Innovative Education Outside the Classroom

UMSL’s College of Education offers the Bachelor of Educational Studies (the “BES”) for students excited about education, but looking for challenges outside the traditional classroom. The BES will prepare you for a career as an educator in a variety of agencies, including:

- A science museum
- A history museum
- An after-school program
- An educational program at a camp
- A child care program
- A wildlife field station,
- An agency providing services to children
- An agency providing services to adults
- An education program at a park

Wherever education happens outside the classroom, BES graduates will be prepared to be skilled and confident leaders and innovators.

Variety of Settings for Learning

Many institutions emphasize informal learning and offer a variety of settings for teaching to people of all ages. Employers at these institutions are eager to hire people who have training and relevant experience in education, management, marketing, and technology. Responding to this need, UMSL’s College of Education has designed a creative, flexible, and interdisciplinary bachelor’s degree that emphasizes practical skills in multiple settings. UMSL’s BES is distinctive. Students who want a broad view of education, and who are willing to grow into new positions will be particularly interested in what UMSL’s BES degree has to offer.
A Program Tailored to your Career Aspirations

We designed the BES for a leadership career in educational settings that are outside the traditional classroom. Flexibility is built into the program, allowing you to choose emphasis areas and tailor your coursework to align with your career aspirations. Upon graduating with a Bachelor of Educational Studies, you will have earned:

- A minimum of 120 credit hours, with 42 hours of general education courses
- An approved content minor or a certificate relevant to the student’s goals
- Successful completion of career related internships, totaling 15 hours

Program Requirements

The BES degree program is open to any student interested in a non-teacher certification professional education degree and who meets the University of Missouri—St. Louis GPA requirement. Students are encouraged to consider this program to meet their future career interests or academic requirements.

Topics for Innovative Educators to Explore in UMSL’s BES

The BES degree offers you choices that can include:

- Curriculum Design
- Evaluation and Assessments
- Grant Writing
- Human Development
- Management Skills
- Marketing
- Pedagogy for Informal Education
- Public Policy
- Social Justice
- Technology

UMSL and the College of Education at a glance

The University of Missouri-St. Louis is a public research university located in Missouri’s most populous and economically important region. Founded in 1963, UMSL is the largest university in the St. Louis area. The UMSL College of Education is emerging as an “education innovation hub,” as noted in its motto: Engaged Educators. Innovative Education. The BES is the newest degree at UMSL, and is another example of new ideas in action for improving education.

For more information call the Office of Advising and Student Services in the College of Education at 314-516-5937 or go to http://gocoe.umsl.edu/bes

St. Louis: Something for everyone

UMSL is a vital part of St. Louis, and the city and surrounding areas make up the most culturally vibrant region in Missouri. That means we offer you more than a top-ranked learning environment.

There’s a night out with friends on Washington Avenue. An exhibit opening at the Saint Louis Art Museum. A Saturday afternoon at the Saint Louis Zoo. A home-run celebration at Busch Stadium.

St. Louis is a place where you can be you.