



Gifted Education (MA)

The Gifted Education (MA) program offers **summer and fall entry terms**. A total of **30 credit hours** is required to graduate from the program, divided into "Core Requirements" (24 cr) and the "Electives" (6 cr). All students are required to complete **ED 619G: Teaching Internship-Gifted Education**. This plan was made under the assumption that a student is beginning coursework in the **Summer semester and plans to pursue courses full-time**.

While the below sample plans provides an approximate timeline to graduation, each accepted student should work with the Gifted Education Program Director, Jeanne Harding (jharding@truman.edu), to ensure they receive credit for prior graduate coursework.

SUMMER - Semester 1

Summer Session 1:

- ED 550G: Introduction to Gifted and Talented (3 cr)
- ED 652G: Meeting the Affective Needs of Gifted (3 cr)

Summer Session 2:

- ED 650G: Identification of Gifted (3 cr)
- ED 653G: Programming Planning and Development - Administration and Supervision of Gifted Programs (3 cr)

FALL - Semester 2

- 1st Block - ED 651G: Curriculum for Gifted (3 cr)
- 2nd Block - ED 604G: Professional Learning - Policy, Practice, and Research (3 cr) **OR** other Elective options*

SPRING - Semester 3

Full Semester:

- ED 619G: Teaching Internship - Gifted Education (3 cr)
- ED 633G: Research in Gifted Education (3 cr)**

SUMMER - Semester 4

Summer Session 1:

- ED 626G: Creativity (3 cr) **OR** other Elective options*
- ED 605G: Psychology of Exceptional Children (3 cr)**

NOTES:

- 1st and 2nd Block courses are 8-weeks. Full-semester courses are 16-weeks.
- (*) - Students must complete two of the following Elective courses:
 - ED 604G: Professional Learning: Policy, Practice, and Research (3 cr)
 - ED 626G: Creativity (3 cr)
 - ED 627G: Argumentation in the Gifted Curriculum (3 cr)
 - COUN 654G: Social and Cultural Foundations (3 cr)
- (**) - Course may be transferred from a previously-earned degree, such as initial teacher certification.

Graduate Program Director: Please contact the Center for Academic Excellence (advise@truman.edu) with any updates to the plan above. Updated 9-19-2024