



MSSE Program
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MSSE Degree Time Line

1. Apply to the MSSE Program

Required Documents

- Online or Paper Application/Application Fee
- Official Transcripts
- Essay and Resume
- 3 Recommendation letters

Applications accepted:

- Fall Semester
- Spring Semester
- Summer Session

2. MSSE Admissions Screening Committee Review

Application is reviewed and upon committee recommendation, forwarded to The Graduate School for final approval.

3. The Graduate School Review

Application is reviewed and upon final approval, MSSE Program admissions is authorized.

4. Begin Course and Degree Requirements:

A. Course Requirements (30 Graduate Credits)

- 14 Core Education Credits (MSSE 504, MSSE 505, MSSE 509, MSSE 575, MSSE 501)
- 12 Science Credits (must complete at least one 2 credit campus field/lab science course)
- 4 Elective Credits (may be science or elective education courses)

B. Degree Requirements:

1. Completion of Program of Study: Work with MSSE Office to complete POS by the end of MSSE 505, followed by submission by the MSSE office to The Graduate School. See "Advising Center" at <http://www.montana.edu/msse/students/advising.html>.
2. Arrange 3-member Faculty Graduate Committee at the beginning of MSSE 509. See Advising Center at <http://www.montana.edu/msse/students/advising.html>.
3. Work with the MSSE office to complete the Application for Advanced Degree during the final spring semester before graduation.

5. Completion of Course and Degree Requirements

- Participation in the Capstone Forum during Spring Semester before Summer Graduation
- Presentation of Capstone Project at the Summer Science Education Symposium (1-week on campus)
- Completion of the Comprehensive Session following the Capstone Presentation
- Submission of Final Approved Capstone Paper to the MSSE Office, Graduate School, and Library

Degree Completion Time Line Scenarios

****These are examples of the many scenarios that can lead to degree completion.****

2-2 1/2 Year Time Line

- 1st Summer - MSSE 501 & 6 cr online or campus science/education electives
- 1st Fall Semester - online MSSE 504 - 3 cr
- 1st Spring Semester - online MSSE 505 - 3 cr
- 2nd Summer - 8 cr of online or campus science/education electives
- 2nd Fall Semester - online MSSE 509 - 3 cr
- 2nd Spring Semester - online Spring Capstone Forum
- 3rd Summer - campus MSSE 575 Capstone & 2 cr campus field/lab science course

4 Year Time Line

- 1st Summer Session - 3 cr online or campus science/education electives
- 1st Fall Semester - MSSE 501 & 1 cr online science/education elective
- 1st Spring Semester - 3 cr online science/education electives
- 2nd Summer Session - 3 cr online or campus science /education elective
- 2nd Fall Semester - online MSSE 504 - 3 cr
- 2nd Spring Semester - online MSSE 505 - 3 cr
- 3rd Summer Session - 3 cr online or campus science/education electives
- 3rd Fall Semester - online MSSE 509 - 3 cr
- 3rd Spring Semester Spring Capstone Forum
- 4th Summer Session - MSSE 575 - 3 cr
- 4th Fall Semester - 3 cr online science/education electives

3 Year Time Line

- 1st Fall Semester - MSSE 501 & 1 cr online science or education elective
- 1st Spring Semester - 3 cr online science or education elective
- 1st Summer Session - 6 cr online or campus science /education electives
- 2nd Fall Semester - online MSSE 504 - 3 cr
- 2nd Spring Semester - online MSSE 505 - 3 cr
- 2nd Summer Session - 6 cr online or campus science/education electives
- 3rd Fall Semester - online MSSE 509 - 3 cr
- 3rd Spring Semester - online Spring Capstone Forum
- 3rd Summer Session - campus MSSE 575 - 3 cr

2-2 1/2 Year Time Line with Transfer Graduate Credits

- Transfer 9 credits - Transfer Definition: credits taken prior to admissions to the MSSE Program and/or credits taken at another university
- 1st Fall Semester - online MSSE 504 - 3 cr
- 1st Spring Semester - online MSSE 505 - 3 cr
- 2nd Summer - MSSE 501 & 4 cr online or campus sci/education electives
- 2nd Fall Semester - online MSSE 509 - 3 cr
- 2nd Spring Semester - online Spring Capstone Forum
- 3rd Summer - campus MSSE 575 Capstone & 3 cr campus field/lab science course