare ethics from a Christian perspective. Informed by the Scripture and the living tradition of Christian moral reflection, students will consider broad moral and theological issues arising in the practice of healthcare. A number of significant contemporary moral issues will be considered. The moral dimension of the relationship of the healthcare professional to patients, families, as well as other healthcare providers and society as a whole. This class consists of 4 class hours per week.

570 Curriculum Design (4) S
The focus of this course is the development of curricula using outcomes-based learning experiences. It addresses individual attitudes, knowledge and skills that are assessable, transferable and useful in a multicultural world. This class consists of 5.3 class hours per week. Prerequisite: NUR 510.

585 Special Studies in Nursing (1-4)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Content will be determined by need.

598 Seminar (1-3)
A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need. To be used at the discretion of the department.

610 Instructional Methods (3) Su
A study designed to examine models of teaching and the methods derived from those models. Application of different models assists in the development of teaching effectiveness and competency-based evaluation. Use of a model in the clinical health care arena is required. Prerequisite: NUR 570

620 Teaching/Learning Throughout the Lifespan (3) S
The characteristics of the learner at each stage of development are discussed as well as how these characteristics influence learning. Emphasis placed on the study of the wholistic person. The nursing process will be used as framework to assess, plan, implement and evaluate a teaching-learning session. This class consists of 4 class hours per week.

645 Nursing Administration III-Applied Financial Management (3) Su
This course will facilitate a working knowledge of budgetary and fiscal issues specific to nursing management in various types of health care organizations. The content covers issues related to day to day fiscal management such as developing a budget and tracking revenue and expenditures. Computer systems used in fiscal management, as well as long range planning, are included. This class consists of 4 class hours per week. Prerequisites: NUR 530 and 535.

655 Independent Study (1-4)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

690 Nursing Education Seminar/Practicum (3) F
This course explores concepts and issues related to nursing education in post-secondary institutions and health care facilities. Emphasis is placed on integrating educational theories and wholistic nursing practice in a field situation. Practice experiences are designed to synthesize knowledge and skills and to enable the advanced practice nurse to meet individual practice outcomes and career goals. Practice sites include schools/colleges of nursing and various health care delivery systems. This class consists of 1.5 class hours and 4.5 lab hours per week. Prerequisites: NUR 570, 610 and 620.

695 Nursing Administration IV-Seminar and Practicum (3) F
This course will integrate didactic material from previous courses with administrative practice. The focus is the dynamic combination of administrative theory, quality management, health care economics and information systems through mentoring and field experience. Emphasis will be placed on developing practice and decision-making skills that are excellence driven, Christ-centered, people-focused, and future-directed. This class consists of 1.5 class hours and 4.5 lab hours per week. Prerequisite: NUR 645.
696  Thesis (3) F
This course enables the nurse educator/nurse administrator to implement the research proposal developed in the nursing research course. This project will focus on a problem in a school/college of nursing or health care delivery system. The subject of healthcare improvements is emphasized through nursing research utilization. Prerequisites: NUR 530.

697  Scholarly Project (3) F
This course enables the nurse educator/nurse administrator to complete a scholarly project. Through the scholarly project the student will identify, analyze, synthesize and utilize knowledge related to a healthcare issue in a school/college of nursing or health care delivery system. Application of critical thinking and nursing research utilization in this project will result in improved healthcare outcomes. Prerequisites: NUR 530.
MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Mission
To provide rigorous interdisciplinary program in intercultural studies designed to complement academic and professional preparation in a variety of fields.

Admission Information

Admissions requirements
All students, whether degree-seeking or non-degree-seeking, who wish to take MAIS courses must meet the prescribed admission criteria.

Applicants should submit the following to the MAIS office:
• Official transcript(s) showing completion of baccalaureate degree and all coursework previously attempted.
• Official transcript(s) indicating a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale of all undergraduate and post-baccalaureate coursework.
• An official GRE score (Graduate Record Exam)
• A completed Application to MAIS
• Non-native speakers of English must have a minimum score of 560 on the TOEFL

A $25 application processing fee

Provisional Admission
Students who do not meet the minimum requirements for admission may apply to the Admissions Committee for provisional admission. The committee may request a writing sample and/or interview with the prospective student. The committee may then recommend that the student be admitted on provisional admission status. After successfully completing nine hours in the MAIS program with at least a 3.0 average, the student may appeal to the Program Director for full admission to the MAIS.

Program Features
The curriculum for the program consists of two components, the 27-hour MAIS core curriculum and a 12-hour professional component approved by the program director. The delivery system for the MAIS core is non-traditional and based on a modified cohort model. A group of up to 30 students will pursue each of the nine MAIS courses together. The cohort will be divided into study groups of eight to ten students. Prior to the beginning of the semester, students will receive a reading list and assignments for the first course session. Instruction will begin with an intensive three to five-day class meeting with the professor early in the semester. For the second segment of the course, students will meet with their study group on a weekly basis for discussion of research and project development. An MAIS program representative may facilitate these meetings, as the instructor deems necessary. Throughout this period, the instructor may also interact with students through on-line activities or discussions. Finally, the cohort will meet for a second intensive three to five-day class meeting to complete the course.

Graduation Requirements
1. Completion of the 27 hours of required MAIS course work.
2. Completion of a 12-hour professional component approved by the program director.
   A minimum grade point average of 3.0 for the required course of study.

Financial Information
Application Fee: $25
Graduation Fee: 100
Tuition: per semester hour $267

Intercultural Studies (ISC)
510 Intercultural Communication (3)
An examination of intercultural communication strategies with a focus on self-awareness and developing effective communication strategies.

515 International Professional Realities and Opportunities (3)
An introduction to the professional intercultural environment designed to help the student develop an awareness and understanding of the skills needed to develop a professional platform for employment in other cultures.
Organizational Systems of Society (3)
A study of systems encountered across cultures. Emphasis is on the development of skills for the recognition and assessment of systems with a focus on developing strategies for successful interaction with these systems.

Field Research (3)
A course designed to provide students with conceptual tools and research skills in the area of comparative cultural studies. The hands-on approach helps students prepare to design and conduct their own ethnographic research in culturally diverse settings.

Field Data Analysis and Strategic Planning (3)
A course that builds on in-class and applied field research knowledge by guiding students through the process of field data analysis. Attention is given to both qualitative and quantitative analytical methods. Students participate in process-focused learning and writing workshops which culminate in the preparation of case-study reports based on their field research/data.

Artistic and Intellectual Expressions of Culture (3)
An emphasis on how to develop learning skills to understand the lexicon, grammar, and semantics of other intellectual and artistic systems encountered across cultures.

Language and Culture (3)
A study of language development and its relationship to culture. Examines principles of language acquisition and language teaching methodologies.

Capstone Seminar (3)
An integration of interdisciplinary principles, themes, and concepts learned in the study of intercultural interaction and understanding.

Field Experience (3)
Field experience in which students will conduct ethnographic research. All projects must have instructor’s approval.
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Program Administration

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