Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.) Plan
Curriculum and Instruction
Department of Curriculum & Teaching
University of Kansas
36-Hour Non-Thesis Track

Name: ___________________________________________  KU ID ___________________________
Advisor: ___________________________________________  Admission Term: _______________________
Status: ___________________________  TOEFL score (if applicable) ______________

Goals: The M.S.Ed. degree in Curriculum and Instruction is designed to produce graduates who possess expertise in contemporary theories, procedures and research in curriculum and instruction, as well as in educational foundations of curriculum and instruction. Upon completion of at least 36 hours, the Department expects M.S.Ed. graduates to have achieved an enhanced understanding of:

I. the foundational theories of curriculum and instruction.
II. the historical, philosophical, and social foundations underpinning curriculum and instruction.
III. the educational psychology basic to curriculum and instruction.
IV. the research methods, findings, and data sources in curriculum and instruction that are available to an educational leader.
V. the theories, procedures, and research of a specific subject specialization.
VI. additional curriculum and instruction theory, procedures, and research on one or more areas.
VII. mastery of additional theories, procedures, and research that complement area(s) of interest.

Requirements: To achieve these goals, students must complete a minimum of 36 hours, as indicated below.

_____ I. C&T 709 Foundations of Curriculum and Instruction (3 hrs)
_____ II. ELPS 737 ____, 834 ____, 835 ____, 837 ____ or 838 ____ (3 hrs)
_____ III. PRE 702 ____, 704 ____, 705 ____ or 725 ____ (3 hrs)
_____ IV. PRE 715 Understanding Research in Education, or the equivalents (3 hrs).
_____ V. Subject specialization course (3 hrs) (e.g., C&T 851 Modern Approaches to Secondary School Mathematics)
_____ VI. A minimum of 12 additional hours specific curriculum and instruction-related courses from 700- and 800-level courses.

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_____ VII. In consultation with their advisors, students must elect coursework that complements their area of interest TO BRING THE TOTAL TO 36 HOURS. (Students may select appropriate courses from the curriculum and instruction-related courses, from the CLAS courses, from SPED courses, from the broader C&T course offerings, and from other departments.

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Other Requirements:

_____ Coursework required in at least two other departments, at least one of which must be in the School of Education.

_____ Up to six hours may be transferred (eight hours, with prior approval, may be transferred by students holding a KU bachelor’s degree).

_____ No hours may be over seven years old at the time of completion of the MS degree.

_____ Minimum of 36 hours (at least 24 must be in regular courses, rather than independent study, thesis, or other courses meeting by appointment).

_____ 3.0 minimum grade point average required.

Checklist of Important Events after Admission:

_____ Develop a plan of study with faculty advisor at first enrollment or promptly thereafter.

_____ Master’s examination (clearance request for exam must be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the exam, scheduled through student’s committee chair).

_____ File “Application for Degree” online within 15 days (5 days in summer) after the beginning of the semester in which you plan to finish program requirements.

_____ For May graduation, complete all requirements by approximately April 15, for August graduation, by approximately July 15, and for December graduation, by approximately November 15. (Consult the Graduate Office for precise deadline date.)

Consult the University of Kansas Graduate Catalog for other related requirements.