

**Southwest Minnesota State University**  
**Master's in Education: STEA2M Emphasis**  
**Online Advising Guide**

**Name:**

**Date Entered Graduate Classes at SMSU:**

**Expected Graduation Date:**

**Professional Education Core**

**Professional Education Core Courses (12 credits)**

|        |                                                            |   |            |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------|
| ED 623 | Professional Planning & Assessment                         | 2 | F2 – E & O |
| ED 625 | 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Brain-Based Teaching and Learning | 3 | F - E      |
| ED 632 | Linking Teaching, Content & Learning                       | 3 | F - O      |
| ED 635 | Content & Curriculum Development                           | 4 | Sp –E & O  |

**Plan A: Research Track**

**Research Component Courses (7 credits)**

|        |                                 |   |         |
|--------|---------------------------------|---|---------|
| ED 622 | Research in Education           | 3 | F & Sp  |
| ED 624 | Research Project Design         | 3 | Su & Sp |
| ED 627 | Research Project Implementation | 1 | Sp      |

**Plan B: Non-Research Implementation Track**

**Research Component Courses (6 credits)**

|        |                         |   |         |
|--------|-------------------------|---|---------|
| ED 622 | Research in Education   | 3 | F & Sp  |
| ED 624 | Research Project Design | 3 | Su & Sp |

**Professional Field Emphasis**

**Professional Field Emphasis – STEA2M (15 credits)**

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|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------|-----------------------------|
| ED 572 | Integrated STEA2M I                                                          | 3 | F-E  | Su-E (revised)              |
| ED 574 | Integrated STEA2M II                                                         | 3 | Sp-O | F-E                         |
| ED 575 | Integrated STEA2M III                                                        | 3 | F-O  | Sp-O                        |
| ED 576 | Integrated STEA2M IV                                                         | 3 | Sp-E | F – 0 or SU-O<br>as offered |
| ED 580 | Experiential STEA2M Learning (can substitute<br>another master-level course) | 3 | Su   | Su-O                        |

**Note: This is a tentative schedule. Classes will be offered based on enrollment.**

**Student Signature:**

**Date:**

**Advisor Signature:**

**Date:**

\*F - Fall, Sp - Spring, Su – Summer; E - Available even years only, O - Available odd years only; 1 - Take in first year of program, 2 - Take in second year of program. You are responsible to keep informed of any changes in requirements, which may affect your academic plan.

\*\* Students enrolled in the Masters of Science in Education program choose between Plan A and Plan B options. All students complete the Professional Education Core and a Professional Field Emphasis. Students who opt for Plan A complete ED 627: Research Project Implementation for a total program length of 34-38 credits. Students who opt for Plan B do not take ED 627: Research Project Implementation for a total program length of 33-37 credits.

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