VCU Graduate Bulletin, VCU Graduate School and general academic policies and regulations for all graduate students in all graduate programs

The VCU Graduate Bulletin website documents the official admission and academic rules and regulations that govern graduate education for all graduate programs at the university. These policies are established by the graduate faculty of the university through their elected representatives to the University Graduate Council.

It is the responsibility of all graduate students, both on- and off-campus, to be familiar with the VCU Graduate Bulletin as well as the Graduate School website and academic regulations in individual school and department publications and on program websites. However, in all cases, the official policies and procedures of the University Graduate Council, as published on the VCU Graduate Bulletin and Graduate School websites, take precedence over individual program policies and guidelines.

Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on academic regulations for graduate students.

Degree candidacy requirements

A graduate student admitted to a program or concentration requiring a final research project, work of art, thesis or dissertation, must qualify for continuing master's or doctoral status according to the degree candidacy requirements of the student's graduate program. Admission to degree candidacy, if applicable, is a formal statement by the graduate student's faculty regarding the student's academic achievements and the student's readiness to proceed to the final research phase of the degree program.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following degree candidacy policy as published in the VCU Graduate Bulletin for complete information and instructions.

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Graduation requirements

As graduate students approach the end of their academic programs and the final semester of matriculation, they must make formal application to graduate. No degrees will be conferred until the application to graduate has been finalized.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following graduation requirements as published in the Graduate Bulletin for a complete list of instructions and a graduation checklist.

Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on graduation requirements.

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Admission requirements

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In addition to the general admission requirements of the VCU Graduate School (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/study/admission-graduate-study/admission-requirements/), the following requirements represent the minimum acceptable standards for admission:

1. Bachelor's degree with a major in the content area in which the student wishes to teach (e.g., biology, chemistry, earth science, physics or equivalent)
2. Three letters of recommendation addressing the student's potential for graduate study in education
3. Statement of intent
4. Transcripts of all previous college work

Additionally, there are several tests that students must pass for admission to teacher preparation, admission to student teaching and licensure in Virginia. Students should consult the Teacher Preparation page (https://soe.vcu.edu/admission/teacher-preparation-application/) on the School of Education website for current testing requirements. Admission to clinical experiences in schools requires a background check and fingerprinting.

Please visit the School of Education (https://soe.vcu.edu/academics/masters-programs/master-of-teaching/) website for further information.

**Degree requirements**

In addition to general VCU Graduate School graduation requirements (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/graduation-info/), students are required to complete course work in core and elective courses.

1. Credit hour requirements: Students are required to complete a minimum of 33-34 credit hours depending on concentration.
2. Grade requirements: Receipt of a grade of C or below in two courses constitutes automatic dismissal from the program. Courses with a grade below C cannot be used to satisfy degree requirements.
3. Student teaching requirements: Students must successfully complete approved student teaching experience. Note: Students must complete all undergraduate courses before student teaching.
4. Additional testing requirement: Students must pass Praxis II, where applicable, for licensure.

**Curriculum requirements**

**Undergraduate courses**

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<td>TEDU 311</td>
<td>Middle School Practicum (secondary; must be taken concurrently with TEDU 537)</td>
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<td>TEDU 312</td>
<td>High School Practicum (science; must be taken concurrently with TEDU 540)</td>
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<td>TEDU 510</td>
<td>Instructional Technology in PK-12 Environments</td>
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Graduate courses

**Required courses**

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<td>Advanced Educational Psychology for Secondary Teachers</td>
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<td>Democracy, Equity and Ethics in Education</td>
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<td>Inclusive Curriculum in Secondary Schools</td>
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<td>Teaching Middle and High School Sciences (fall only)</td>
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<td>TEDU 552</td>
<td>Methods for Teaching Multilingual Learners</td>
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<td>Reading Instruction in the Content Areas</td>
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<td>Classroom Management</td>
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**Clinical experience (spring only)**

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The minimum number of graduate credit hours required for this degree is 33.

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