



**Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification  
Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) – Springfield Campus**

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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	Psychology of Education	3 hours
RDG710	Reading in the Content Fields	3 hours
EDT662	Educational Applications of Computers for Teaching (online)	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)	Mathematics
Biology – Categorical	Music – Instrumental (K - 12)
Biology – Unified	Music – Vocal/Choral (K - 12)
Business Education	Physics – Categorical Science
Chemistry – Categorical	Speech/Theatre
Chemistry – Unified	Social Studies
Earth Science – Categorical	French (K - 12)
Earth Science – Unified	German (K - 12)
English	Latin (K - 12)
Family & Consumer Sciences (Birth – Grade 12)	Spanish (K - 12)

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 Sequence**  
**Missouri State University**  
**Springfield Campus**

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**This is a suggested sequence only. Days and times of each class are subject to change.**

<b>Sequence for Students who are NOT Teaching/working in the first fall semester</b>		<b>Sequence for those who ARE teaching in the first fall semester</b>	
<b>Prior to first summer</b> Complete Content Area Coursework		<b>Prior to first summer</b> Complete Content Area Coursework	
<b>Summer Semester</b> SFR797 (M-F 8:30am – 3:30pm) Portfolio Checkpoint 1		<b>Summer Semester</b> SFR797 (M-F 8:30am – 3:30pm) Portfolio Checkpoint 1	
	9 hours		9 hours
<b>Fall Semester</b> SEC783 (75 hours of practicum, arranged) RDG710 MID725* PSY710		<b>Fall Semester</b> SEC783 (75 hours of practicum, arranged) MID725* PSY710	
	3 hours 3 hours 3 hours 3 hours		3 hours 3 hours 3 hours
<b>Spring Semester</b> SEC784 (Student Teaching)		<b>Spring Semester</b> SEC784 (Student Teaching) RDG710	
	10 hours		10 hours 3 hours
<b>Summer Semester</b> SEC785 (Arranged) Portfolio Checkpoint 2 EDT662 (Online) SPE715		<b>Summer Semester</b> SEC785 (Arranged) Portfolio Checkpoint 2 EDT662 (Online) SPE715	
	1 hour 3 hours 3 hours		1 hour 3 hours 3 hours
<b>Students will be CERTIFIED at this point if Content Area is also complete</b>		<b>Students will be CERTIFIED at this point if Content Area is also complete</b>	
	<b>35-38 hours</b>		<b>35-38 hours</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b> SFR780		<b>Fall Semester</b> SFR780	
	3 hours		3 hours
<b>Spring Semester</b> EDC786 (Arranged)		<b>Spring Semester</b> EDC786 (Arranged)	
	2 hours		2 hours
<b>Students earn Master's Degree</b>		<b>Students earn Master's Degree</b>	
	<b>40-43 hours Plus Content</b>		<b>40-43 hours Plus Content</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.