

## Program Description

**This degree program allows students to develop a comprehensive plan for advanced study in an area of education other than those specifically designed programs in the Department.** Programs of study in this option must include coursework from a minimum of two programs. This degree program is not applicable for teacher licensure.

Students pursuing degrees in this program area will have an Advisory Committee, which consists of faculty from at least two departments. The Advisory Committee will meet with the student and approve the Program of Study.

Most of the courses in this program are offered in the evening and some are offered online allowing for flexible completion of the program.

## Some School Districts that have Hired our Graduates:

- Billings School District #2
- Billings Catholic Schools
- Hot Springs Co. School District
- Thermopolis, Wyoming
- Laurel Public Schools
- Fairview Public Schools
- Big Timber Public Schools
- Hardin School District
- Lavina Public Schools
- Park City Schools
- Mesa Public Schools, Mesa, AZ

Many of our recent graduates responded to a Graduate Data survey taken 9 months after graduation. Of the 7 Interdisciplinary Studies graduates who did respond to the survey, all 7 or 100% are employed in their field. They reported an average salary of \$43,200.

## Admission Criteria

1. Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0
2. Graduate GPA (if applicable) of at least 3.0
3. Standardized graduate admission test (GRE)

## Admission Procedure

1. Complete Graduate Student Application
2. Submit Official Transcripts
3. Payment of Nonrefundable \$40 Application Fee
4. Submit Admission Test Scores – GRE

Total minimum credits required for degree: **36**

Online? **Mostly** Evening classes? **Yes**

Program length (approximate): **If you take a full load of 9 credits per semester, you could finish this program in about 5-6 semesters.**

# MASTER OF EDUCATION

## THEORY & PRACTICE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES OPTION



### Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Assistantships

Graduate students who wish to apply for financial assistance must be enrolled in a graduate degree, certificate, or endorsement program for at least 6 credits for half-time aid or 9 credits for full-time aid. Non-degree graduate students are not eligible for financial aid. To apply for financial aid, a student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). March 1 is the priority deadline.

There are many types of aid available: Loans, Graduate Assistantships and Partial Tuition Credits, and Scholarships. Please see our website for further information, applications, and listings of job descriptions for assistantships:

[www.msubillings.edu/grad/](http://www.msubillings.edu/grad/)

#### Campus Tuition

Course Credit	Resident	Non-Resident
3	1,011.92	2,606.78
6	1,768.54	4,985.26
9	2,718.36	7,502.94
12 & Up	3,435.48	9,814.92

#### Online Tuition

Course Credit	Resident	Non-Resident
3	937.92	1,632.84
6	1,685.04	3,074.88
9	2,521.36	4,606.12
12 & Up	3,238.48	6,018.16

**Tuition is subject to change by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.**

### Contact Us

Please contact the Office of Graduate Studies for information about programs, admission requirements, application forms, graduate assistantships, and other scholarship information. Our office is located in McMullen Hall room 200. The office is open from 8:00 to 5:00 (MST) Monday through Friday. Contact us with any questions you may have. We look forward to visiting with you.

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## Program Structure

	<b>Credits</b>
<b>I. Professional Core (6 credits)</b>	
EDF 501 Research Design and Interpretation.....	3
EDF 530 Advanced Human Development and Learning.....	3
<b>II. Professional Specialization (24 credits)</b> .....	<b>24</b>
<p>Programs of study will include coursework from at least two departments. Students should meet with a faculty advisor from the Department which specializes in their area of interest to determine specific Departmental requirements in this area.</p>	
<b>III. Capstone (6 credits)</b>	
EDCI 699 Thesis .....	6
<b>OR</b>	
EDCI/EDF 698 Directed Research Project.....	3
EDCI 697 Critical Issues in Education.....	3
<b>OR</b>	
EDCI 690 Internship.....	3
EDCI 697 Critical Issues in Education.....	3
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