Master of Science in Education
Educational Studies
Individualized Interdisciplinary Option

The Individualized Interdisciplinary Option is designed for educators interested in developing a customized course of study that reflects their career goals. This 33- to 39-credit program is intended for students who already possess certification in their field or who do not require certification.

The Johns Hopkins Advantage
- Convenient scheduling for busy professionals
- Small class sizes and individual attention of instructors
- Cutting-edge best practices aligned with state and national standards
- World-class faculty and institutional reputation
- Option to combine two graduate certificates into one master's degree

Program Description
Our goal is for candidates to develop expertise in one or two areas of education while retaining a broad focus on educational practice and systems. There are two pathways for completing the degree requirements.

The first pathway consists of a common core of courses: Advanced Instructional Strategies, Action Research for School Improvement, and Seminar in Teacher Leadership. The remainder of the program includes a 15- to 18-credit graduate certificate program of your choice, along with nine credits of electives chosen in consultation with the program adviser.

The second pathway allows you to combine two graduate certificates into one master’s degree to meet your professional development goals. In addition to the certificate courses, you will also take the capstone course Seminar in Teacher Leadership in your final semester to tie the certificates together.

You can complete the two graduate certificates that comprise the master’s program consecutively or concurrently, but you must apply for the master’s program and the graduate certificates at the same time. Under this master’s program, all requirements must be completed within five years. You must be admitted to at least one certificate program to be considered for the master’s program. Consult our full list of graduate certificate programs to see what combinations might appeal to you.

Johns Hopkins School of Education
Established in 2007, the Johns Hopkins School of Education has quickly taken its place as a national leader in education reform through research and teaching. Grounded in the Johns Hopkins tradition of research and innovation, SOE is ranked among the top graduate schools of education in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.
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### Graduate Certificate Options

**One- or Two-Certificate Pathway**

Options for candidates who are interested in education but do not have an interest in K-12 teaching or supervisory roles:

- Graduate Certificate in Autism - Online
- Graduate Certificate in Urban Education - Online or Face to Face
- Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership for Independent Schools
- Graduate Certification in Leadership Technology Integration - Online

Options for candidates with teaching experience who hold teacher certification and are interested in professional development or career advancement:

- Graduate Certificate in Gifted Education - Online
- Graduate certificate in Mind, Brain and Teaching - Online
- Graduate Certificate in School Administration and Supervision - Online or Face to Face

However, students should plan on a minimum of 15 months. The School of Education allows part-time students up to five years to complete their master’s programs and three years to finish an individual graduate certificate program.

**Where are classes offered?**

This depends on the specific certificate(s) chosen. Core courses for the program are offered either online or on-campus at the Education Building, Baltimore, MD.

**Does this program lead to certification?**

In a word, no, but some of the certificates available within the program do individually lead to certification in a particular area (such as: Gifted Education or School Administration and Supervision). Students interested in initial certification should look at the following programs:

- Master of Science in Special Education: Mild to Moderate Disabilities or the M.Ed. for Teaching Professionals (starting summer 2023).

### Frequently Asked Questions

**How is the program structured?**

This master’s program requires 33 to 39 credits to complete. The number of credits depends on which pathway you choose, as well as which graduate certificate program you choose. Students must choose at least one graduate certificate to create a master’s degree for this program.

**What is the expected time frame for completion of master’s degrees and graduate certificates?**

Ultimately, this depends on the specific programs you choose.

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