

# The Master's Program

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Middle Tennessee State University offers nine different master's degrees, thirty master's programs, and thirty-seven master's programs with specific concentrations. These include the Master of Arts (M.A.), the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), the Master of Business Education (M.B.E.), the Master of Criminal Justice (M.C.J.), the Master of Education (M.Ed.), the Master of Science (M.S.), and the Master of Science in Teaching (M.S.T.).

## Common Requirements for all Master's Degree Programs

All master's candidates must

1. satisfactorily complete the undergraduate prerequisites.
2. complete a minimum of 30 (or more) semester hours of graduate coursework. No more than 30 percent of the total degree hours may be dually listed as undergraduate/graduate hours. No undergraduate courses may apply toward the graduate program requirements. If a thesis is required, normally no more than three hours will apply toward the 30 (or more) semester hour program requirement. However, additional semester hours of thesis research (6640) may be taken and will appear on the student's transcript.
3. file a Candidacy Form with the Graduate Office prior to the completion of 24 credit hours.
4. successfully complete a written (and/or oral) comprehensive examination; the examination may be taken no more than twice.
5. complete all specific graduate program requirements.

### Programs Leading to the M.A. Degree

There are six departments offering programs leading to the Master of Arts degree. They are Economics and Finance, English, History, Music, Psychology, and Sociology and Anthropology.

Normally, the Master of Arts degree requires a thesis; however, graduate programs in English, Economics and Finance, and Music include a non-thesis option requiring more than 30 semester hours. (Specific program requirements may be found under the appropriate department.)

### Program Leading to the M.A.T. Degree

The Master of Arts in Teaching degree is offered in Foreign Languages. The degree should be pursued by those individuals interested in teaching. Admission is open to licensed teachers as well as those seeking initial licensure. Specific degree requirements are found under the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

### Program Leading to the M.B.A. Degree

The Master of Business Administration program includes courses in the following six areas of business: accounting, economics, finance, management, marketing, and information systems. Specific degree requirements are found under Business Administration.

### Program Leading to the M.B.E. Degree

A Master of Business Education (M.B.E.) degree program is offered by the Department of Business Education, Marketing Education, and Office Management (BMOM) in the Jennings A. Jones College of Business. Specific degree requirements are found under the Department of BMOM.

### Program Leading to the M.C.J. Degree

The Master of Criminal Justice degree program is a joint program with Tennessee State University. Students may seek professional employment in the operational agencies in the field of criminal justice or pursue relevant research or teaching positions. Eighteen semester hours credit from each university is required. Applicants must complete a special application specifically for this degree program. Specific degree requirements are found under the Department of Criminal Justice Administration.

### Programs Leading to the M.Ed. Degree

There are four departments offering programs leading to the Master of Education degree. The M.Ed. degree provides programs of study in Administration and Supervision, Aerospace Education, Curriculum and Instruction, School Counseling, Reading, and Special Education. Specific degree requirements are found under the Department of Aerospace, Department of Educational Leadership, Department of Elementary and Special Education, and Department of Psychology.

### Programs Leading to the M.S. Degree

There are eleven departments and/or colleges offering programs leading to the Master of Science degree. The University offers the Master of Science degree in Accounting/Information Systems; Aviation Administration; Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science; Exercise Science and Health Promotion; Health, Physical Education, Recreation; Human Sciences; Industrial Studies; Mass Communication; and Mathematics. Specific degree requirements are found under the applicable department.

Normally, the Master of Science degree requires a thesis; however, graduate programs in Computer Science; Exercise Science and Health Promotion; Health, Physical Education, Recreation; Industrial Studies; Mass Communication; and Mathematics include a non-thesis option requiring more than 30 semester hours. (Specific program requirements may be found under the appropriate department.)

### Programs Leading to the M.S.T. Degree

The Master of Science in Teaching degree is offered by the Department of Mathematical Sciences. The degree should be pursued by those individuals interested in teaching. Admission is open to licensed teachers as well as those seeking initial licensure. Specific degree requirements are found under the Department of Mathematical Sciences.

## Second Master's Degree from MTSU

An individual who has received one master's degree from MTSU may obtain a second master's degree with a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework earned at MTSU if approved in advance by the graduate program and the graduate dean. No transfer coursework is accepted towards the second master's degree. All specific course requirements must be met for the second degree, including the written comprehensive examinations and thesis (if relevant). All semester hours must be earned after the first master's degree has been conferred.

