

Master of Arts in Teaching with Secondary Teacher Certification Oakland County Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Oakland University's Master of Arts in Teaching in Secondary Education (MATSE) program is designed for individuals who hold a bachelor's degree and are now seeking a career in teaching. The MATSE program is a 2-year teacher certification program that will prepare individuals for a career in teaching at the middle or high school level.

High quality learning experiences ensure that participants are well-prepared to teach, combining teacher education coursework augmented by three field placements in local schools prior to student teaching. The course sequence allows students to be recommended for certification prior to the completion of the master's degree. At the completion of the MATSE program, students will have earned a teaching certificate (grades 6-12), as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching degree.

Additional undergraduate major and minor courses may be required for those individuals whose prior coursework does not fulfill the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) core competencies for a "teachable major and/or minor" content area. This coursework must be completed prior to admission to the MATSE program. See transcript review information on next page. Also, successful scores on the MDE teacher education entrance exams are required for admission.

PROGRAM DELIVERY

To accommodate working individuals, classes primarily meet two weekday evenings per week until the final semester of student teaching. Courses are taken as a cohort with coursework beginning in the fall semester. Courses are held on campus at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

FIELD EXPERIENCES AND STUDENT TEACHING INTERNSHIP

One of the primary benefits of Oakland University's teacher preparation program is the field experiences provided in local school districts. Participants receive varied placements working with school-age children and have an opportunity to apply coursework to the teaching environment as they learn it.

- Students will complete a minimum of 100 hours of field experiences to observe instruction, classroom management strategies, work with students, and implement lessons prior to the student teaching internship. These hours are divided into three semesters of 20-50 hours each. Fields are completed as weekly or semi-weekly, half-day visits to your assigned placement during the specified semesters.
- Field experiences and your student teaching internship are arranged for you by Oakland University to meet both expectations of the program and requirements from the MDE. Applicants should plan to make accommodations to cover these requirements.
- Student teaching is 15 weeks full-time in the classroom and includes all school-related activities.
- VIA LiveText is a required component of your field placements, student teaching, and coursework. Purchase of a 2-year license of this program is required upon admission.

TEACHABLE MAJORS AND MINORS

Prior to beginning the MATSE program, you are required by the MDE to have a minimum of one teachable major. To fulfill the MDE requirement, it is common that applicants need to complete some prerequisite coursework to fulfill the requirements for the teachable major. Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to admission to the MAT – Secondary Education program.

To determine if you have a teachable major or minor, you will need to have a transcript review completed by an adviser. It will identify any courses you have previously completed toward your major and list the courses you need to complete for the major(s) and/or minor(s) you have identified.

To have your transcripts reviewed:

- Complete the *Transcript Review and Program Profile Request* form
- Indicate your major(s) and/or minor(s) of interest (subject areas that you are interested in teaching)
- Submit the form and copies of your transcripts (unofficial copies are sufficient at this time)
- You will be contacted via email in 1-2 weeks from the receipt of your request. Once you receive the evaluation, you should make an appointment with an adviser to review it.

Majors, Minors and Endorsements Available

Oakland University is approved to provide teacher certification for the following areas. The [Michigan Department of Education](#) has a list of classes that can be taught with each subject area. Visit the website under Resources, click on *Quick Reference: Courses That Can be Taught*.

MAJORS	MINORS	ENDORSEMENTS
Biology	Economics	ESL: English as a Second Language
Chemistry	English	Integrated Science (Requires a Biology, Chemistry or Physics major)
English	History	Social Studies (Requires a History major)
History	Mathematics	
Mathematics	Modern Languages (6-12): Chinese, French, German, Japanese, or Spanish	
Physics		
Modern Languages (K-12): French, German, Japanese, or Spanish		

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School of Education and Human Services

MATSE Transcript Review Request Form

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING – SECONDARY EDUCATION (MATSE) PROGRAM

NAME:		GRIZZLY ID (IF KNOWN):	
STREET ADDRESS:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:		PHONE:	

1. Evaluate transcripts for the following areas:

Please indicate the content areas that you are interested in teaching, not your undergraduate major/minor.

Major(s) _____

Minor(s) _____

2. Please list all of the educational institutions you have attended:

In order to do a complete evaluation of your prior coursework, we need a transcript from **every** college or university you attended. Unofficial transcripts are sufficient at this time; official transcripts will be necessary when you apply.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	YEARS ATTENDED	DEGREE EARNED If degree earned, please note GPA in next column.	OVERALL GPA

3. Felony and Misdemeanor Information:

If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony, you need to be aware that passing our program, student teaching, and state certification tests does not guarantee certification or employment. Convictions are assessed and evaluated at the state level, including a review of court documents.

► I have read the Felony and Misdemeanor information: _____
Initials Date

Please email or fax this completed sheet and all of the requested unofficial transcripts to the contact below. Allow 1-2 weeks for the transcript review. Your evaluation will be emailed to you.

Subject: MATSE Program Transcript Request

Email: MATinfo@oakland.edu

Fax: (248) 370-4961