MASTER OF ARTS IN SECONDARY TEACHING AND LEARNING

The MA in Secondary Teaching and Learning supports early-career, secondary public school teachers to engage in critical inquiry about their teaching practice and to deepen and strengthen their equity-focused and inclusive pedagogy, as well as curricular design for social justice. The program includes support for students (who are teachers) to:

1. Deepen and expand their commitments to and engagement with theories and practices of teaching, learning, and public education.
2. Develop and analyze artifacts of their teaching practice in relation to relevant curricular and pedagogical issues.
3. Design and implement curriculum that engages with current educational theory; student-centered, equity-focused, culturally responsive pedagogy; and backwards curriculum design.
4. Develop action research projects, which they conduct in their own classrooms.
5. Compile a portfolio, chronicling their development as educational thinkers and instructional leaders.

Admissions requirements

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited university. Additional entrance requirements include:

- A 3.0 GPA in the undergraduate degree or last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted, including credential courses.
- A valid preliminary or clear single subject or multiple subject teaching credential OR concurrent enrollment in a credential program in the SFSU Department of Elementary or Secondary Education.
- Evidence of employment as a full or part-time teacher or evidence of permission to work on a regular basis within a school setting through a volunteer program or other agreement.
- Evidence of written English proficiency.

Students who are seeking their preliminary Single Subject Credential may apply to the MA in Secondary Teaching and Learning concurrently with their application to the credential program in the Department of Secondary Education.

For San Francisco State students: Up to 18 units of courses in the single subject credential post-baccalaureate program can be counted towards the MA in Secondary Teaching and Learning.

External applicants: Students who completed a post-baccalaureate single subject credential at an institution other than SFSU will work with an advisor to identify courses that can be counted towards the MA, but may be required to complete additional courses at SFSU to meet the residency requirement for an MA.

Written English Proficiency Requirement

Level One

Written English proficiency will be assessed on the Personal Statement, submitted to the department as part of the application.
Students admitted conditionally or not meeting the written English proficiency standards must demonstrate that they have met the Level One Written English proficiency requirement by successfully completing the final assignment in S ED 770 and/or S ED 780.

Level Two

Writing proficiency, information literacy, and qualitative/quantitative reasoning will be assessed based on a portfolio assessment developed across S ED 770, S ED 774, and S ED 780, and submitted as the culminating experience for S ED 890.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze artifacts of their teaching practice in relation to relevant curricular and pedagogical issues.
2. Design and implement curriculum engaging with current educational theory; student-centered, equity-focused, culturally responsive pedagogy; and backwards curriculum design.
3. Conduct action research projects in their own classrooms.

Secondary Teaching and Learning (M.A.) – 30 Units

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Core (24 Units)

Code	Title	Units
S ED 701	Teaching for Equity in Secondary Schools	3
S ED 720	Critical and Digital Literacy Across Content Areas	3
S ED 751	Classroom Environment and Management	3
S ED 752	Professional Perspectives and Practices	3
S ED 770	Current Issues in Secondary Education	3
S ED 774	Teacher Research Methodologies	3
S ED 780	Advanced Curriculum Development	3
S ED 790	Teaching Multilingual Learners in Secondary Schools	3

Curriculum and Instruction (3 units)

Select One:

Code	Title	Units
EDUC 750	Curriculum and Instruction in Art	3
ENG 713	Seminar in Curriculum and Instruction in English I	3
KIN 750	Curriculum and Instruction I: Physical Education	3
MLL 750	Curriculum and Instruction I: World Languages	3
MUS 760	Curriculum and Instruction I: Music	3
S ED 759	Curriculum and Instruction I	3

Culminating Experience (3 units)

Code	Title	Units
S ED 890	Culminating Experience Seminar	3