

MASTER OF ARTS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION WITH INITIAL CERTIFICATION WITH DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC COURSEWORK

The MA in Secondary Education provides candidates with the theoretical and pedagogical knowledge and skills needed for initial certification in Secondary Education (Grades 7-12) in one of five subject areas: English, Math, Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or General Science), Social Studies/History, and World Language (French, German, Italian, Latin, or Spanish). Through a combination of foundational and subject-specific coursework, field experiences, and a culminating master's project, candidates earn both their initial certification and master's degree.

Requirements

For the MA in Secondary Education, candidates complete all core and discipline-specific course work, including the following:

Code	Title	Credits
Core Curriculum		
EDTC 5401	Introduction to Educational Technology	3
EDUC 5429	Philosophical Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 5441	Teaching and Learning within Multicultural Contexts of Education	3
EDUC 5442	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 6512	Contemporary Schooling in Society	3
EDUC 6552	Research for Action and Advocacy in School and Community Settings	3
EDUC 6598	edTPA Portfolio ¹	0
SPED 5403	Foundations in Research and Evaluation of Psychoeducational Issues in Special Education	3
SPED 6565	Evidence-Based Strategies in the Inclusive Classroom	3
Discipline-Specific Courses		
Select 18-24 credits in Discipline-Specific coursework (see below)		18-24
Master's Project		
EDUC 6999	Capstone: Educating for Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement ²	3
Total Credits		45-51

¹ \$300 edTPA registration fee

² May be substituted with TSLA 6999A Capstone Seminar in Inclusive Language Teaching for World Language students only.

Note: Grade of B (3.0) or better is required in student teaching.

Discipline-Specific Coursework

English

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 5410	Literature for Young Adults	3
EDUC 5411	Teaching Writing in the 3-12 Classroom	3
EDUC 5417	Teaching and Learning Grammar	3
EDUC 5455	The Literate Learner: Developmental Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools, Grades 5-12	3
EDUC 5466	English Methods	3
EDUC 6581	Directed Observation and Supervised Student Teaching: Secondary Education	6
EDUC 6589	English Seminar	3
Total Credits		24

History/Social Studies

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 5468	Social Studies/History Methods	3
EDUC 6515	Economic and Physical Geography	3
EDUC 6581	Directed Observation and Supervised Student Teaching: Secondary Education	6
EDUC 6594	Social Studies/History Seminar	3
Select one elective in American Studies with advisor approval		3
Total Credits		18

Mathematics

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 5455	The Literate Learner: Developmental Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools, Grades 5-12	3
EDUC 5464	Mathematics Methods	3
EDUC 6581	Directed Observation and Supervised Student Teaching: Secondary Education	6
EDUC 6591	Mathematics Seminar	3
Select two graduate-level mathematics electives in Statistics and Geometry with advisor approval ²		6
Total Credits		21

² If taken previously, alternate courses may be selected with advisor approval.

Science

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 5462	Science Methods	3
EDUC 6572	Guided Research in Science	3
EDUC 6573	Instructional Issues in Teaching Science	3
EDUC 6581	Directed Observation and Supervised Student Teaching: Secondary Education	6
EDUC 6592	Science Seminar	3
Total Credits		18

World Language

The Secondary Education World Language Program is nationally recognized by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign

Languages (ACTFL). Additionally, initial certification (7-12) at the graduate level is offered for French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Latin. Candidates interested in teaching middle school or elementary grades can also earn a k-12 cross-endorsement. The program benefits from the University's location near schools with long-established k-12 World Language programs. Experience is gained and classroom knowledge is applied at the elementary and secondary levels during field observations, practicum and student teaching placements. One program strength is the network of experienced teachers, newly certified teachers, and administrators (many of whom are Fairfield graduates) who share their knowledge and expertise at local and regional meetings and act as mentors to Fairfield students.

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 5455	The Literate Learner: Developmental Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools, Grades 5-12	3
EDUC 5463	World Language Methods	3
EDUC 6581	Directed Observation and Supervised Student Teaching: Secondary Education	6
EDUC 6593	World Language Seminar	3
TSLA 6439	Methods of Foreign Language Teaching for Elementary School	3
TSLA 5467	Language Acquisition	3
Total Credits		21