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Curriculum and Instruction MA Program Handbook 2019-2020
Purpose of Handbook

This student handbook provides students with policies and procedures to assist them as they progress through the requirements of Morgridge’s degrees and certificates. By default, students follow the handbook of the year in which they entered the program. With approval from their advisor, students may choose to follow a handbook published after they matriculated into the program.

In addition to this publication, the student should become familiar with the Graduate Policies and Procedures as stated in the DU Graduate Bulletin and the MCE Policies and Procedures.

Although every effort has been made to ensure agreement between these three documents, it is the student’s responsibility to read the norms regarding degree programs in all documents and to complete various program steps in a timely fashion.

**DU Graduate Bulletin**

Each year, DU publishes a graduate bulletin. Students will follow the bulletin that aligns with this C&I handbook – which is determined by the year in which the student matriculated into the program – unless otherwise discussed with the student’s advisor. Examples of information provided in the 2019-2020 Graduate bulletin link include:

- School-, college-, and division-specific requirements and information
- Admission and enrollment policies
- Tuition and fees
- Academic requirements, policies, and procedures
  - Academic standards
  - Change of degree or program
  - Student withdrawal from the university
  - Transfer of credit
- Academic and student support services, policies, and procedures
- Course descriptions

**MCE Policies and Procedures**

Along with DU’s Graduate Bulletin, C&I students should be familiar with MCE’s policies and procedures. Examples of information provided include:

- Degree planning
  - Advising
  - Course plans
  - Waiver or substitution of courses
  - Non-MCE courses
- Dissertation/doctoral research credits for continuous enrollment
- APA writing requirement
- Financial support parameters and eligibility
Welcome to the Morgridge College of Education

Welcome to the Morgridge College of Education! We believe that education serves as the foundation of and means for transformation within our society. Morgridge is committed to being more, doing more, and bringing about more positive change through the power of learning.

**Morgridge Vision Statement**
The Morgridge College of Education will be a global leader in innovative and effective approaches for promoting learning throughout the lifespan. Transcending traditional ideas about education and schooling, we will embrace a new, comprehensive vision of learning as a lifelong activity that involves the whole person and can occur through a variety of methods — anywhere and at any time. We will promote educational change and social equity and will provide leadership for the improvement of education, mental health, and information services and systems.

**Morgridge Culture**
Morgridge defines its culture through 5Cs:

- Community
- Curiosity
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Courage

**MCE’s Organization**
The chart below depicts MCE’s department organization in 2019-2020. It does not include the college’s institutes, centers, or communities. Please note the chart depicts divisions most pertinent to C&I students only. See MCE’s website for more information.
**Accreditation**
The University of Denver and its programs are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC-NCA) and by other major accrediting agencies.

**Equal Opportunity Institution**
The University of Denver is an Equal Opportunity Institution. It is the policy of the University not to discriminate in the admission of students, in the provision of services, or in employment on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, or disability. The University prohibits all discrimination, harassment and retaliation, and complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and Executive Orders.

Inquiries concerning allegations of discrimination based on any of the above factors may be referred to the University of Denver Office of Equal Opportunity/ADA Compliance, Mary Reed Building, Room 422, 2199 S. University Blvd., Denver, CO 80208. Phone: 303-871-7436. Fax: 303-871-3656. For more information, please call the above number or see the website. You may also contact the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity/ADA Compliance with concerns regarding determinations of religious or disability accommodations and/or issues about access.

**University of Denver Land Acknowledgement**
Throughout time, over 100 different tribal nations have a history of occupying the lands now defined as the State of Colorado. It is important to recognize that the University of Denver continues to reside on lands that are held in stewardship by various Indigenous communities. DU has a troubling history with Indigenous communities; the University acknowledges that John Evans, DU founder, was culpable in the events leading up to the Sand Creek Massacre. With that knowledge in mind, it is with much gratitude that we recognize the descendant communities of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana, the Northern Arapahoe Tribe of Wyoming, and the Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. It is through their sacrifices that we are able to engage in learning and collaboration to further the study of higher education.

To learn more about DU’s recognition and reconciliation of their involvement in the Sand Creek Massacre, please review the [John Evans report](#).

**MCE School District Strike Policy**
The University of Denver and the Morgridge College of Education understands the complexity of labor negotiations and does not take sides in any contract disputes. DU students should contact their university supervisors for instructions as soon as an event such as a strike or work stoppage occurs. We strongly discourage students from attending field and service placements during a labor strike due to a variety of issues including, but not limited to, supervision. Students will work with their university supervisors to ensure that they are able to complete their work. This policy is not intended to influence students who are also district employees, as they should use their own professional judgement. Their actions regarding these situations will have no academic consequences or impact on their status within the program.
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Curriculum and Instruction MA Program Overview

The C&I program works toward the development of the most effective pedagogy, curriculum, scholarship, and care for students that is needed to address the current state of education in private and public, as well as formal and informal, educational settings.

The 45-credit master of arts (MA) program in C&I is planned cooperatively with students to meet their professional and personal goals. Most students prepare for traditional and non-traditional positions in education that require planning, consulting, research, curriculum development, evaluation, and policy-making. The MA program is appropriate for classroom teachers who want to improve their curriculum development and pedagogy for the purpose of making their classrooms effective learning spaces for all students. All MA students take a wide range of courses in the areas of:

- Curriculum
- Instruction
- Foundations of Education
- Inclusive Excellence
- Research

Course Offerings
Please see a listing of C&I courses and descriptions in the Graduate Bulletin. These courses are not offered every quarter; students should consult with their advisors to work on their coursework plan (Appendix A) for their degree.

On the C&I Portfolio site is a multi-year course offering schedule; although subject to change, this can also assist with your planning.

Communication
All students are automatically assigned a university e-mail address upon entry into the program, which must then be forwarded to a preferred e-mail account. This e-mail address is included in the MCE and C&I listservs; it will be used to send program-specific and MCE communications. Students are responsible for checking email regularly for critical information on scheduling, deadlines, conferences, field placements, job opportunities, etc. Students are responsible for updating changes in mailing address or other contact information in Pioneer Web within the first week of classes each quarter.

C&I MA Resources

- C&I Program Portfolio
  This DU portfolio has specific information about the C&I program, including handbooks, coursework plans, and other student forms.

- C&I Canvas
  You will receive an invite to Canvas in your DU email. This site is to assist you in progressing through the program, as non-coursework requirements for MA completion are listed as “assignments” on this site for you to complete.

You are responsible for contacting your advisor if you have questions or concerns regarding the required information. **Failure to complete items in Canvas may result in delayed graduation.**
Advising

Before beginning the program, all students are assigned a faculty advisor. Advisors can assist in selecting coursework, conducting research, and planning a career trajectory. During the course of your program, you may find that there is another faculty member who is a better fit for your academic and professional goals. In that case, you may choose to change advisors.

In order to change advisors, students must gain written approval from their current and proposed advisors. Then students can forward the approvals the Academic Services Associate (ASA), who will make the advising change official.
C&I MA Program Requirements

The exact requirements to complete the C&I MA program are posted in the Graduate Bulletin. To help C&I students, below are some specific requirements. However, they are subject to change and the C&I program will follow the Graduate bulletin’s requirements and standards.

To complete the C&I MA program, students need to:

- Complete 45 credit hours of coursework, including 24 credit hours (minimum) in a specialization
- Maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better
- Pass their capstone project: a comprehensive portfolio

Benchmarks in C&I MA program

The following benchmarks are to be completed by quarter-end, unless noted otherwise or modified in conjunction with your academic advisor.

A “year” is considered fall through summer.

Please note: the following is a recommended schedule for two years. This plan can be adapted as necessary. Please see your advisor if you have questions, comments, or need clarification.

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Coursework

General C&I required courses are listed in your coursework plan. More information about course requirements for specific specializations is in the C&I Specializations section.

Appendix B has a general course sequence plan you can review. Please note that this is an example; it is not a guarantee of the courses that will be offered. You can find course schedules for upcoming years on the C&I online portfolio and the RMIS online portfolio.

Credit Transfer

Some students are interested in transferring credit from another institution. Please go to the Graduate Bulletin for the official and rules and regulations about credit transfer. Below are general guidelines to remember.

- Graduate coursework and credit hours already applied toward a degree cannot be accepted as transfer credit towards another graduate degree of the same level or less.
- The student must initiate in writing the request for transfer of credit through the program of study prior to or during the first quarter of attendance as a DU degree-seeking student.
- Transfer credit toward a master’s degree is limited to 10 hours.

Independent Study, Directed Study, and Independent Research

Some students will take either an independent study or directed study during their MA program; independent research is typically reserved for doctoral students. Though these courses seem similar, there are some important distinctions:

- **Independent Study** (CUI 4991): Students register for an independent study to do special work under faculty supervision in areas not covered by course offerings. For instance, a student who has research interests that are not covered by existing MCE courses may arrange an independent study to pursue their interests more deeply.
- **Directed Study** (CUI 4992). Students register for a directed study as a substitution for an existing course offering. For instance, if extenuating circumstances prevent a student from taking a course when it is offered, the student may arrange with a faculty member to take the course on an individual basis.
- **Independent Research** (CUI 4995): Students may register for independent research to conduct independent research for a thesis or other project.

Each of these courses requires individual supervision from an instructor as well as approval from the student’s advisor. To enroll in one of these courses, students must complete an application form. For independent studies and directed studies that are more aligned with RMIS coursework (e.g., a directed study to substitute for an RMIS course), students may register for RMIS 4991 or RMIS 4992, respectively. Since independent studies and directed studies will appear on transcripts with different course numbers, students will need to fill out a course substitution form, as well.
**Continuous Enrollment and Leaves of Absence**

Students are expected to be enrolled continuously during their degree program unless they apply for a leave of absence. Students who become inactive without applying for Continuous Enrollment or a leave of absence may be required to re-enroll for admission and pay additional fees.

Though typically reserved for doctoral students, MA students who need additional time to complete an independent research project may register independent research (CUI 4995). However, registration for independent research does not confer full-time student status. To maintain full-time status (e.g., to be eligible for loan deferment or a student visa), students may apply for Continuous Enrollment each year. For more details on Continuous Enrollment, including registration deadlines, fees, and required forms, consult the [Graduate Bulletin](#).

Students who temporarily withdraw from the MA program (e.g., for medical or personal reasons, military duty, or Peace Corps service) may apply for a leave of absence from the university. Upon returning from a leave of absence, students are guaranteed a place in the program and will not have to re-apply. For more details on leaves of absence, including deadlines and forms, consult the [Graduate Bulletin](#).

**Course Substitutions and Waivers**

At times, students may need to substitute or waive a course. Students should discuss this with their advisor. A student will need both their advisor’s and the department chair’s signatures before the form can be approved. Students can find the Graduate Course Substitution or Waiver Form on [MCE’s website](#).

**C&I Specializations**

As part of the total 45 credit hours required for the C&I MA degree, you must complete a minimum of 24 credit hours in a specialization. C&I has five specializations areas:

- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education
- Curriculum Studies
- Mathematics Education
- Gifted Education
- Special Education

The specialization category of the degree offers an opportunity to focus on a particular field of interest. A well-designed specialization is organized around your professional interests and will add a unique academic and professional quality to your C&I degree.

**Colorado Department of Education (CDE) Endorsements**

C&I offers several approved pathways to CDE endorsements. MA students are offered the opportunity to seek one of these endorsements through their specialization by following the specific plan outlined. C&I offers the following approved pathways that can be part of the MA:

- Gifted Education CORE
- Gifted Education Specialist
- Special Education Generalist

To be eligible for a CDE endorsement, students must 1) have a Colorado teaching license and 2) complete a specific set of courses. If you wish to pursue a CDE endorsement, consult with your advisor to ensure that you complete all requirements.
**Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education Specialization**

In the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education (CLDE) specialization, educators complete courses to prepare them to be evidence-based practitioners and researchers who can foreground culturally responsive pedagogy and the cultural, language, cognitive, and academic needs of culturally and linguistically diverse learners in communities and classroom practices. Throughout their coursework, candidates learn and apply knowledge about first and second language acquisition, the selection and utilization of culturally relevant literature, essential literacy components and curriculum and assessment practices for CLD learners with an emphasis on language and funds of knowledge to bridge communities, classrooms, and schools.

**Curriculum Studies Specialization**

In the Curriculum Studies specialization, students complete courses intended to add to their breadth and depth of knowledge in education so that they will be well-equipped to meet the learning needs of students in a variety of educational settings. The Curriculum Studies specialization focuses on curriculum design, models of curriculum, instructional strategies, and student engagement. Students can select courses around various themes in curriculum and instruction, including (but not limited to) diversity, teacher education, aesthetics, technology, urban education, family studies, social work, library and information science, zoo and museum education, and international education. Additionally, course work in this specialization encourages candidates to think critically and imaginatively about curriculum and instruction and its role in creating a more open and inviting learning experience for all students.

**Mathematics Education Specialization**

In the Mathematics Education specialization, students complete courses aimed at developing leaders in mathematics education with strong theoretical and historical backgrounds. The Mathematics Education specialization focuses on ambitious instructional practices that support meaningful learning experiences for all students, particularly those in historically marginalized groups. Students become familiar with a wide variety of methods of inquiry so that they can apply various theories to address problems of practice with mathematics education. In this way, students are prepared to address matters of practice in diverse educational settings with a strong background in mathematical content, pedagogy, and assessment.

**Gifted Education Specialization**

In the Gifted Education specialization, students complete courses in gifted education content knowledge integrated with leadership theory in complex systems that provides a breadth of foundational training for gifted education leadership positions. Students develop skills that are focused on problem identification and interventions. Successful candidates may qualify for gifted education leadership roles within districts or schools.

Students who specialize in Gifted Education may elect to follow a coursework plan that allows them to qualify for a CDE endorsement. This requires coursework beyond what is required for the C&I specialization. Students who are interested in seeking this credential should consult their advisor.

**Special Education Specialization**

In the Special Education specialization, students complete courses preparation to become evidence-based-practitioners and researchers who can to optimize social-emotional, cognitive, academic, and behavioral outcomes for children with special needs. Through their coursework, they collaborate with families, community partners, and school personnel to enhance learning opportunities for children with
special needs. Successful candidates are capable of applying theory to practice and research; they may qualify for district or school leadership positions.

Students who specialize in Special Education may elect to follow a coursework plan that allows them to qualify for a CDE endorsement. This requires coursework beyond what is required for the C&I specialization. Students who are interested in seeking this credential should consult their advisor.

**MA Final Comprehensive Portfolio**

During the final quarter of their program, MA students will submit their Comprehensive Portfolio (students are recommended to work on completing the portfolio before the final quarter). The content of the Comprehensive Portfolio is described below; see Appendix C for the Portfolio prompt, rubric, and approval page.

Students will create a personal DU Portfolio page that contains the following artifacts:

- **Curriculum Vita (CV)**
- **Professional Statement** that synthesizes the student’s learning from the C&I MA Program. The paper will be 3-5 pages, double-spaced, in 11- or 12-point font (Calibri or Times New Roman). The paper will address the following:
  - Professional goals, identity statement, and synthesis of key learning experiences,
  - An insightful personal reflection that synthesizes personal understanding with existing literature, and
  - Evidence of the student’s ability to lead by exemplifying standards of professional practice.
- **Conference presentation, poster, or professional development workshop** related to the student’s area of specialization or intended endorsement. Documentation of the presentation (e.g., slides, poster, handouts, or evaluations) or publication should be uploaded in PDF format. Artifacts for this section could include:
  - Conference presentation, paper, or poster shared at a local, state, or national teaching or research conference related to the student’s area of specialization.
  - Publication in an academic journal or other professional publication.
  - Professional development workshop (facilitated by the student) for a group of practitioners or community members at a school or community event related to the students’ area of specialization. This does not include presentations in DU courses.
- **Endorsements**: Students who intend to apply for a CDE endorsement in addition to their specialization must upload their Praxis scores. This step is not required for students who are not seeking endorsements. If a student does not receive a passing score for the Praxis, it will not prevent them from passing the comprehensive portfolio, but the student will not be able to apply for the endorsement without a passing Praxis score.

**Comprehensive Portfolio Evaluation**

Each student’s advisor will assess the Comprehensive Portfolio using a pass/fail rubric. A “Pass” is required for the MA degree. If a student receives a Fail in any area, the student will have three weeks to re-submit their portfolio for a second evaluation by the advisor. See Appendix C for the Comprehensive Portfolio rubric.
After successfully passing the Comprehensive Portfolio, students must upload the signed rubric to Canvas for documentation.
Grades and Termination Protocols

**Grades**
Students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better. Grades below “C” will not be counted toward the degree.

**Incomplete Grades**
An Incomplete “I” is a temporary grade that may be given at the instructor’s discretion. It is intended for students who face extenuating circumstances — e.g., a sudden illness, necessary absence, or other event beyond their control — that prevent the completion of course requirements by the end of the academic term. For more information, please review the Office of the Registrar’s Incomplete Grade Policy.

**Probation and Termination Protocol**
For general information on the policies and procedures related to probation and termination in the Curriculum and Instruction program in Morgridge, please refer to the MCE General Academic Probation Protocol and Dismissal Protocol.

For a comprehensive description of situations that warrant probation, dismissal, and termination, please refer to the Graduate Bulletin’s description of Academic Standards.

**Adequate Progress**
Three or more non-passing grades (i.e., grades that are incomplete or below a “C”) may be a sign of inadequate progress and may result in probationary status.
Appendix A: Curriculum and Instruction MA Coursework Plan

Please discuss with your advisor the course plan most appropriate for your schedule. Students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better. Grades below “C” will not be counted toward the degree. Students pursuing a CDE endorsement should consult their advisor to ensure they meet all requirements.

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Minimum Total Credit Hours Required 24
### D. RESEARCH

*Choose one of the following courses:*

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**Minimum Total Credit Hours Required**: 3

### Summary of Coursework Completed

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*Note: If you seek a CDE endorsement, you must follow the specialization plan outlined in the C&I Certificate handbook.*

In addition, you must complete the following non-coursework requirement: Comprehensive Portfolio. If you seek a CDE endorsement, you must also complete the Praxis.

Student’s Signature_______________________________________ Date _________________________

Advisor’s Signature_______________________________________ Date __________________________

Cognate Advisor’s Signature (if applicable) ____________________ Date _________________________
## Appendix B: General Course Sequence Plan (2-year plan)

The below general calendar is based on a full-time (9 credit) load and C&I course scheduling.

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Appendix C: MA Comprehensive Portfolio

This Appendix contains the prompt and rubric for the comprehensive portfolio. After successfully completing the portfolio, students must upload the completed and signed rubric to Canvas.

Comprehensive Portfolio Prompt
Create a personal portfolio through DU Portfolio that provides evidence of the following competencies and contains the following artifacts. Submit the Portfolio URL via Canvas and notify your advisor.

- Curriculum Vita (CV)
- Professional Statement that synthesizes your learning from the C&I MA Program.
The paper will be 3-5 pages, double-spaced, in 11- or 12-point font (Calibri or Times New Roman). The paper will address the following:
  - Professional goals, identity statement, and synthesis of key learning experiences,
  - An insightful personal reflection that synthesizes personal understanding with existing literature, and
  - Evidence of your ability to lead by exemplifying standards of professional practice.
- Conference presentation, poster, or professional development workshop related to your area of specialization or intended endorsement. Documentation of the presentation (e.g., slides, poster, handouts, or evaluations) or publication should be uploaded in PDF format. Artifacts for this section could include:
  - Conference presentation, paper, or poster shared at a local, state, or national teaching or research conference related to the student’s area of specialization.
  - Publication in an academic journal or other professional publication.
  - Professional development workshop (facilitated by the student) for a group of practitioners or community members at a school or community event related to the students’ area of specialization. This does not include presentations in DU courses.
- Endorsements: If you are applying for a CDE endorsement, you must upload your Praxis scores. This step is not required if you are not seeking an endorsement. If you do not receive a passing score for the Praxis, it will not prevent you from passing the comprehensive portfolio, but you will not be able to apply for the endorsement without a passing Praxis score.
**Comprehensive Portfolio Rubric**

Each student’s advisor will assess the Comprehensive Portfolio according to the following pass/fail rubric. A “Pass” is required for the MA degree. If a student receives a Fail in any area, the student will have three weeks to re-submit for a second evaluation by the advisor. After successfully passing the Comprehensive Portfolio, students must upload the signed rubric to Canvas for documentation.

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<td><strong>Curriculum Vita (CV)</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Competencies: Leadership</strong></td>
<td>• CV is exceptionally well organized with professional language. Use of language is polished, original, and appropriate.</td>
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| **Professional Statement**<br>**Competencies: Inclusive Excellence and Leadership** | • Professional Statement addresses student’s professional goals, identity statement, and synthesis of key learning experiences.  
• Statement provides an insightful personal reflection that synthesizes personal understanding with existing literature.  
• Statement provides evidence that reflects the ability to lead by exemplifying standards of professional practice.  
• 3-5 pages, double-spaced, 11- or 12-point font (Calibri or Times New Roman) | • Professional Statement is limited with little or no evidence to address students’ professional goals, identity statement and synthesis of key learning experiences.  
• Statement lacks depth and no link to existing literature.  
• Limited or no evidence to exemplify standards of professional practice.  
• Less than 3 pages and not formatted as required. |
| **Conference Presentation, Poster, or Professional Development Workshop**<br>**Competencies: Research/Scholarship, Specialization, CI&A** | • Artifacts may include a PDF of a PowerPoint presentation, poster, handouts, publication, and/or evaluations.  
• Other artifacts should be approved by the student’s advisor. | • There are no artifacts uploaded to demonstrate evidence to support the professional presentation. |
| **Organization and Polish** | • Artifacts are neatly organized within the portfolio using tabs across the top of the page.  
• All required artifacts are included, complete, and free from editing marks. | • Artifacts are not organized within the portfolio using tabs across the top of the page.  
• Some required artifacts are missing, incomplete, or contain editing/revision marks. |
| **Praxis Scores**<br>**Competency: Specialization (if applicable)** | Praxis Exam:<br>Score: | Praxis Exam:<br>Score: |