



The City College
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School of Education

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Division of Interdisciplinary Studies
at the Center for Worker Education

ACCELERATED

MASTER'S OPTION

**M.S.Ed. in Teaching Students with Disabilities, Grades 1-6 /
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts and Sciences**

This Accelerated Master's option will enable talented and motivated undergraduate students in the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences who are interested in working with children with disabilities to enroll in courses in the M.S.Ed. in Teaching Students with Disabilities, Grades 1-6 and to complete this M.S.Ed. degree soon after receiving a B.A. degree in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. By more quickly receiving an advanced degree, successful participating students will be more competitive for jobs in schools and special education programs.



What is the Accelerated M.S.Ed. option?

Undergraduate students accepted into the Accelerated Master's option will be able to apply up to 12 credits of graduate courses to the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts and Sciences and the M.S.Ed. in Teaching Students with Disabilities, Grades 1-6 degree requirements. At the undergraduate level, the courses would count as general electives.



What are the admissions requirements for the accelerated MA option?

To be admitted to the accelerated M.S.Ed. option, you must:

- be a current B.A. in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts and Sciences major
- have completed at least 72 credits
- have taken the major requirements (IAS 24200, IAS 23324 or 23304, and SPAN 22504)
- have an overall GPA of at least 3.0
- Submit a personal statement

How do I apply?

To apply, submit the following to cyawn@ccny.cuny.edu and kmcdonald@ccny.cuny.edu:

- [completed application form](#)
- a transcript
- two faculty letters of recommendation (at least one must be from a faculty member in the Department of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences)
- personal statement describing your interest in Teaching Students with Disabilities, Grades 1-6
- official GRE scores (GREs must be taken within first semester in the Accelerated option)



Do I need to maintain a certain GPA to stay in the accelerated M.S.Ed. option?

Yes. Undergraduate students in the accelerated M.S.Ed. option are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA in both undergraduate courses and Master's level courses. Students who are not making good progress toward the requirements or whose GPA falls below 3.0 in either undergraduate or graduate courses will be given one term to rectify the situation. Students unable to do so will be dismissed from the accelerated option.

How will I be billed for the MA classes I take while I am still an undergrad?

Full-time undergraduate New York state residents will pay the undergraduate full-time tuition rate until they reach 120 credits (regardless of whether the courses are M.S.Ed. or BA courses). Part-time undergraduate students will pay the graduate tuition rate when taking an M.S.Ed. course.

Who will advise me?

You will be advised on the undergraduate requirements and course selection by your assigned Academic Advisor. On the graduate requirements and course selection, you will be assigned a Special Education Program advisor.