The Department of Curriculum and Instruction offers graduate studies that lead to the master of science (M.S.) in curriculum and instruction and the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) in curriculum and instruction. Each graduate student must concentrate in one of the department’s areas of study, listed in the next section.


**AREAS OF STUDY**

In accord with interests and professional goals, each admitted graduate student is assigned to an area of study and to an initial faculty advisor in that area. Areas of study are curriculum studies, global studies, digital media, mathematics education, music education, science education, social studies education, literacy studies, English as a second language, bilingual education, world language education, multicultural education, teacher education, and early childhood studies.

**NONDEGREE GRADUATE-LEVEL COURSES AND ADVANCED CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS**

**NONDEGREE GRADUATE-LEVEL COURSES**

Already-certified educational professionals who wish to earn credit in graduate-level courses to improve professionally or to update or renew a license but do not wish to seek a graduate degree may register as University Special students through the Adult Career and Student Services Center (http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/advising) in the Division of Continuing Studies. Persons who plan to eventually earn a graduate degree in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction should apply for admission as a graduate student before beginning their studies and not accumulate credits as a University Special student. University policies actively discourage belated requests to allow work done as a University Special to count toward graduate-degree requirements.

**ADVANCED CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS**

In addition to the master’s degree and Ph.D. degree programs, the department offers several advanced certification programs involving certificates that are available only at the post-baccalaureate level, including bilingual certification, English as a second language K–12 certificate, reading teacher program and reading specialist program. For more information, see the department website (https://ci.education.wisc.edu).

**DEGREES/MAJORS, DOCTORAL MINORS, GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES**

- Curriculum and Instruction, Doctoral Minor (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/curriculum-instruction/curriculum-instruction-doctoral-minor)
- Curriculum and Instruction, M.S. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/curriculum-instruction/curriculum-instruction-ms)
- Curriculum and Instruction, Ph.D. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/curriculum-instruction/curriculum-instruction-phd)
- International Education, Doctoral Minor (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/curriculum-instruction/international-education-doctoral-minor)
- Qualitative Research Methodology in Education, Doctoral Minor (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/curriculum-instruction/qualitative-research-methodology-education-doctoral-minor)
- Science Education, Doctoral Minor (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/curriculum-instruction/science-education-doctoral-minor)

**PEOPLE**

**Faculty:** Professors Graue (chair), Feinstein (graduate program chair), Apple, Baker, Compton-Lilly, Gomez, Grant, Hawkins, Hess, Ivey, James, Knuth, Koza, Ladson-Billings, Popkewitz, Squire, Tochon, Winn; Associate Professors Dobbs, Ellis, E. Halverson, Hassett, Pacheco, Schweber, Steinkuehler; Assistant Professors L. Berland, M. Berland, Braaten, Ghoussaini, Prasad, Russ, Wager, Wright; Affiliate Professors R. Halverson, Nathan, Uttal, Fujita Geyer, Zhang. For more information about respective members of the faculty, see People (http://ci.education.wisc.edu/ci/people/faculty) on the department website.