Bachelor of Educational Studies
Program Overview

UMSL’s College of Education offers the Bachelor of Educational Studies (BES) for students excited about education, but looking for challenges outside the traditional classroom. The program offers 4 emphases: (1) early childhood, (2) human service and development, (3) informal science and cultural education, and (4) exercise science.

The BES prepares you for a career as an educator in a variety of agencies, including: science museums, history museums, after-school programs, educational programs at camps, child care programs, wildlife field stations, agencies providing services to children, agencies providing services to adults, and educational programs at parks. BES graduates are prepared to be skilled and confident leaders in a variety of settings.

Flexibility is built in to the BES program, and that allows students to choose emphasis areas and tailor their coursework to align with their career aspirations. UMSL has relationships with several different institutions that are interested in BES interns and graduates.

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 focus and certificate relevant to your goals.
- Successful completion of career-related internships that can lead to a permanent job.

Requirements for the BES

The BES consists of three kinds of requirements:

**Entry requirements**
A person should declare the BES degree and meet UMSL admission requirements.

**Introductory Internship requirements**
A student must complete 60 credit hours with 12 credit hours of BES courses including EDUC 1000 and maintain the University’s requirements in order to be eligible for the internship at the site that is related to the emphasis chosen.

**Capstone Internship requirements**
A student must complete a minimum of 90 credit hours and complete the Introductory Internship at a B or better level.

**In order to enroll in the program a student should:**
- complete the electronic application [http://www.umsl.edu/admissions/apply-now.html](http://www.umsl.edu/admissions/apply-now.html);
- transfer in a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

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BES Courses

- Education: 33%
- Management Related: 33%
- Passion (Content): 33%