



Fact Sheet About Master's Degrees In The Judith Herb College of Education

Admission

“Individuals at the center of their own learning, in a rich intellectual environment characterized by choice.”

LAMP stands for
Licensure & **A**lternative
Master's **P**rogram.

LAMP is especially designed for students who hold the Bachelor's degree who want to teach. Students who go through LAMP earn licensure and a master's degree at the same time.

Students who enroll in LAMP must qualify for regular admission.

When applying to a master's degree program in the College of Education:

- 1) Fill out an application to the Graduate School and identify area of interest.
- 2) A department within the College of Education will be notified that you have applied for admission.
- 3) Once three recommendations, transcripts, and other documentation (such as a TOEFL score if you are an international student) have arrived, your application is ready for consideration by the Admissions Committee .
- 4) The Admissions Committee will do their best to move your application through the system quickly and will notify you as soon as a decision has been made.
- 5) Please be aware that, in some programs, admission may be competitive. Satisfying the admissions requirements does not guarantee acceptance into a program.

If you hold a degree from an accredited college or university and have an undergraduate grade point average of 2.7 or higher (on a 4.0 scale), apply for **regular admission**. The GRE is not required (exception: LAMP students in Elementary and Early Childhood Education must take the GRE).

If you hold a degree from an accredited college or university and have an undergraduate grade point average below 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale), apply for **provisional admission**. You need to take the GRE and score at least 800.

Temporary Admissions

Special student status (For students who are not pursuing a graduate degree) With the approval of the Graduate School, up to 9 hours of courses taken as a SPECIAL STUDENT can count towards a degree. However, the student must still be admitted as a regular or provisional student.

Guest status (For students who are enrolled in a graduate program at another institution, but want to take courses at University of Toledo)

Guest status is granted on a semester-by-semester basis and must have the approval of the home institution and The University of Toledo.

Choose from a Variety of Master's Degree Programs

Art Education
Career and Technical Education
Curriculum & Instruction
Early Childhood Education, Pre K—third grade
Educational Administration & Supervision
Educational Psychology
Educational Research & Measurement
Educational Technology
Educational Theory & Social Foundations
Elementary & Early Childhood Education
Health Education
Higher Education
Middle School Education
Music Education
Physical Education
Secondary Education (concentrations available in English Education, Mathematics Education, Science Education, or Social Studies Education)
Special Education

In collaboration with the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Education offers master's degrees that emphasize graduate coursework in the subject area.

The Master of Arts and Education combines study in education with graduate work in one of these fields: Anthropology, Classics, Economics, English, ESL (English as a second language), French, German, History, Mathematics, Political Science, Sociology, or Spanish.

The Master of Science and Education combines study in education with Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, or Physics.

Project or Thesis?

Students must have a capstone experience. Most programs allow students to choose between a thesis and a project. In most cases, a thesis is more theoretically-based and formal than a project. Some programs also offer the choice of a seminar, seminar and an exam, or practicum.

For a project, a student needs a chair and an additional reader. For a thesis, a student needs a chair and two additional readers.

Faculty who serve as chairs and readers must have "graduate faculty status." The requirements for font, spacing, page numbering, and other details are described in the *Dissertation Handbook*. To get a copy, go to the website: <http://gradschool.utoledo.edu>. Type "dissertation handbook" in the search box.

Registering

When students take thesis/project hours, the section number identifies the chair as the instructor. Usually, the chair makes a request to the registrar to enroll students in thesis/project hours. Students should complete a COURSE REQUEST FORM, get it signed by the chair, and send it to the registrar's office. Students can sign up for 1, 2, or 3 hours of thesis/project at a time, as long as the total hours equal 3.

Progress and Grades

Students may take the thesis or project for a grade or pass/fail. If a student does not finish the thesis within a semester, the chair gives the student a PR (PRogress) for a grade. If the student signs up for thesis hours the next semester and still does not finish, then the chair again gives a PR. When the student finishes the thesis, the chair grades the student in the semester in which the thesis is completed and then submits a GRADE CHANGE form for each semester that a PR was given.

Paperwork

Before undertaking a thesis or project, a student must complete a variety of forms, including the following:

- A Plan of Study
- Human Subjects Research Summary Description
- Intellectual Properties and Patent Sign Off
- Notice of Research

Core Classes

Most master's degrees in the College of Education require a 12-hour core, which includes a course in educational psychology (EDP: 5110, 5120, 5210, 5220, 5230, 5310, 5320, 5330), research and measurement (RESM: 5110, 5210, 5310, 5330), foundations of education (TSOC: 5100, 5110, 5200, 5210, 5230, 5300, 5400), and curriculum (CI).

The curriculum course should be suggested by the advisor.

Transfer Credit

A maximum of 10 hours may be transferred into a master's degree program. In general, courses older than six years are not transferable.

Important Tips

- A student must select an advisor from the department of major study.
- A plan of study should be filed by the second semester of enrollment
- Core classes should be taken early in the program
- A 3.0 grade point average must be maintained. When the grade point average dips below 3.0, a student is put on academic probation. A grade point average of 3.0 or higher is necessary to graduate.
- All grades must be C or higher to satisfy program requirements.
- Programs must be completed within six years.
- Once coursework is completed, students must enroll in at least one hour of thesis or project each academic year (not counting summer) until the thesis/project is completed. Failure to enroll in thesis/project hours for a year deactivates the student. A student who has been deactivated must reapply to complete the program.
- No more than 6 hours of workshops, special topics, or independent studies may count towards fulfillment of the master's degree.
- Students are encouraged to use the bibliographic style of practicing scholars in their subject area.

A Rich Intellectual Environment

The NCATE-accredited College of Education has the largest graduate program at the University of Toledo—over 800 students. Students may choose from a diverse and comprehensive range of degree programs at the Masters, Educational Specialist, and doctoral levels.

Current research endeavors include the following:

- Using field-based activities at the Toledo Zoo to improve children's literacy
- Ascertaining the reasons for the decline in minority administrators in public schools
- Determining the effects of a visual arts curriculum on school readiness
- Charting a history of Catholic education in Northwest Ohio
- Assessing the effectiveness of a diversity sensitivity program at a community college
- Uncovering the most common problem areas encountered by first-year teachers
- Discovering the effects of a non-graded curriculum on student motivation
- Describing lessons learned from working with a terminally-ill adolescent
- Analyzing the different accounts of World War II found in Japanese and American textbooks.