

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE

With a specialization in Social Studies and Global Education

Social Studies and Global Education is the **2002 winner of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) BEST PRACTICE AWARD** for Teacher Education in Global and International Education. The Master of Arts (M.A.) program is designed to provide an interdisciplinary, theory-based course of study for teachers and other professionals who wish to pursue advanced graduate study in Social Studies and Global Education. Although the majority of the students admitted are practicing K-12 teachers, some have worked only with adult learners and others are not in formal educational settings. The MA includes core courses in social studies and global education; elective courses that provide content to support students' special interests in social studies and global education; and interdisciplinary courses in Language, Literacy, and Culture.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum 3.0 overall GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in all previous undergraduate course work and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA in all graduate coursework (may not be combined)
- Official scores from the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam taken within five years of application
- TOEFL score, if required, for international students (minimum score 550 paper test, 213 computer-based test, or 79 iBT TOEFL)
- Quality of writing as evidenced in a statement of intent—include why you selected this program, your career goals, academic preparation, and experiences in social studies and global education

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- Resume or curriculum vita (limit two pages for fellowship consideration)
- Three letters of recommendation (4 preferred) with at least two from professors
- The admissions committee prefers applicants with cross-cultural or international experiences, degrees in history, the social sciences, or interdisciplinary international studies (e.g., African Studies or Women in Development), and teaching experience in social studies education

APPLICATION

- Apply online at <http://www.gradapply.osu.edu> (requires online payment of application fee). You may check the status of your application online at <http://www.appstatus.osu.edu>
- **Domestic applications** should apply by July 1 for admission Autumn Quarter, October 15 for Winter, February 1 for Spring, and April 1 for Summer—**international applicants** should apply by November 28 for admission the following Autumn Quarter.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- For information regarding **College of Education & Human Ecology Scholarships**, visit the Web site at <http://ehe.ohio-state.edu/academics/scholarship.php> Scholarship applications are available from November-January. The priority application deadline is **January 31**
- For information regarding **College of Education Scholarships**, visit the Web at <http://education.osu.edu> or contact the Office of Outreach, Engagement, and Student Support, 185 Arps Hall, 614-292-2581, 888-678-3382, or email: osueduc@osu.edu. Scholarship applications are available from October-February and the deadline to apply is **February 1**.
- Students who have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.6 or above and score in the 75th percentile on the GRE may be eligible for a **University Fellowship**, which will pay tuition and a stipend for four full-time quarters. Information regarding this and other fellowships is available on the Web at <http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu>. To be considered for a fellowship, completed admissions applications and all required documentation must be received **prior to January 1 (November 28 for international applicants)**. To be competitive, applicants who wish to be considered for a fellowship should submit three letters of recommendation from professors regarding their academic potential, one letter regarding their potential in the field, a list of their academic accomplishments, and a resume (limit two pages).

- For information regarding additional financial assistance for minority students, contact the Office of Equity and Diversity, 614-292-1936, or visit the Web at <http://education.osu.edu/oed>.
- For general information, contact the Office of Financial Aid, 614-292-0300, or visit the Web at <http://sfa.osu.edu>.

Allow up to 3-4 months to process financial aid applications.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

To remain in good academic standing, graduate students must maintain a minimum 3.0 overall GPA.

TIME LIMIT, GRADUATE NON-DEGREE, AND TRANSFER CREDIT

All graduate credit hours applied to the M.A. degree, including graduate non-degree and transfer credit, must be completed within six years of the date of graduation. The program may be completed in 4-5 full-time quarters or part-time taking one or two courses per quarter. Students may transfer a maximum of 10 graduate non-degree credit hours into the M.A. program if approved by the faculty adviser and admission. In addition, graduate credit may be transferred into the program from another institution with approval of the faculty adviser. A minimum of 36 graduate credit hours must be completed at OSU.

REQUIRED HOURS

Students may choose a thesis or a non-thesis option. The thesis option requires a minimum of 45 graduate credit hours and satisfactory completion of a thesis and an oral examination. The non-thesis option requires a minimum of 50 graduate credit hours and satisfactory completion of a written comprehensive exam or an approved alternative.

RESIDENCY

M.A. students in the School of Teaching and Learning must fulfill a residency requirement by completing a minimum of 12 graduate credit hours within five consecutive quarters.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Students completing the M.A. degree with a specialization in Social Studies and Global Education take required courses and electives in their specialty area, a series of interdisciplinary core courses, and one course from each of three unifying themes.

SOCIAL STUDIES AND GLOBAL EDUCATION SPECIALTY AREA

REQUIRED COURSES (18 hours)

Edu T&L 805	Social Econ Perspectives in Global Ed
Edu T&L 878	Infusing Global Perspectives in Ed
Edu T&L 881	Theory & Pract in Multicult Ed
Edu T&L 887.28	International Field Experiences (may be waived if student has significant experience in culture other than own)
Edu T&L 893.28	Adv Independent Study/Research Project (may sub seminar with adviser approval)
Edu T&L 985	Theories of Secondary Soc Studies Ed

ELECTIVE STRAND

Electives are selected in consultation with the faculty adviser to meet the student's interests in particular aspects of Social Studies and Global Education. Students may choose electives from Social Studies and Global Education or other areas of education, from History or the social sciences, from area studies (e.g., African-American & African Studies), or other interdisciplinary areas (e.g., Women's Studies). The following electives are offered in Social Studies and Global Education every 2-3 years:

Edu T&L 807*	Tchg about Africans & African Perspec
Edu T&L 808	Research in Multicult & Global Ed
Edu T&L 882	Methods and Materials in Social Studies
Edu T&L 883D	Tchg World Cultures & Global Issues
Edu T&L 925.28	Seminars in Social Studies & Global Ed (topics vary—check with your faculty adviser)

LLC CORE COURSES (6 hours)

Students select 2 of the following courses in consultation with the faculty adviser.

Edu T&L 741*	Tchr Decision-Making: Issues Related to Diversity
Edu T&L 804*	Trends & Issues in Lang, Lit, Culture
Edu T&L 881*	Theory & Practice in Multicultural Educ

UNIFYING THEMES (9 hours)

Selections are made with the assistance and approval of faculty advisors. Other courses related to social studies and global education may be recommended and approved.

Fundamental Issues in Teaching (3 hours)

Issues affecting the teacher and teaching in school environments; social, philosophical, cultural dimensions of teaching. Select **one** from courses such as:

Edu T&L 640** Tchg of Eng to Spkr of Other Lang*
Edu T&L 803** Language and Society*
Edu T&L 818.07** Foundations of Elementary Education
Edu T&L 819** Changing Am Elementary School
Edu P&L 812** American Schools & American Society

Literature (3 hours)

The study of the use of literature for enhancing instruction and learning across the curriculum. Select **one** from courses such as:

Edu T&L 633 Tchg & Lrng with Drama: Intro
or T&L 644 Dramatizing Texts
Edu T&L 722 Literature across the Curriculum
Edu T&L 817 Advanced Children's Literature
Edu T&L 856 Advanced Adolescent Literature
Edu T&L 864* Multicultural Literature for Children
Edu T&L 925.28 Global Ed thru Lit & Social Action

Research and Inquiry (thesis option requires 6 hours; non-thesis option requires 3 hours)

Edu T&L 874 Classroom-Based Inquiry
Edu P&L 785 Intro to Inquiry: Pncpl, Strat & Tchg
Edu P&L 786 Intro to Inquiry: Quant. Meth.
Edu P&L 798 Qual Research for Educ
Edu P&L 890 Action Research
Edu P&L 966 Practicum in Ed Research & Eval.
Ag Ed 885 Research Methods

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Courses chosen to fulfill program requirements must meet the following criteria specified by the School:

- One course each in foundations of education, multicultural education, and research (lists of approved courses are available in 227 Arps Hall)
- A minimum of 6 graduate credit hours in independent study (693.xx or 893.xx) and/or seminar (925.xx or 928.xx), but no more than 15 hours of independent study
- A maximum of 24 graduate credit hours may be graded satisfactory
- At least 18 credit hours must be taken in courses not open to undergraduate students (e.g., 800 and 900 level courses or 700 level courses specifically limited to graduate students)
- A maximum of nine credit hours may be taken in special topics (727.xx)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Academic advisers are available by appointment in the Office of Academic Services, 227 Arps Hall to answer questions about the program and the admissions, fellowship, and scholarship processes. Scheduling begins every Wednesday for appointments the following week. Limited walk-ins also are available each week. For assistance, call 614-292-2332 (or call 888-678-3382 toll-free and ask to be transferred). Additional information about the program or the faculty is available on the Social Studies and Global Education Web site at www.education.osu.edu/mmerryfield/merryfield.htm.

**fulfills the multicultural requirement*

***fulfills the foundations of education requirement*