





# MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING in MIDDLE GRADES

36-39 Credits

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## Master of Arts in Teaching Middle Grades PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

The program leading to the Master of Arts in Teaching degree (M.A.T.) in Middle Grades Education provides professional training for “licensure-only” students who already have a degree and/or “lateral entry” teachers who are seeking middle grades teacher licensure. The program combines initial (A) and advanced (M) level licensure requirements in a two-phase process. Students enrolling in the M.A.T. program must select one of the following subject areas: Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science. Upon completion of the program students are recommended for “M” level licensure in the appropriate subject area. The 36-39-hour program consists of a minimum of 21 hours in advanced specialty area of biology, English, history, mathematics, political science, or sociology; 12 hours in professional education; and a Product of Learning experience. The time of program completion is an estimated 2-3 years with variable credit of 3-6 hours.

Students should see the Chairperson of the Department of Middle Grades, Secondary, and Special Education for further information regarding specific coursework requirements and creating a plan of study.

### Admission Requirements

#### To the Department

NOTE: No more than 12 semester hours to be counted toward the degree may be completed prior to formal admission to the MAT degree program.

All applicants must submit the following for admission to Graduate Studies:

- A completed application to the FSU Office of Admissions with a non-refundable application fee
- One official baccalaureate transcript and transcript(s) of previous graduate study
- Official test scores, as required for the program
- Two letters of recommendation from persons qualified to evaluate the applicant’s abilities to pursue graduate work, as required for the MAT program
- Official test scores and transcripts must be sent directly to the Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management from the testing agency or be recorded on an official transcript

#### To Teacher Education

Test Administration Requirements/Passing scores

- PRAXIS I tests (reading, writing and mathematics) composite score of 522 in order to be admitted into FSU’s Teacher Education Program

Applicants with a four-year college degree (with a 2.5 GPA) OR SAT score of 1100 or ACT combined score of 24 DO NOT have to take any of the PRAXIS I tests.

- Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) Minimum passing score: 750
- Miller Analogies Test (MAT) Minimum passing score: 368

NOTE: Participants must complete required PRAXIS II examinations in their chosen specialty area:

PRAXIS II Test: 10049 – Middle School English Language Arts

PRAXIS II Test: 20069 – Middle School Mathematics

PRAXIS II Test: 10439 – Middle School Science

PRAXIS II Test: 20089 – Middle School Social Studies

*Test scores more than five (5) years old at the time of application will not be considered.*

*Professional Core Courses to be completed before applying for A-Level license*

EDUC 610 Planning and Implementing Instruction for Diverse Learners	3 credits
EDUC 630 Advanced Educational Psychology	3 credits
EDUC 644 Foundations and Curriculum Development	3 credits
EDUC 614 Techniques of Teaching in the Middle School	3 credits

### **Language Arts**

ELEM 680 Advanced Studies in Literature	3 credits
ELEM 623 Advanced Studies in Teaching Language Arts	3 credits
ELEM 624 Teaching Writing in the Schools	3 credits
ENGL 517 Issues in the Teaching of Literature	3 credits
ENGL 518 Technology and the Language Arts Curriculum	3 credits

### **Mathematics**

MATH 501 New Technology in Teaching Mathematics	3 credits
MATH 502 Topics in Mathematics for Teachers	3 credits
MATH 504 Current Trends in Mathematics Education	3 credits
ELEM 530 Remediation of Math Difficulties	3 credits
MATH 533 Advanced Studies in Teaching Mathematics	3 credits

### **Science**

ELEM 635 Problem in Science Education	3 credits
ELEM 652 Selected Topics in Biological Science for Teachers	3 credits
ELEM 653 Selected Topics in Physical Science for Teachers	3 credits
ELEM 654 Selected Topics in Earth Science for Teachers	3 credits
ELEM 655 Technology and the Science Curriculum	3 credits

### **Social Studies**

ELEM 534 Advanced Studies in Teaching Social Studies	3 credits
HIST 591 Special Topics in History	3 credits
HIST 602 Directed Readings in 20th Century American History	3 credits

*Choose one of the following:*

HIST 551 Caribbean History from Columbus to 1838	3 credits
HIST 552 Caribbean History from the Post-Slavery Period Through the 20th Century	3 credits

*Choose one of the following:*

HIST 555 The ABC Countries	3 credits
HIST 570 Major Topics in African History	3 credits

*Choose one of the following:*

HIST 590 Special Topics in History	3 credits
HIST 591 Special Topics in History	3 credits

NOTE: These courses are required for all content program areas

EDUC 690 Applied Research in Education	3 credits
READ 552 Teaching Literacy in Content Area	3 credits

### **Capstone Course**

EDUC 698 Advanced Applied Product of Learning	3-6 credits
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*“The preparation of knowledgeable, reflective, and caring school executives and teachers who demonstrate leadership in their schools and classrooms, use research to inform practice, communicate effectively with all students and parents, and work diligently to prepare students to live and work in a diverse, global, and technologically advanced society.”*

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