

Educational Studies

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Minor in Educational Studies

The minor in educational studies provide a basic knowledge of the teaching and learning process and the US k12 educational system. This minor is recommended for anyone interested in teaching and other education-related careers.

No more than 8 credits towards the minor can be transferred in from other institutions. For information about transferring courses from other institutions, please contact the Educational Studies department chair.

Completion of the minor or equivalent course work is a prerequisite for admission to the MAT, but does not guarantee that a student will be admitted to the program. There are also specific content courses required for teacher certification in Maryland. Students who are considering the MAT should meet with their advisor or an educational studies faculty member about course selection. A complete list of these courses for each certification area can be found here; for further questions, please contact the Educational Studies department chair at mat@smcm.edu.

Learning Outcomes

- Graduates will be knowledgeable about the influence of various laws, policies, theories, historical events, and systemic structures on modern education.
- Graduates will be knowledgeable about the motivational, developmental, cognitive, linguistic, and socio-affective needs of learners
- Graduates will be knowledgeable of particular learner populations whose needs require specialized consideration in order to realize maximized learning.
[SpEd/ELLs/gifted/SES/cultural heritage]
- Graduates will know how to effectively communicate in speech, writing, and through symbolic or technology-mediated means.

- Graduates will know how to engage in reflective practice.
- Graduates will value the principles of inclusion.

Degree Requirements for the Minor

General College Requirements

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- All requirements in a major area of study.

Required Courses

At least 20 credit hours, including at least 16 from Educational Studies and at least 12 upper division. All classes must be completed with a minimum grade of C in each course.

In addition to the 16 EDUC credits, students may use one course from this list towards the minor:

- PSYC 230, Lifespan
- PSYC 330, Developmental Psychology with lab
- PSYC 331, Infant & Child Development
- PSYC 333, Adolescence
- SOCI 316, Sociology of Children and Childhood
- ART 296, Community Arts
- ART 396, Art for Educators
- ILCS 390, Spanish in the Community
- MATH 161, Math for Teachers I
- MATH 162, Math for Teachers 2
- (And other classes with permission from the Educational Studies department chair, mat@smcm.edu.)

The following courses are prerequisites for the SMCM MAT:

- EDUC 206, Education in America: Social Foundations of Education
- EDUC 296, Language Acquisition and Phonemic Awareness (Elementary candidates) OR EDUC 386, Literacy in the Content Area for Secondary Teachers: Part I (Secondary/K-12 candidates)

- EDUC 336, Exceptionality: An Introduction to Special Education
- EDUC 368, Educational Psychology
- PSYC 230, Lifespan (Elementary/Secondary/K-12 candidates) OR PSYC 331, Infant & Child Development (Elementary/Early Childhood candidates) OR PSYC 333, Adolescence (Secondary candidates)

Faculty

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