

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF EDUCATION**  
**JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2024 through Spring 2025

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Hours (Thesis) .....	35-37
Minimum Total Hours (Non-Thesis) .....	33

Program
Special Education M855 Q628; Online M856 Q628 Master of Education

**THESIS OPTION**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
EDSP 5413	Characteristics & Methods in Teaching Students with Exceptionalities	3
EDSP 5163	Leadership & Advocacy in Special Education	3
EDSP 6123	Contemporary Issues/Research	3
EDSP 5183	Advanced Assessment	3
EDSP 5143	Individual Behavior Planning in the Classroom	3
or EDSP 5603	Philosophical Assumptions of Behavior Analysis	
EIPT 5033	Introduction to Research and Evaluation in Education	3
or EDSP 6023	Single-Case Research Design	
<b>Electives</b>		
Choose a minimum of 9 hours of graduate courses in Special Education		9
Choose a minimum of 6 hours of additional graduate electives approved by faculty advisor		6
<b>Thesis</b>		
EDSP 5980	Research for Master's Thesis	2-4
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>35-37</b>

**NON-THESIS OPTION**

The non-thesis degree is a coursework-only degree; a non-thesis examination is not required

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**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MASTER'S DEGREES**

The master's degree requires the equivalent of *at least* two semesters of satisfactory graduate work and additional work as may be prescribed for the degree.

All coursework applied to the master's degree must carry graduate credit.

Master's degree programs which require a thesis consist of *at least* 30 credit hours. All non-thesis master's degree programs require *at least* 30 credit hours.

Credit transferred from other institutions must meet specific criteria and is subject to certain limitations.

Courses completed through correspondence study may *not* be applied to the master's degree.

To qualify for a graduate degree, students must achieve an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the degree program coursework and in all resident graduate coursework attempted. A student must also have at least a 3.0 in all coursework (including undergraduate coursework if any).

Additional information for master's degree students may be found in the Graduate College Bulletin.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/rainbolt-education/educational-psychology/special-education-master-education/>).