

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE

Purpose. The *Educational Specialist degree* is designed to provide advanced training to students in three areas: Educational Administration and Supervision (Educational Leadership), Elementary Education, or Secondary Education (English, History, or Social Sciences).

Admission. Requirements for admission are

1. A master's degree from an institution fully accredited by one of the recognized accrediting agencies;
2. A Class AA teaching certificate, or its equivalent, in the appropriate field; (Students applying to the Ed.S. program may be exempt from this requirement provided they meet special prerequisite requirements.)
3. A grade point average of 3.25 on coursework completed for the master's degree.
4. A satisfactory score on a nationally recognized, standardized test of verbal skills.

Degree Requirements. A candidate for the Educational Specialist degree is required to meet the following:

1. Fulfill the general requirements for a graduate degree at Delta State University;
2. Complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate work beyond the master's degree, at least one-half of which must be 700-level courses, consisting of 6 hours of core courses and 24 to 27 hours in major subject area and electives as are required by the major field division (Educational Administration and Supervision, Elementary Education, and Secondary Education). 500-level courses are not acceptable on the Educational Specialist degree program. Students enrolling in the Secondary Education major will determine an area of concentration (English, History, or Social Sciences). Elective courses to complete a program of study in the concentration area will be determined in collaboration with the program coordinator;
3. Maintain a grade point average of at least 3.25 on all graduate work attempted toward the Educational Specialist degree;
4. Pass a comprehensive examination in the major field during the last term of course work.

CURRICULA

Educational Specialist Degree

	Semester Hours
1. Core Education Courses..... CUR 701, ELR 702	6
2. Major Field and Electives	<u>24, 27</u>
Total	30, 33

MAJOR FIELDS

	Semester Hours
EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION (EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP).....	27
1. Required Courses	27
AED 739, AED 740, AED 751	
AED 730, AED 736, AED 737,	
AED 746, AED 750, SUP 731	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION	24
1. Required Courses	12
CEL 705 and CEL 706	
2. Electives in Elementary Education	12
or related courses	
OR	
3. Electives in Elementary Education	6
Thesis	6
SECONDARY EDUCATION.....	24
1. Required Course	3
CUR 712	
2. Electives (Student selects a concentration in English, History or Social Sciences)	21
OR	
3. Electives (Student selects a concentration in English, History or Social Sciences)	15
Thesis	6