

GRADUATE SCHOOL

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MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd) IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Master of Education - Bilingual Education program provides course work in the fields of language, culture, literacy, dual language methodology and other related areas of education to prepare teachers of Bilingual Education. Candidates who want a Massachusetts endorsement in Bilingual Education must first hold a license as a teacher of English as a Second Language at the initial level, and pass a MA Department of Education approved test of proficiency in the target language. The MEd in Bilingual Education satisfies requirements for the initial license in ESL. Those candidates preparing to teach in a bilingual education or dual language program in Massachusetts, or in another state where eligibility for licensure requires the master's degree in Bilingual Education, may wish to enroll in the MEd in Bilingual Education.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A completed application form, available from the Graduate School Office, and a \$35.00 nonrefundable application fee made payable to Salem State College.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a bachelor's degree.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
- Three completed Reference for Graduate Admission forms. These forms are available with the application form or online. Please include references from people who have known you in both professional and academic capacities. Completed reference forms may have a letter attached to them.
- Official copy of test results taken within the last five years documenting satisfactory performance on either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Those who already hold a master's degree are exempt from this requirement.
- All students for whom English is not a first language must submit satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- A 500-1,000-word, double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions:
What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College?
What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you meet them?
Is there any other information that you think would help the Admissions Committee to evaluate your application?

Additional Requirements for the MEd –Bilingual Education:

- A Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
- Initial licensure in some area of non-bilingual education (e.g. elementary, early childhood, middle school, secondary, special education) or a passing score on the MTEL content area, and course work leading to such licensure as prescribed by the appropriate graduate coordinator.
- Proficiency in the target language as described above.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall Admission: June 1 | Spring Admission: October 1 | Summer Admission: February 1

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a tentative "Plan of Study" in consultation with the program coordinator. You must request that any transfer credits be considered at this time. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MORE THAN THREE COURSES TAKEN BEFORE ADMISSION CAN BE COUNTED TOWARDS THIS PROGRAM. You should meet regularly with the coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study, as needed.

Additional requirements for the Master's degree include a portfolio, an action research project and the comprehensive examination.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

	Credits
• EDU 990X Introduction to Bilingual Education	3
• EDU 876 Global Perspectives in Cultural Diversity OR	3
• EDU 990J Issues and Trends in Cultural Diversity	
• EDU 990I Curricular Strategies for the ESL/Bilingual classroom OR	3
• EDU 775 Bilingual Education: Methods and Materials	
• EDU 793 Second Language Acquisition	3
• EDU 794N Assessment of Second Language Learners	3
• EDU 799 Literacy Development of English Language Learners	3
• EDU 992D The Bilingual Student with Special Needs	3
• EDU 738 Educational Research Across the Curriculum	3
• ENG 774 Spanish Linguistics	
• OR	
• SPN 750 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics and Sociolinguistics	3
• OR	
• ENG 775 Chinese and Southeast Asian Linguistics	
• ENG 771 Sociolinguistics	3
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Choose one of the following:	
• HIS 725 Latinos in the United States	3
• HIS 731R Modern Latin America	3
• HIS 970 Seminar: East and Southeast Asia	3
• SOC 731 Peoples of Asia: India and China	3
• SOC 990 Caribbean Culture Institute	3
• SPN 716 Hispano-American Civilization	3
And:	
• *EDU 780 Practicum in Bilingual Education	3

Total Credits:**36-39**

*For those candidates who do not hold at least initial licensure in another field.

Non-Licensure Option:

For students who already hold or do not wish to obtain initial MA educational licensure, the M.Ed. in Bilingual Education may be awarded if the candidate has successfully completed the 36 credit hour course sequence above, without a practicum.

Please note the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may change licensure requirements. Students are advised to contact the Commonwealth for specific, current licensure requirements. Students may access that information at www.doe.mass.edu.

Subsequent to the publication of this flowsheet, the Graduate School reserves the right to make changes in courses, program requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester.
