

# CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION M.A.T.

All students must meet the Requirements for the Master's Degree

## OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts in Teaching program for middle level and secondary teachers is designed for those students who aspire to earn both a master's degree and a license to teach in public middle or secondary schools. The program welcomes students from all colleges and universities who have completed at least an undergraduate degree (B.S. and B.A.) in arts and sciences, agriculture or natural resources, who have completed majors in topics such as English, social sciences (history, political science, economics or geography), science, mathematics, computer science and/or foreign languages (French, Spanish, Latin and Greek). Students will prepare for licensure to teach in grades 5-9 for the middle level program or 7-12 for the secondary program in 1 or 2 summers and 1 academic year.

## SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

### Requirements for Admission to Graduate Studies for the Degree of Master of Arts in Teaching

Applications to both Master of Arts in Teaching pathways (Middle Level and Secondary Level) are reviewed on a rolling basis.

All applicants to the Secondary Education Licensure Masters Preparation Program must meet the following entrance criteria:

- A demonstrated commitment to working with young people.
- A major or its equivalent in a State-approved licensing area (see below).
- A minimum overall grade point average of 3.00 in undergraduate coursework as well as a 3.00 in the State-approved licensing area (major).

State-Approved Licensing Areas:

- Sciences: Biological Science, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics
- Social Studies: Geography, History, Political Science, Economics
- English
- Mathematics
- French
- German
- Latin
- Spanish
- Computer Science

All applicants to the Middle Level Teacher Education Program must meet the following general entrance criteria:

- A demonstrated commitment to working with young people
- A minimum of 18 credit hours in one of the following areas: English, Science, Social Studies, or Mathematics

- A minimum overall grade point average of 3.00 in a State-approved licensing area (English, Science, Social Studies, or Mathematics)

Requests for further information and application instructions may be obtained by contacting the Directory of CESS Graduate Enrollments in Waterman 529B or via email at teachuvm@uvm.edu.

## Minimum Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts in Teaching program has two tracks: Middle Level Education and Secondary Level Education.

Degree requirements for a Master of Arts in Teaching in Secondary Education are as follows:

Students enrolled in the M.A.T. in Secondary Education are required to complete a 31-credit program in education course work and an internship that will prepare them to teach in grades 7-12. At least 6 graded credits must be in courses at the 6000-level. In addition, some students may be required to complete additional content related course work to fulfill content requirements for State of Vermont licensure. Students pursuing an endorsement at the secondary level in World Languages must also complete the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and score at the Advanced Low level.

EDSC 5207	Development:Theory & Applctn	3
EDSC 5209	Practicum in Teaching	4
EDSC 5215	Disciplinary Literacy Sec Schl	3
EDSC 5216	Curr,Instr&Assmt Sec Schl Tchr	3
EDSC 6991	Internship	9
EDSC 5230	Teaching for Results	3
EDSP 5100	Foundations of Special Ed	3
1 methods course from the student's discipline		3
Total Program Credit Requirements		31

In addition, M.A.T. students will take 2 required teaching exams for licensure (or meet alternative requirements as specified by the Director of Licensure): Praxis Core and Praxis II Content Exams and successfully complete the Vermont Licensure Portfolio.

Degree requirements for a Master of Arts in Teaching in Middle Level Education are as follows:

Students enrolled in the M.A.T. in Middle Level Teacher Education are required to complete a 30-credit program in education course work with an additional subject methods course to prepare them to teach math, English/Language Arts, Social Studies or Science in grades 5-9. At least 6 graded credits must be in courses at the 6000-level. Students seeking more than one content area endorsement will be required to complete additional methods courses.

EDML 6070	Adoles Lrng&Beh&Cog Perspect	3
EDML 6220	Social Justice Teaching & Adv	3
EDSP 5100	Foundations of Special Ed	3
EDML 5600	Middle Grades Integ Curr & Ped	3
EDML 5890	Equitable MG Learning Environ	3
EDML 5700	Middle Grades Organization	3
EDML 6991	Internship: Student Teaching	9
EDML 5860	ML Internship Seminar	3
Content Methods Course(s)		3-6
Total Program Credit Requirements		33

### Comprehensive Examination

Both the Middle Level and Secondary Education Comprehensive Examinations include satisfactory completion of the Vermont Licensure Portfolio (or its equivalent) submitted near the end of program course work.

### Requirements for Advancement to Candidacy for the Degree of Master of Arts in Teaching

Successful completion of any prerequisite courses, and at least 12 graded graduate credits with a 3.00 or better, including all core courses.