Masters Policies

General Requirements for Master's Programs

A master of science in education program requires a minimum of 30 credit hours. Up to 6 credits may be undergraduate course credits at the 300 and 400 level, however courses counted in a bachelor's degree may not be counted in a master's degree. Also up to 6 credits may be applied from a previous master's degree if the coursework is relevant and approved by the advisor.

Special case for Accelerated Master’s Programs (e.g., 4+1) within IU:

Programs may be designed to allow students to double count up to 12 graduate IU credits in their undergraduate and M.S.Ed. degrees. Students in such programs may not apply any additional undergraduate hours (whether used for UG degree or not) to the M.S.Ed.

As there is no “general” master’s program in education, requirements vary between programs. The minimum number of credit hours in a major area of specialization ranges from 12 to 30. Several programs have additional course requirements in areas such as research and foundations as well.

A minimum of 6 credit hours must be taken outside of the major program area for all master's programs. Master's degree students must complete all program coursework within seven years of matriculating in the program.