

# Master of Arts in Teaching

The Master of Arts in Teaching is a professional graduate program designed for applicants with a bachelor's degree in a field outside education to complete pedagogical coursework and field experiences required for initial educator licensure recommendation to teach in Montana's public elementary or secondary schools. Each distinct licensure track in either elementary or secondary education is a professional master's degree program that is completed over four-to-six semesters, depending on the field experience pathway chosen.

The MAT at MSU-Bozeman is distinguished from other similar programs in that it has an intentional focus on place-conscious approaches to teaching with an emphasis on teaching in Montana's rural school districts.

The Master of Arts in Teaching program offers two field experience pathways: one for those individuals seeking a traditional student teaching experience, and another pathway for those hired to teach in a Montana public school provisionally (through Class 5 licensure). Please reach out to program staff or the Master of Arts in Teaching website for information about this pathway.

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## Master of Arts in Teaching-Elementary Track

### Pedagogical Courses

EDCI 552	Human Development and the Psychology of Learning	3
EDCI 563	Language and Literacy Teaching and Assessment	3
EDCI 553	Inclusive Strategies for Classroom Organization	3
EDCI 543	Introduction to Curriculum Design and Assessment	1
EDCI 555	Technology, Instructional Design, and Learner Success	2
EDCI 519	Addressing Equity in Linguistic and Cultural Diversity	3

### Methods Courses

EDCI 539	Methods of Teaching: K8 Arts and Health Enhancement through Inquiry Camp (contains embedded field experience)	3
EDCI 565	Methods of Teaching: K8 Mathematics	2
EDCI 566	Methods of Teaching: K8 Science	2
EDCI 567	Methods of Teaching: K8 Language Arts	2
EDCI 568	Methods of Teaching: K-8 Social Studies	2
EDCI 569	Reflective Inquiry in Rural Education	3

### Field Experiences

EDCI 595	Student Teaching	6
EDCI 598	Internship	1

**Total Credits** 36

## Master of Arts in Teaching-Secondary Track

### Pedagogical Courses

EDCI 552	Human Development and the Psychology of Learning	3
EDCI 521	Content Literacy	3

EDCI 553	Inclusive Strategies for Classroom Organization	3
EDCI 543	Introduction to Curriculum Design and Assessment	1
EDCI 519	Addressing Equity in Linguistic and Cultural Diversity	3
EDCI 556	The Legal, Social, and Practical Basis of Schooling	3
EDCI 555	Technology, Instructional Design, and Learner Success	2
EDCI 569	Reflective Inquiry in Rural Education	3
<b>Methods Courses</b>		
EDCI 538	Supporting SEL in Diverse Learners (contains embedded field experience)	3
EDCI 554	Methods of Secondary Teaching	5
<b>Field Experiences</b>		
EDCI 595	Student Teaching	6
EDCI 598	Internship	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

Applicants to the Master's of Arts in Teaching program will be required to submit an application containing the following components (all are required):

- Online application to Montana State University Graduate School with \$60 fee (<http://www.montana.edu/education/grad/mat/>).
- Submit official transcripts from all institutions of higher education attended.
- Endorsement Verification Form for required endorsement area sought (<http://www.montana.edu/education/grad/mat/matendorment.html>) – must be approved by program faculty prior to admission
- Official score for Praxis Content Area Exam (<http://www.montana.edu/fieldplacement/praxis/>) required for endorsement area sought
- Personal Statement (**use template from Endorsement page**)
- Submit Resume/CV containing all previous work experience and education, with relevant work with youth included
- Submit 3 Letters of Recommendation, minimally one from each category
  - Current/previous employer
  - Personal (particularly if the recommender can speak to applicant's previous experience working with youth) or academic

International Applicants will need to follow the Montana State University Graduate School policies for admission, including required English language proficiency exams TOEFL/IELTS ([http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/policy/admissions\\_intl.html](http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/policy/admissions_intl.html)).

## Elementary Education Track (<http://www.montana.edu/education/grad/mat/matelementary.html>)

Students admitted to the Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education track will pursue coursework leading to recommendation for licensure in Elementary Education K-8. Elementary teachers are licensed to teach in a self-contained classroom in Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

Students admitted to this track will be required to complete or show transcript evidence of six credits of prerequisite coursework (below) in the Spring semester prior beginning their MAT degree program. Prerequisite courses are offered in the Spring semester. All admission

offers to the Elementary Education track are provisional pending successful completion of the following two courses:

M 419 Ratio and Proportion in School Mathematics

EDCI 561 Language Acquisition: Decoding and Encoding

**Secondary Education Track (<http://www.montana.edu/education/grad/mat/matsecondary.html>)**

Students admitted to the Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary Education track will pursue coursework leading to recommendation for licensure in one of the areas of endorsement offered (English, Mathematics, General Science Broadfield, Social Studies Broadfield) for grades 5-12. This track allows teachers to teach in the subject area grades 5-12.