

UF Master's Degrees in Reading (Online & On Campus)

Reading and Literacy Education at the University of Florida offers a Master of Education (M.Ed.) and a Master of Arts in Education (M.A.E.) in reading education. Nationally accredited and highly ranked, both degree programs were developed to support practicing teachers, as well as prospective teachers, in promoting the literacy growth of all PreK-12 students. Program curriculum is focused on the knowledge and methods teachers need to effectively promote literacy learning and academic achievement among students. Candidates learn evidence-based classroom practices and develop knowledge, skills, strategies, and disposition for supporting the literacy and language growth of PreK-12 students. They can pursue either degree fully online, fully on campus, or a combination of online and on campus. Most candidates complete either degree program within 4 to 6 terms.

Master of Education (M.Ed.)

Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Reading Education is a non-thesis degree requiring completion of a minimum of 36 credit hours of coursework. These courses address the reading standards and competencies developed by relevant professional organizations (e.g., International Literacy Association) and Florida Department of Education. Candidates are required to complete 36 credit hours of coursework and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better in their coursework. Graduation from the program requires satisfactory completion of courses in the following six areas:

Area One: Foundations of Reading (6 hours)

RED 5355: Teaching Reading in the Elementary School (Spring)
RED 5337: Teaching Reading in the Secondary School (Summer)

Area Two: Special Topics in Reading (3 hours)

Choose one from the following:

RED 6647: Trends in Reading
RED 6346: Seminar in Reading
RED 7019: Foundations of Literacy
RED 6520: Classroom Literacy Assessment & Instruction

Area Three: Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Difficulties (9 hours)

RED 6546: Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties
RED 6548: Remediation of Reading Difficulties
RED 6941: Practicum in Diagnosis & Remediation of Reading Difficulties

Area Four: Language Arts and Literature (9 hours)

Choose three courses from the list below:

LAE 7932: Seminar in Composition Theory and Practice
EDG 6931: Advanced Language Arts & Writing

LAE 6365: Language and Composition
LAE 6446: Multicultural Literature
LAE 6348: Teaching Multiliteracies
LAE 6861: Technology and Media Literacy
LAE 6865: Teaching Media Literacy
LAE 6869: Teaching Digital Storytelling
LAE 6939: Literacy, Family, and Culture

Area Five: ESOL (3 hours)

Choose one from the following:

TSL 6245: Language Principles in ESOL Teaching
TLS 6640: Testing & Evaluation in ESOL
TSL 6700: Issues in ESOL
TSL 6373: Methods in Teaching ESOL K-12
EDG 6931: ESOL and Reading in Secondary Schools

Area Six: Electives (6 hours)

Choose two from the following courses (or other courses approved by advisor):

RED 5399: Practices in Beginning Reading Instruction
EEX 6125: Intervention in Language and Learning Disorders
EEX 6939: Dyslexia and the Brain
EDG 6415: Culturally Responsive Classroom Management
EDG 6348: Instructional Coaching
EDG 6445: Meeting the Needs of Students Living in Poverty
EME 5405: Using the Internet in Education

Master of Arts in Education (M.A.E.)

The Master of Art in Education (M.A.E.) in Reading Education requires 30 credit hours of coursework plus 6 credit hours of research that culminates in a thesis or a project in lieu of thesis. Candidates pursuing this degree work with a faculty committee to develop a program of study that includes coursework in reading, language arts, children's literature, and English as a second language. Qualified international applicants, as well as candidates for whom obtaining a Florida reading certification is not their primary goal, are admitted into this program. Graduation from the program requires satisfactory completion of 30 credit hours of coursework (with a GPA of 3.0 or higher) and 6 hours of research/inquiry that culminates in successful defense of a thesis or project in lieu of thesis.