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Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Master of Art in Teaching (MAT) - MSU West Plains Campus

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program allows students to earn Teacher Certification in an area of Secondary Education AND a Master's degree concurrently.

General Education

All general education requirements are waived for MAT students per the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) rule for Alternative Certification Programs.

Professional Education Coursework

The professional education courses must all be taken at the graduate level, and are strictly sequenced. Everyone who enrolls in the MAT program must start during a summer semester. See back page for suggested course sequencing.

Required for Certification

SFR 691	Educational Workshop	9 hours
SEC 683	Internship in Teaching I	3 hours
SEC 684	Internship in Teaching II (Student Teaching)	10 hours
SEC 685	Internship in Teaching III * Presentation of Professional Portfolio	1 hour
RDG 677	Reading in the Content Fields	3 hours
PSY 603	Human Growth & Development (K-12 Programs)	3 hours
PSY 605	Psychology of Adolescence (9-12 Programs)	
IMT 562	Educational Applications of Computers for Teaching (online)	3 hours
SPE 615	Foundations to Special Education	3 hours

Required for the MAT Degree

SFR 690	Introduction to Educational Research	3 hours
or		
SFR 693	Qualitative Research Methods	
EDC 686	Research Seminar in Education	2 hours

Total: 40 hours

Content Area Coursework:

MAT students are also required to complete content area coursework. The following content areas are offered in the MAT program:

Agriculture Education	Art Education (K-12)
Business Education	Speech/Theatre
Biology - Categorical Science	English
Biology - Unified Science	Mathematics
Chemistry - Categorical Science	Social Studies
Chemistry - Unified Science	Spanish (K-12)
Earth Science - Categorical	Latin (K-12)
Family & Consumer Sciences	French (K-12)
Music - Instrumental (K-12)	German (K-12)
Music - Vocal/Choral (K-12)	
Physics - Categorical Science	
Technology Education	

Please see the Secondary Education Academic Program Guides for content area coursework.

Middle School Certification

Middle School Certification can be added to the following Secondary Education programs by also completing the middle school core:

English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Sciences,
Business, Speech/Theatre, Agriculture

Middle School Core:

MID 625	Advanced Theory and Practice in the Teaching of Early Adolescents	3 hours
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For More Information

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Suggested MAT Course Sequence - MSU West Plains

This is a suggested course sequence only. Days and times of each class are subject to change.	
Sequence for students who are NOT teaching/working in the first fall semester	Sequence for students who ARE teaching/working in the first fall semester
Prior to the first summer: Complete content area coursework	Prior to the first summer: Complete content area coursework
Summer Semester: SFR691 (M-R 9am - 3pm) (portfolio checkpoint #1) 9 hours	Summer Semester: SFR691 (M-R 9am - 3pm) (portfolio checkpoint #1) 9 hours
Fall Semester: SEC683 (75 clock hour practicum, arranged) 3 hours MID625* (W 5:30 - 8:20 pm) 3 hours PSY603/605** (Online) 3 hours RDG677 (T 5:30 - 8:20 pm) 3 hours	Fall Semester: SEC683 (75 clock hour practicum, arranged) 3 hours PSY603/605** (Online) 3 hours RDG677 (T 5:30 - 8:20 pm) 3 hours
Spring Semester: SEC684 (Student Teaching) 10 hours	Spring Semester: SEC684 (Student Teaching) 10 hours MID625* (W 5:30 - 8:20 pm) 3 hours
Summer Semester: SEC685 (arranged) (Portfolio Checkpoint #2) 1 hour IMT562 (Online Only) 3 hours SPE615 (M,T,W,R 1:00 - 4:00pm for 4 weeks) 3 hours	Summer Semester: SEC685 (arranged) (Portfolio Checkpoint #2) 1 hour IMT562 (Online Only) 3 hours SPE615 (M,T,W,R 1:00 - 4:00pm for 4 weeks) 3 hours
Students who have completed all coursework above and all content area requirements will be fully certified at this point.	Students who have completed all coursework above and all content area requirements will be fully certified at this point.
Fall Semester: SFR690 (W 5:30 - 8:20pm or Online) 3 hours Complete any remaining content coursework	Fall Semester: SFR690 (W 5:30 - 8:20pm or Online) 3 hours Complete any remaining content coursework
Spring Semester: EDC686 (arranged) 2 hours Complete any remaining content coursework	Spring Semester: EDC686 (arranged) 2 hours Complete any remaining content coursework
Students earn their MAT degree at this point.	Students earn their MAT degree at this point.
Total Hours: 40-43 hours Plus Content	Total Hours: 40-43 hours Plus Content

*Not required for K-12 Programs; required for middle school certification. Student must complete this course prior to completing all other certification requirements for their main area of certification. Otherwise, additional coursework would be required by DESE to add middle school certification

** K-12 programs require PSY603. PSY605 available on a limited basis only. Students pursuing 9-12 only or adding middle school to a 9-12 program may enroll in either PSY603 or PSY605 depending on availability.