

TEACHING (MA)

Master of Arts

This program is offered in a Plus-One format.

Program Description

The Master of Arts in Teaching with licensure program is a comprehensive program that offers students the opportunity to earn both a master's degree and secondary education teacher licensure through the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). This degree program is intended for individuals who have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in biology (or similar science), chemistry (or similar science), English, history (or similar social science), mathematics, or Spanish.

This graduate degree program can be completed within one year by full-time students for students entering the program having completed all ISBE required disciplinary course requirements.

Admission Requirements

AU Undergraduate Students seeking to enter the MAT Plus One program must submit:

- A completed Graduate Application for Admission ([aurora.edu/auapply](http://www.aurora.edu/auapply)) (<http://www.aurora.edu/auapply/>)
- A completed content course evaluation worksheet. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in biology, chemistry (or other science-related major), history (or other social science-related major), English, mathematics
- Have an academic record indicative of a high probability of success in graduate study with an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Submit a current TB screen/test (within past 12 months). Cost incurred by student.
- Complete a criminal background check. Cost incurred by student.

External applicants seeking to enter the MAT Plus One program must submit:

- A completed Graduate Application for Admission ([aurora.edu/auapply](http://www.aurora.edu/auapply)) (<http://www.aurora.edu/auapply/>)
- Official transcripts from all previous undergraduate and graduate institutions attended
- Two letters of reference from persons able to attest to the student's academic and/or professional potential
- Personal statement
- Resume
- A completed content course evaluation worksheet. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in biology, chemistry (or other science-related major), history (or other social science-related major), English, mathematics.
- Have an academic record indicative of a high probability of success in graduate study with an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
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Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
EDU-6180	Methods of ESL/BE Education	3
EDU-6185	Methods of Teaching Exceptional Children	3
EDU-6190	Methods of Educational Psychology	3
EDU-6195	Methods of Reading	3
EDU-6205	Methods of Content Area Literacy	3
EDU-6245	Methods of Teaching and Assessing Diverse Learners in the Secondary Classroom	3
EDU-6260	Methods of Educational Research	1
EDU-6295	Content Area Methods for the Secondary Classroom	3
EDU-6730	Student Teaching	10
EDU-6780	M.A.T. Student Teaching Seminar	1
Total Credits		33

Graduate Degree Requirements

- When a student's academic performance does not meet minimum standards, the instructor should send an academic alert to the student.
- A student is placed on academic warning at the end of any semester when their cumulative or semester program/major GPA is less than 3.0.
- A student, placed on academic warning for a second time (not necessarily consecutive semesters) will be academically dismissed, for poor scholarship.
- A student, will be academically dismissed if their Term GPA is 0.00 in any given semester.
- A graduate student, who is dismissed from Aurora University for poor scholarship may apply for readmission after one full semester away (Spring, Summer, or Fall).
- To be considered for readmission, a new application for admission and a petition for readmission are both required to be filed no less than 30 days prior to the requested semester of return, with the Office of Admissions.
- The petition will be reviewed by an academic program committee, comprised of the academic program director/chair and two faculty designated by the Jurisdictional Academic Dean, to make a determination based on the academic standards of the program. The academic program committee may require an in person meeting with the student as deemed necessary.
- Should readmission be granted, the student will be readmitted on Academic Warning. Should the cumulative program GPA fall below 3.0 in a subsequent semester, the student will be dismissed from the university.
- A student who had already had their petition for readmission denied by the academic program may appeal the decision to the Jurisdictional Academic Dean over the program. The step must be completed in the form of a written request to the Academic Dean within one calendar week after the student has been informed of the program committee decision. The Academic Dean will appoint two faculty members to serve on an ad hoc committee working to review the student's appeal. The ad hoc appeal committee will review all relevant materials and meet with the student and others, as deemed necessary. The decision of this ad hoc appeal committee is final. The

ad hoc appeal committee will then report back to the program and the University Registrar regarding the final decision and its reasoning.

Learning Outcomes

- Candidates will demonstrate content knowledge in their program.
- Candidates will demonstrate the ability to plan instruction.
- Candidates will demonstrate the ability to provide a supportive environment for student learning.
- Candidates will demonstrate success in clinical placements.
- Program will demonstrate ability to produce effective educators.