

East Central University

Graduate School



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Graduate Education

Graduate education offers students the opportunity to build upon prior educational achievements to increase knowledge and related skills for career or personal goals. As such, graduate courses assume students possess the commitments and academic skills necessary to approach increased levels of content mastery and application. Correspondingly, faculty will create courses with grading, testing, research and related standards clearly exceeding those reflected in undergraduate education.

Graduate Programs

East Central University (ECU) offers the following master's degrees, options, certificates, and pathways:

Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business	Program Number	Format	Credit Hours / Admit GPA
Master of Business Administration (MBA)*	0650	Mixed	30 / 3.00
Master in Management (MiM)*	1020	Mixed	30 / 3.00
Master of Science in Accounting (MSA)*	0970	On-Campus	30 / 3.00

College of Education & Psychology	Program Number	Format	Credit Hours / Admit GPA
Education Doctorate (EdD)**	0630	Online	60 / 3.00
Education Specialist (EdS)	0620	Mixed	63 / 3.00
Master of Education (MEd)			
Educational Leadership [Degree Option]	0980	Online	32 / 2.50
Library Media [Degree Option]	0900	Online	32 / 2.50
School Counseling [Degree Option]	0843	Online	33 / 2.50
School Psychometry [Degree Option]	1060	Online	32 / 2.50
Special Education [Degree Option]	0850	Online	32 / 2.50
Sports Administration [Degree Option]	1050	Online	30 / 2.50
Master of Science (MS)			
Applied Psychology	0000	Online	30 / 3.00
Sports Psychology	0000	Online	45 / 3.00
Master of Science in Psychological Services (MSPS)			
Counseling Psychology [Degree Option]*	0860	Online	60 / 3.00
Graduate Certificates in Psychological Services			
School Psychologist	1000	Mixed	30 / 3.00
School Psychometrist	1010	Mixed	30 / 3.00
Non-Degree Seeking Education Pathways			
Alternative Principal [Pathway]	087A	Online	16 / 2.50
School Superintendent [Pathway]	0875	Online	16 / 2.50
Special Education Boot Camp [Pathway]	087B	Online	9 / 2.50

College of Health & Sciences	Program Number	Format	Credit Hours / Admit GPA
Master of Science in Biological Sciences (MS)			
Biological Science [Concentration]*	0640	On-Campus	30 / 2.50
Health Science [Concentration]*	0641	On-Campus	30 / 2.50
Water Science [Concentration]*	0642	On-Campus	30 / 2.50

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Program Number	Format	Credit Hours / Admit GPA
Master of Art in Criminal Justice Administration (MA)	0650	Online	30 / 3.00
Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MS)	1020	Synchronous Online	60 / 3.00
Master of Science in Water Resource Policy & Management (MSWRPM)*	0970	Online	30 / 3.00

** Degrees Eligible for International Students*

***EdD degree is not eligible for out of state tuition waiver*

Admissions Requirements

Admission to University

Persons desiring admission to the School of Graduate Studies must first be admitted to the University.

1. Complete an ECU Application for Admission/Readmission;
2. Submit one (1) official transcript from each undergraduate and graduate institution attended, other than East Central University;

Admission to the School of Graduate Studies

The School of Graduate Studies processes applications for admission to Graduate Studies. Students may be granted unconditional, conditional, provisional, or concurrent admission status. A student seeking admission to a Graduate Degree Program must complete the following steps:

1. Submit all other credentials required for admission to a specific Graduate Degree Program;
2. Develop a program of study in consultation with an assigned advisor.

Standards for Admission

1. Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
2. Meet the academic admission requirements for the Graduate Degree Program sought:
 - a. Program GPA
 - All MEd programs require a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.5.
 - All other programs require a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0.
 - b. Resume/Curriculum Vita
 - Must include contact information for three (3) references that can speak to your academic preparedness for graduate level work.
 - c. Writing Sample

Admission to one graduate degree program/option does not imply admission to any other graduate degree program/option, nor does it imply admission to any undergraduate degree option.

Unconditional Admission

Unconditional admission to the School of Graduate Studies indicates that the applicant has submitted all relevant documents and met all requirements for admission to the University, the School of Graduate Studies, and the specific Graduate Degree Program.

Conditional Admission

Conditional admission to the School of Graduate Studies may be granted to an applicant who has met all academic requirements for unconditional admission, but has not submitted all documentation required by the Graduate Degree Program. Students with conditional admission may register for courses for one semester. Students must submit all program documentation and be admitted to the graduate degree program to enroll in subsequent semesters. No more than one semester of credit may be applied to a Graduate Degree Program; time limits apply to these credits.

Provisional Admission

Provisional admission to the School of Graduate Studies may be granted to an applicant who does not meet all the requirements for unconditional admission to a Graduate Degree Program. Students must submit all required program documents and be approved by the Graduate Degree Program to be admitted. When a student admitted on a provisional basis successfully completes all program provisions, the student will be moved to unconditional admission status. Students failing to meet one or more program provisions will be suspended.

Dual Enrollment Graduate Student Policy

A senior student who lacks less than a full normal study load, and who has successfully completed a minimum of 100 credit hours, may be permitted to enroll in courses applicable to a graduate degree program.

Approval is subject to the following requirements:

1. Senior standing and completed a minimum of 100 credit hours.
2. Students must apply to graduate school.
 - This creates a graduate record, allowing your courses to apply to a graduate degree.
 - Graduate credit hours earned **MAY NOT** be applied toward an undergraduate degree.
3. Dual Enrollment Graduate Load Provisions:
 - Fall and Spring Semesters:
 - Students may take a maximum of fifteen (15) hours:
 - Nine (9) undergraduate and six (6) graduate credit hours.
 - or**
 - Twelve (12) undergraduate and three (3) graduate credit hours.
 - Summer Semester:
 1. Students may take a maximum of six (6) hours:
 - Three (3) undergraduate and three (3) graduate credit hours.
 - or**
 - Six (6) graduate credit hours.
 - No more than six (6) hours in a semester may be applied to a Graduate Degree Program.
 - No more than twelve (12) semester hours earned under this policy may be applied to a graduate degree program.
4. Students seeking financial aid should meet with their Financial Aid Counselor before enrolling in both graduate and undergraduate courses.

Retention Information

Overall GPA

Graduate students must maintain an overall ECU graduate retention grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher to remain academically in good standing with the School of Graduate Studies. For more information concerning academic standing within the School of Graduate Studies, please see the full academic policy section of this catalog.

Course Grades

Graduate students can earn no more than two (2) C's in their graduate degree program to remain academically in good standing with the School of Graduate Studies. Graduate students earning a grade of D or F in a course may not count that course toward their graduate degree program requirements. Some programs have more stringent grade requirements.

Seminar and Pass/Fail Credit Limits

Credit earned in seminars must be germane to the student's Graduate Degree Program and approved by the program director in order to count toward a graduate degree. No more than three (3) hours of course work graded as pass/fail may count toward a graduate degree. Specific programs may have exceptions for practicums and internships.

Certification Courses

Graduate certificates may satisfy some requirements for Licensed Professional Counselor and others. For further information, contact the Dean or Graduate Program Coordinator of the College of Education and Psychology or the Graduate Program Coordinator of the Professional Programs in Human Services Department.

Time & Progress to Degree Completion

Time Limit for Completion of Degree

Graduate credit applied towards a graduate degree must be completed within six (6) years prior to the completion of the degree, exclusive of any time spent in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Work completed more than six (6) years prior to completion of the degree may not be counted toward the degree but may count toward professional certification.

Progress Toward Degree

Students who have not successfully completed coursework after one year must reapply to the University and the School of Graduate Studies. Students who have not successfully completed course work for two years must reapply to the graduate degree program.

Application for Degree

A student must apply for award of a degree according to the deadline specified by the university for the semester in which the degree will be awarded. (Failure to graduate necessitates reapplication.) Application for graduation may be found on Colleague Self-Service. For more information about the graduation application process, please see the relevant policy in the full academic policy section of this catalog.

First Degree From Another Institution

Students with a graduate degree from an accredited institution may complete a subsequent graduate degree at East Central University by completing all requirements for that degree. The subsequent graduate degree must include a minimum of twenty-one (21) graduate credit hours not applied toward any other graduate degree. All credit hours accepted from the first graduate degree must be reviewed and approved by the graduate program faculty and the Dean of Graduate Studies. Only courses with a minimum grade of B will be accepted from the first graduate degree. Students may petition for an exception to this policy in certain situations (such as completion of licensure requirements). All exceptions must be reviewed and approved by the graduate program faculty and the Dean of Graduate Studies.

First Degree From East Central University (ECU)

The second graduate degree must include a minimum of twenty-one (21) credit hours not applied toward the first graduate degree. In the following two scenarios, the programs have been designed so that credits earned while completing the first program can be applied toward the second, while allowing students to remain in compliance with the 21-credit hour rule.

- Scenario_1: School Psychometry (MEd) *followed by* Master of Science in Psychological Services (MSPS) or Education Specialist (EdS)
- Scenario_2: Education Leadership (MEd) *followed by* a Doctor of Education (EdD)

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**College of Education & Psychology
(CEP)**

EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY
KINESIOLOGY (BS) - 0202
4-YEAR PLAN
2025-2026 CATALOG YEAR

FIRST YEAR- FRESHMAN (32-HRS)

Fall Semester

BIOL	1114	* Gen Biology (<i>Recommended</i>)
ENG	1113	* Freshman Composition I
HUM	2113	* General Hum I (<i>Recommended</i>)
KIN	2122	* Choices in Wellness
MATH	1513	* College Algebra (<i>Recommended</i>)
UNIV	1001	* Freshman Seminar

16 TOTAL HOURS

Spring Semester

CHEM	1114	* Gen Chemistry I (<i>Recommended</i>)
ENG	1213	* Freshman Composition II
HUM	2123	* General Hum II (<i>Recommended</i>)
PS	1113	* United States Government
PSYCH	1113	* General Psychology (<i>Recommended</i>)

16 TOTAL HOURS

SECOND YEAR-SOPHOMORE (30-HRS)

Fall Semester

FIN	1113	* Financial Literacy
HIST	24x3	* United States History Survey
KIN	1963	Introduction of Kinesiology
KIN	2183	* Basic Nutrition (<i>Recommended</i>)
KIN	2413	Applied Anatomy

15 TOTAL HOURS

Spring Semester

KIN	2223	Sports Nutrition
KIN	2273	First Aid
KIN	2433	Theory of Coaching
KIN	2713	Care and Prevention of Ath Injuries
xxx3		Elective
xxx3		Elective

18 TOTAL HOURS

THIRD YEAR - JUNIOR (30-HRS)

Fall Semester

KIN	3103	Technology in Kinesiology
KIN	3303	Fundamentals of Sports Admin
KIN	3563	Health Promotion
KIN	3613	Motor Learning
KIN	3883	Legal Aspects of Kinesiology
xxx3		Elective

18 TOTAL HOURS

Spring Semester

KIN	3233	Adapted Physical Education
KIN	3353	Research and Evaluation of Kin
KIN	3723	Biomechanics
xxx3		Elective
xxx3		Elective
xxx3		Elective

18 TOTAL HOURS (101-HRS)

FOURTH YEAR - SENIOR (28-HRS)

Fall Semester

EDUC	5113	^ Techniques of Research (WEB)
KIN	3733	Physiology of Exercise
KIN	4223	Strength and Conditioning
KIN	4593	Psychology of Sports
KIN	5303	^ Sports Administration (WEB)

15 TOTAL HOURS

Spring Semester

KIN	4153	Organization and Administration
KIN	4284	Practicum
KIN	4623	Exercise Testing and Prescription
KIN	5313	^ Sport Facility Management (WEB)
KIN	5353	^ Ethics in Sports Admin (WEB)

16 TOTAL HOURS

FOURTH YEAR - SENIOR (28-HRS)

Fall Semester

KIN	5323	^ Legal Aspects of Sport (WEB)
KIN	5413	^ Principles of Sport Finance (WEB)
KIN	5423	^ Marketing & Event Manage (WEB)

9 TOTAL HOURS

Spring Semester

KIN	5513	^ Leadership and Per Manage (WEB)
KIN	5533	^ Sports in American Society (WEB)
KIN	5613	^ Practicum in Sports Admin (WEB)

9 TOTAL HOURS

Legend: *General Education Requirements

^Graduate Level Course