



**Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification**

**Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) – Missouri Southern Campus in Joplin**

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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:**

SFR797	Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning	9 hours
PSY710	Educational Psychology (5-9 and 9-12 Programs)	3 hours
RDG710	Reading in the Content Fields	3 hours
IMT662	Educational Applications of Computers for Teaching	3 hours
SPE715	Foundations to Special Education	3 hours
SEC783	Internship in Teaching I (Practicum)	3 hours
SEC784	Internship in Teaching II (Student Teaching)	10 hours
SEC785	Internship in Teaching III (Professional Portfolio)	1 hour

**Certification: 35 hours**

**Required for MAT degree:**

SFR780	Introduction to Educational or Research	3 hours
SFR793	Qualitative Research Methods	
EDC786	Research Seminar in Education	2 hours

**Total MAT: 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:

Art Education (K-12)	English
Biology – Categorical Science	Mathematics
Biology – Unified Science	Speech/Theatre
Business Education	Social Studies
Chemistry – Categorical Science	French (K-12)
Chemistry – Unified Science	German (K12)
Earth Science – Categorical	Latin (K-12)
Earth Science – Unified	Spanish (K-12)
Family & Consumer Sciences	
Music - Instrumental (K-12)	
Music – Vocal/Choral (K-12)	
Physics – Categorical Science	

**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:**

MID725	Advanced Theory and Practice in the Teaching of Early Adolescents	3 hours
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**For More Information**

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**Recommended MAT Course Sequence**  
**Missouri Southern State University**  
**Joplin Campus**

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Sequence for Students who are NOT Teaching/working in the first fall semester		Sequence for those who ARE teaching in the first fall semester	
<b>Prior to first summer</b> Complete Content Area Coursework		<b>Prior to first summer</b> Complete Content Area Coursework	
<b>Summer Semester (MSSU Course)</b>		<b>Summer Semester (MSSU Course)</b>	
<b>SFR797</b> (M-R 8am – 3pm) Portfolio Checkpoint 1	9 hours	<b>SFR797</b> (M-R 8am – 3pm) Portfolio Checkpoint 1	9 hours
<b>Fall Semester (Missouri State Courses)</b>		<b>Fall Semester (Missouri State Courses)</b>	
<b>SEC783</b> (75 hours of practicum, arranged)	3 hours	<b>SEC783</b> (75 hours of practicum, arranged)	3 hours
<b>MID725*</b>	3 hours	<b>RDG710</b>	3 hours
<b>PSY710</b>	3 hours	<b>PSY710</b>	3 hours
<b>RDG710</b>	3 hours		
<b>Spring Semester (MSSU Course)</b>		<b>Spring Semester (MSSU Course)</b>	
<b>SEC784</b> (Student Teaching)	10 hours	<b>SEC784</b> (Student Teaching)	10 hours
<b>Summer Semester (Missouri State Courses)</b>		<b>Summer Semester (Missouri State Courses)</b>	
<b>SEC785</b> (Arranged) Portfolio Checkpoint 3	1 hour	<b>SEC785</b> (Arranged) Portfolio Checkpoint 3	1 hour
<b>IMT662</b> (Online)	3 hours	<b>IMT662</b> (Online)	3 hours
<b>SPE715</b>	3 hours	<b>SPE715</b>	3 hours
<b>Students will be CERTIFIED at this point if content area is also complete.</b>	<b>35-38 hours</b>	<b>Students who are pursuing K-12 programs or 9-12 programs can be certified at this point.</b>	<b>35 hours</b>
<b>Fall Semester (Missouri State Course)</b>		<b>Fall Semester (Missouri State Courses)</b>	
<b>SFR780</b> (Online)	3 hours	<b>SFR780</b> (Online)	3 hours
		<b>MID725*</b>	3 hours
		<b>Students adding 5-9 programs will be CERTIFIED at this point if content area is also complete</b>	<b>38-41 hours</b>
<b>Spring Semester (Missouri State Course)</b>		<b>Spring Semester (Missouri State Course)</b>	
<b>EDC786</b> (Arranged)	2 hours	<b>EDC786</b> (Arranged)	2 hours
<b>Students earn Master’s Degree</b>	<b>40-43 hours</b>	<b>Students earn Master’s Degree</b>	<b>40-43 hours</b>

\*Required for middle school certification except K-12 programs. Students must complete MID725 prior to completing all certification requirements. Otherwise, additional coursework will be required by DESE to earn middle school certification.