

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: RESEARCH, MS

ADMISSIONS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

| Requirements | Detail |
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| Fall Deadline | March 30 |
| Spring Deadline | August 30 for international applicants; November 30 for domestic applicants |
| Summer Deadline | January 30 for international applicants; April 30 for domestic applicants |
| GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) | May be required in certain cases; consult program. |
| English Proficiency Test | Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/). |
| Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT) | n/a |
| Letters of Recommendation Required | 3 |

DEADLINES

The application deadline for fall is for early admission and priority scholarship consideration. The program will continue to review fall domestic applications until June 30. The program will review fall international applications through March.

APPLICANTS

Unofficial transcripts from all previous post-secondary study and three letters of recommendation are required for all master's degree applicants. Letters of recommendation should be written by persons who are qualified to judge the potential of the applicant as a graduate student. All letters

of recommendation are submitted electronically as part of the online application for admission.

Applicants are required to submit a detailed statement of reasons for graduate study. This statement should indicate the applicant's primary area of interest, professional objectives, career goals, and why the applicant is interested in pursuing the master's degree in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. This information is used to gauge the appropriateness of the applicant's program goals in relation to the department's mission and to identify prospective advisors whose research interests match those of the applicant. If an applicant's statement fails to persuade a faculty member to serve as the graduate advisor, the applicant will be refused admission; it is therefore important that this statement be detailed, well-written, and matched to specific areas of study that are available in the department. If an applicant would like for a particular professor to serve as graduate advisor, the applicant should identify the desired advisor in the statement of reasons for graduate study.

All master's degree applicants are required to submit a resume or curriculum vitae (cv).

If the grade point average (GPA) of an applicant's last 60 semester hours of undergraduate coursework is below 3.0 (on a 4-point scale), the applicant may also be required in certain cases to take the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) general test and have an official report of the scores sent electronically from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to UW-Madison (institution code: 1846).

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

International degree-seeking applicants will need to prove English proficiency using the Graduate School's requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>).

EXPECTED BACKGROUND IN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Previous education coursework is a prerequisite for the master's program in Curriculum and Instruction. Applicants are required to have taken at least 12 credits in education courses that are equivalent to courses taught within a school of education, as judged by the Graduate Education Advisory Committee. Admitted applicants lacking this background will be required to take a specified number of credits of education coursework in addition to the coursework ordinarily required in the graduate program. The courses taken should be chosen in consultation with the graduate advisor, and each of these courses must be taken for a letter grade (not pass/fail). These courses may be carried concurrently with regular graduate courses, but being additional requirements, they do not satisfy requirements of the graduate program.