CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: SECONDARY SCIENCE EDUCATION, M.S.

ADMISSIONS

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 | This program does not admit in the fall.
Spring Deadline | This program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline | December 1*
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) | Not required**
English Proficiency Test | Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score, participate in a discussion with the ESL team and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/#english-proficiency).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT) | PRAXIS 2 content exam may be required if the breadth of coursework does not match licensing content standards.
Letters of Recommendation Required | 2

* December 1 is the deadline for early admission and priority scholarship consideration. As space allows, the program will continue to review applications from Dec 1 until June 1. Financial options are available for later applicants.

** If GPA is below a 3.0, a GRE may be requested. Applicants would be notified after initial application review.

Prerequisites to applying to the Secondary Science Education named option can be found here (https://uwteach.education.wisc.edu/program-subject-areas/prerequisites/).

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate level/bachelor’s degree
- Official Transcripts
- GPA (grade point average) of 3.0 or better (exceptions can be made on a case by case basis)
- Prerequisite courses and experiences that demonstrate depth and breadth across the secondary educational science domain
- TOEFL scores (for candidates wherein English is a second language or whose undergraduate study was completed in languages other than English)
- Letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose/reasons for graduate study
- Resume

Details about these requirements can be found here (https://uwteach.education.wisc.edu/how-to-apply/requirements/).

HOW TO APPLY

Step 1: Apply to the UW-Madison Graduate School (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/)

Information required at this step includes the following:

- Autobiographical data
- Transcripts documenting undergraduate degree from an accredited college
- International applicants—TOEFL score 92/120 and proof of funding
- Statement of purpose—open-ended format, usually not to exceed one page
- Resume (or short CV) listing your academic and professional experience as well as any other information that might be helpful to us in evaluating your application. (No specific format is required, but it should not exceed two pages in length.)
- Two letters of recommendation—up to three are allowed
- Supplemental application: This section includes open-ended prompts requesting:
  - A brief summary of your previous work with adolescents, educational settings, and/or speakers of languages other than English. (Experience in these areas are not required, but are helpful in determining your readiness for the program.)
  - An opportunity to share extenuating circumstances if you feel your GPA does not adequately reflect your academic abilities.
  - In essay format, answers to three prompts specifically tailored to your subject area.

* Please note:
  - Be certain you select “Summer” as your Term of Admission in the Graduate School online application.
  - The UW Secondary Education M.S. Program admits new students only for the “summer” term.
  - Be certain you select Curriculum and Instruction M.S.—with your specified content area: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, or World Language.
  - Students may apply for multiple areas but may only be enrolled in one content area.
  - Please read the Graduate School’s Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) (http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/faq/) before completing the online application.
Step 2: Final Decisions

After your application is complete, a content area team will review your application and share their recommendation with you and the Graduate School.

If the recommendation is favorable, the UW Graduate School will make a final decision on your application. Official transcripts and a background check must be submitted and meet necessary guidelines prior to final admission.

If the recommendation is not favorable, a letter will be sent to you outlining the concern or issue. When applicable, you may be offered an opportunity to remain on a “waitlist,” as future spots may become available.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE EARLY APPLICANT REVIEW APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1.

We will review applications between Dec 1 and June 1 as space allows.