

FIVE-YEAR INTEGRATED BACHELOR AND MASTER OF ARTS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION WITH INITIAL CERTIFICATION

Requirements

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.

English Education Track

Undergraduate Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 2201	Explorations in Education	3
EDUC 2329	Philosophy of Education: An Introduction	3
EDUC 2341	Culturally Responsive Teacher	3
or SOCI 2300	Sociology of Education	
EDUC 3241	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 3350	Special Learners in the Mainstream	3
EDUC 5455	The Literate Learner: Developmental Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools, Grades 5-12	3
ENGL 2220	Teaching and Writing	3
ENGL 2230	Teaching and Learning Grammar	3
Total Credits		24

Graduate Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EDTC 5401	Introduction to Educational Technology	3
EDUC 5410	Literature for Young Adults	3
EDUC 5441	Teaching and Learning within Multicultural Contexts of Education	3
EDUC 5466	English Methods	3
EDUC 6552	Research for Action and Advocacy in School and Community Settings	3
EDUC 6581	Directed Observation and Supervised Student Teaching: Secondary Education	6
EDUC 6589	English Seminar	3
EDUC 6598	edTPA Portfolio ¹	0
EDUC 6999	Capstone: Educating for Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement	3

SPED 6565	Evidence-Based Strategies in the Inclusive Classroom	3
Total Credits		30

¹ \$300 edTPA registration fee required

Mathematics Education Track

Undergraduate Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 2201	Explorations in Education	3
EDUC 2329	Philosophy of Education: An Introduction	3
EDUC 2341	Culturally Responsive Teacher	3
or SOCI 2300	Sociology of Education	
EDUC 3241	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 3350	Special Learners in the Mainstream	3
EDUC 5455	The Literate Learner: Developmental Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools, Grades 5-12	3
	Select a course in US History covering 50 years (or if met, a course from the approved cognate list)	3
Total Credits		21

Graduate Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EDTC 5401	Introduction to Educational Technology	3
EDUC 5464	Mathematics Methods	3
EDUC 6552	Research for Action and Advocacy in School and Community Settings	3
EDUC 6581	Directed Observation and Supervised Student Teaching: Secondary Education	6
EDUC 6591	Mathematics Seminar	3
EDUC 6598	edTPA Portfolio ¹	0
EDUC 6999	Capstone: Educating for Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement	3
SPED 6565	Evidence-Based Strategies in the Inclusive Classroom	3
	Select two graduate-level mathematics electives in Statistics and Geometry with advisor approval ²	6
Total Credits		30

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

Science Education Track

Undergraduate Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 2201	Explorations in Education	3
EDUC 2329	Philosophy of Education: An Introduction	3
EDUC 2341	Culturally Responsive Teacher	3
or SOCI 2300	Sociology of Education	
EDUC 3241	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 3350	Special Learners in the Mainstream	3

EDUC 5455	The Literate Learner: Developmental Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools, Grades 5-12	3
Select a course in history covering 50 years (or if met, a course from the approved cognate list)		3
Total Credits		21

Graduate Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EDTC 5401	Introduction to Educational Technology	3
EDUC 5462	Science Methods	3
EDUC 6552	Research for Action and Advocacy in School and Community Settings	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
EDUC 6598	edTPA Portfolio ¹	0
EDUC 6999	Capstone: Educating for Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement	3
SPED 6565	Evidence-Based Strategies in the Inclusive Classroom	3
Total Credits		30

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Social Studies Education Track

Undergraduate Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 2201	Explorations in Education	3
EDUC 2329	Philosophy of Education: An Introduction	3
EDUC 2341	Culturally Responsive Teacher	3
or SOCI 2300	Sociology of Education	
EDUC 3241	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 3350	Special Learners in the Mainstream	3
EDUC 5455	The Literate Learner: Developmental Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools, Grades 5-12	3
Select a course in US History covering 50 years (or if met, a course from the approved cognate list)		3
Total Credits		21

Graduate Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EDTC 5401	Introduction to Educational Technology	3
EDUC 5468	Social Studies/History Methods	3
EDUC 6515	Economic and Physical Geography	3
EDUC 6552	Research for Action and Advocacy in School and Community Settings	3
EDUC 6581	Directed Observation and Supervised Student Teaching: Secondary Education	6
EDUC 6594	Social Studies/History Seminar	3
EDUC 6598	edTPA Portfolio ¹	0

EDUC 6999	Capstone: Educating for Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement	3
SPED 6565	Evidence-Based Strategies in the Inclusive Classroom	3
Select one elective in American Studies with advisor approval		3
Total Credits		30

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World Language Education Track

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.

Undergraduate Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 2201	Explorations in Education	3
EDUC 2329	Philosophy of Education: An Introduction	3
EDUC 2341	Culturally Responsive Teacher	3
or SOCI 2300	Sociology of Education	
EDUC 3241	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 3350	Special Learners in the Mainstream	3
TSLA 5467	Language Acquisition	3
Select a course in US History covering 50 years (or if met, a course from the approved cognate list)		3
Total Credits		21

Graduate Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EDTC 5401	Introduction to Educational Technology	3
EDUC 5455	The Literate Learner: Developmental Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools, Grades 5-12	3
EDUC 5463	World Language Methods	3
EDUC 6552	Research for Action and Advocacy in School and Community Settings	3
EDUC 6581	Directed Observation and Supervised Student Teaching: Secondary Education	6
EDUC 6593	World Language Seminar	3
EDUC 6598	edTPA Portfolio ¹	0
EDUC 6999	Capstone: Educating for Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement	3
SPED 6565	Evidence-Based Strategies in the Inclusive Classroom	3

TSLA 6439	Methods of Foreign Language Teaching for Elementary School	3
Total Credits		30

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