

Teaching, Secondary Licensure, MAT

Designed for aspiring teachers and career changers, the Master of Arts in Secondary Education (MAT)¹ offers an appreciation for and an understanding of the diverse educational needs, social concerns, and cultural values of today's secondary schools.

This MAT in secondary education seeks to enhance your foundational skills, broaden your perspectives, and strengthen your ability to inspire and educate. This master's degree, which includes a full term of student teaching, seeks to produce graduates well positioned to make a meaningful impact in their school, in their community, and in the lives of their students.

- Gain political, social, and historical perspectives on education
- Explore the richly complex environments of schools and communities
- Develop a working understanding of teaching and learning in diverse settings
- Investigate how humans learn, acquire knowledge, and make sense of their experiences
- Examine theories of teaching and explore how best to teach for understanding and learning achievement
- Research methods and materials, pedagogies, and assessment strategies that foster integrated learning

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The Master of Arts in Secondary Education (grades 8–12) has been approved at the initial licensure level by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
EDU 6104	Child and Adolescent Development, Learning, and Teaching	4
EDU 6107	Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity	4
EDU 6101	Critical Issues in Education: Past and Present	2
EDU 6102	Reflection, Community Engagement, and Agency in Education	2
EDU 6064	Curriculum and Assessment	4
EDU 6162	Language, Culture, and Literacy in Middle and High Schools	4
EDU 6185	English-Language Learners in the General Education Classroom	4
EDU 6051	Introduction to Social Justice in Educational Settings	4
EDU 6183	Collaborative Strategies for Effective Classroom Management	3
EDU 6866	Teaching Practicum and Seminar	6
Complete one of the following courses:		4
EDU 6122	Teaching the Language Arts	
EDU 6124	Teaching History and the Social Sciences	
EDU 6127	Teaching Science	
EDU 6129	Teaching Mathematics	

Elective Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 4 quarter hours from the following:		4
EDU 6184	Interdisciplinary Foundations	
EDU 6300	Introduction to Language and Linguistics	
EDU 6425	Special Education: Role of Special Educators in an Inclusive School	
EDU 6426	Developmental Language, Literacy, and Writing: Assessment and Instruction	
EDU 6429	Variations in Child and Adolescent Development	
EDU 6437	Assessment in Education	
EDU 6438	Teachers as Curriculum Leaders	
EDU 6465	Critical and Creative Thinking	
EDU 6516	Sheltered English Instruction and Assessment	
EDU 6520	Learning and the Brain: Translating Research into Practice	

EDU 6528	Adaptive Learning/Behavior Management Strategies: Consultation and Collaboration
EDU 6569	Differentiated Instruction and Assessment in Mathematics

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

45 total quarter hours required

Minimum 3.000 GPA required

LOOKING TO DEEPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE?

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MAT+ IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

The MAT+ provides qualifying students with the opportunity to complete a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with further study in a selected area of expertise. Currently, students can take additional coursework to earn either an additional license in special education (teacher of students of moderate disabilities, PreK-8 or 5-12) or an additional license in ESL (teacher of English as a Second Language, PreK-8 or 5-12). Teacher candidates may also plan a program of study that allows for triple licensure in consultation with the program director.

The special education course requirements are:

Code	Title	Hours
EDU 6425	Special Education: Role of Special Educators in an Inclusive School	4
EDU 6426	Developmental Language, Literacy, and Writing: Assessment and Instruction	4
EDU 6528	Adaptive Learning/Behavior Management Strategies: Consultation and Collaboration	4
EDU 6569	Differentiated Instruction and Assessment in Mathematics	4
EDU 6874	Practicum, Portfolio, and Panel Review	4

MAT+ IN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

This Commonwealth of Massachusetts-approved MAT+ program consists of five courses, some of which may be taken as electives in the MAT program.

The English as a Second Language course requirements are:

Code	Title	Hours
EDU 6300	Introduction to Language and Linguistics	4
EDU 6516	Sheltered English Instruction and Assessment	4
EDU 6517	Foundations of Teaching English as a Second Language: Research and Practice	4
EDU 6310	Literacy Development and the Academic Domains	4
EDU 6874	Practicum, Portfolio, and Panel Review	4