

MEd in Language, Literacies, and Learning

Admission Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions.
- **Grade Point Average** Recommended minimum of 2.75/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study and at least 3.00 for all postbaccalaureate/graduate coursework.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
 - **TOEFL iBT** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (**Note:** Total score is higher than the sum of the subscores), **OR**,
 - **IELTS Academic** 6.5, with 6.0 in each of the four subscores, **OR**,
 - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Two letters required addressing the applicant's academic qualifications, teaching experience, research ability, and ability to carry on advanced degree studies. At least one of these letters must be written by a former professor or supervisor familiar with the applicant's academic work in an undergraduate or graduate setting.
- **Other Requirements** A resume and personal statement (500–1000 words) that indicates interests and addresses relevant personal background, professional experiences, and professional goals. For the Bilingual-ESL, Reading Teacher and Reading Specialist Endorsements, an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) is required. In addition, the Reading Specialist requires a minimum of two years of teaching experience.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 32 hours.
- **Coursework**

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Required Courses | | |
| Select two of the following courses with approval of advisor: | | |
| CI 450 | Societal Bases of Languages, Literacies and Learning | |
| CI 481 | Foundation and Current Issues in Educating English Language Learners | |
| CI 533 | Language and Literacy Policy | |
| CI 534 | Languages and Literacies In and Out of School | |
| Electives | | |
| Select 24 semester hours of electives approved by an advisor. | | |

Students seeking the endorsement options will need to consult an advisor for additional course requirements.

- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Coursework-Only Options** Coursework only. No other options are available.

Interdepartmental Concentrations

Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their graduate advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

- [Black Studies](#)
- [Gender and Women's Studies](#)