MASTER OF EDUCATION: READING

Reading is an important part of the Common Core and the Iowa Core, and school districts are seeking teachers who hold endorsements in reading. To be awarded the Master of Education in Reading, you must complete an action research project, comprehensive exams and earn a minimum of 36 approved graduate credit hours. The M.Ed. in Reading requires a minimum of 12 credits in reading coursework.

K-8 Reading Endorsement
- EDU 513 Educational Research (core requirement)
- EDU 516 Best Practices: Research-based Teaching Strategies (core requirement)
- EDU 519 Teaching with Technology (core requirement)
- EDU 304 Exceptional Persons
- EDU 326 Developmental Reading and Language Arts
- EDU 333 Literature: Birth-Adolescence
- EDU 335 Teaching Elementary Language Arts
- EDU 507 Diagnostic and Corrective Reading and Language Arts
- EDU 509 Practicum: Elementary Reading and Language Arts
- EDU 525 Content Area Literacy
- EDU 545 Second Language Acquisition
- EDU 585 Advanced Problems in Reading and Language Arts

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5-12 Reading Endorsement
- EDU 513 Educational Research (core requirement)
- EDU 516 Best Practices: Research-based Teaching Strategies (core requirement)
- EDU 519 Teaching with Technology (core requirement)
- EDU 304 Exceptional Persons
- EDU 326 Developmental Reading and Language Arts
- EDU 333 Literature: Birth-Adolescence
- EDU 507 Diagnostic and Corrective Reading and Language Arts
- EDU 510 Practicum: Secondary Reading and Language Arts
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One of the following:
- ENG 102 English Composition II
- ENG 201 Expository Writing
  Or an equivalent composition course
If you are passionate about helping students become successful readers and want a university that is user-friendly and has a variety of options, Upper Iowa University may be your best choice.

Do you want to earn a master’s degree in Reading or a master’s degree as a Reading Specialist?

UIU has embedded the reading or reading specialist endorsement requirements into a 36-credit Master of Education degree. You can earn your master’s degree and a reading endorsement in two years or less if you take one course per term.

**Reading Specialist Endorsement**

- EDU 507 Diagnostic and Corrective Reading and Language Arts
- EDU 522 Assessment for Learning
- EDU 524 Issues in Educational Psychology and Learning
- EDU 525 Content Area Literacy
- EDU 534 Instructional Coaching
- EDU 545 Second Language Acquisition
- EDU 585 Advanced Problems in Reading and Language Arts
- EDU 587 Leadership: Organization and Administration of Reading Programs
- EDU 589 Reading Specialist Internship

Do you want to become a Literacy Coach in support of other teachers in your school or district?

UIU has a 15-credit Literacy Coach Certificate that documents your skills related to serving as a peer coach in the area of literacy. All 15 credits of the Literacy Coach Certificate are also part of the Reading Specialist master’s degree so teachers can get the certificate as a stand-alone or as a stepping stone toward the master’s degree.

**UIU Literacy Coach Certificate**

- EDU 525 Content Area Literacy
- EDU 534 Instructional Coaching
- EDU 545 Second Language Acquisition
- EDU 587 Leadership: Organization and Administration of Reading Programs
- EDU 589 Literacy Coaching Internship

**Convenient and User-Friendly**

You do not have to repeat coursework you previously took. UIU will evaluate your transcript and require only those courses or competencies that are not evident from your previous college coursework. In addition, students may transfer up to 12 graduate credits toward the master’s degree and up to 6 credits toward the certificate.

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