

Program Proposal: Master of Arts in Teaching / Secondary Teaching

CGS Agenda Item: 22-47 Effective Summer 2023

Department of Teaching, Learning, and Foundations

Effective Date: Summer 2023, pending IBHE and ISBE approvals

Program Mission

The mission of the Master of Arts in Teaching for Secondary Teaching is to provide an accessible, efficient route to teacher licensure for candidates who possess a qualifying undergraduate or graduate degree. The online program format is conducive to place-bound and nontraditional candidates who would not be able to complete a traditional, on-campus program. The full-year residency enables candidates to select unpaid, paid, or third-party funded placements in their local communities.

Accreditation

Accreditation is consistent with existing initial teacher licensure programs, i.e., either through the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) or an individual program's Specialized Professional Association (SPA). Additionally, the program is approved by the Illinois State Board of Education for initial teacher licensure.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for degree candidacy, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see "Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs"). Additional requirements include: (a) an undergraduate or graduate degree with a minimum 2.65 GPA in a minimum of 32 semester hours in a specific content area offered in the program; (b) a formal letter of application summarizing the candidate's background and motivation for entering the teaching profession; (c) passage of a criminal history background check through the College of Education's designated vendor; (d) submission of program acceptance letter acknowledging all program requirements. See www.eiu.edu/edprep/paths/Accelerated.php for details and deadlines.

Degree Audit

The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically in the Degree Works systems at the time of degree candidacy. Modifications of the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the "Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates" section of the *Graduate Catalog*. Individual programs may require candidate to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit; candidates should consult with the program coordinator.

Degree Requirements

Degree requirements include those outlined for the master's degree by the graduate School (see "Requirements for the Master's Degree").

Curriculum for the Master of Arts in Teaching / Secondary Teaching

Total Credits: 33

Required Courses (Credits: 33)

- SED 5330 – Secondary School Instructional Tasks. Credits: 3
- SED 5430 – Literacy, Assessment, and Differentiation in Secondary Schools. Credits: 3
- EDF 5510 – Theory into Practice: Social Foundations for Educational Practice. Credits: 3
- SPE 5501 – The Education of Individuals with Exceptional Learning Needs: Access to General Curriculum. Credits: 3
- EDP 5330 – Educational Psychology for Teaching. Credits: 3
- SED 5400B – Special Issues. Credits: 3
- One of the following subject matter methods courses:
 - ENG 4801 – Integrating the Language Arts. Credits: 3
 - MAT 5700 – Topics in Teaching Mathematics. Credits: 3
 - HIS 4925 – Methods, Theory, and Pedagogy for History and Social Studies Teaching. Credits: 3
 - WLE 4800 – Methods, Theory, and Pedagogy for the Teaching of World Languages. Credits: 3
 - CTE 5403 – Teaching Middle- and Secondary-Level Family and Consumer Sciences Education: Methods and Strategies. Credits: 3
 - CTE 5404 – Teaching Middle- and Secondary-Level Technology Education: Methods and Strategies. Credits: 3
 - CTE 5405 – Teaching Middle- and Secondary-Level Business Education: Methods and Strategies. Credits: 3
- STG 5001 – Master of Arts in Teaching – Residency I. Credits: 6
- STG 5002 – Master of Arts in Teaching – Residency II. Credits: 6

Concentrations and Options

There are no concentrations or options in this program; however, students must complete the appropriate subject matter methods course.

Electives

There are no electives in this program.

Thesis, Capstone, Internship

All students must complete a two-semester residency (STG 5001 and STG 5002) for 12 semester hours of credit.

Graduate Assistantships

No graduate assistantships are available or associated with this program.

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Teaching, Learning and Foundation Department Graduate Committee

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College of Education Curriculum Committee

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