



GRADUATE PROGRAMS MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

The M.A.T. program is a preparation program for those who hold a bachelor's degree and seek teacher certification. The M.A.T. is offered for those wishing to teach at the Secondary Education level in Business, English, Math, Family and Consumer Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, Broad Field Science, History, Geography, or Political Science, and at grades P-12 in Spanish. The M.A.T. is also offered in Middle Grades and Special Education, although students may still acquire certification through those undergraduate B.S.Ed. programs.

The M.A.T. degree program can be completed in as few as 4 to 6 semesters once verified that all prerequisite content requirements are met. To see the program of study for each study concentration, go to <http://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/MAT.html>.

- **Study Concentration 1:** Secondary Education certification (6-12) for candidates who hold a bachelor's degree in English, business, mathematics, history, geography, economics, political science, chemistry, biology, geology, physics, child and family development, fashion merchandising and apparel design, hotel and restaurant management, nutrition and food science, interior design, home economics, housing and consumer economics, or related field.
- **Study Concentration 2:** Middle Grades certification (4-8) for candidates who hold a bachelor's degree. Candidates must complete two teaching concentrations from reading, language arts, science, social studies, and mathematics.
- **Study Concentration 3:** Special Education certification (P-12) for candidates who hold a bachelor's degree in psychology, counseling, child and family development, or a closely related field.
- **Study Concentration 4:** P-12 Education certification for candidates who hold a bachelor's degree in Spanish.

The total hours for the degree are dependent on previous course work completed in the area of certification. A transcript evaluation by the College of Education's director of advisement and certification, is required at the outset. Prerequisite content course work, based on the transcript evaluation, must be completed as a non-degree student before admission into the program.



Are you interested in becoming a teacher?

We are looking for good people to prepare for rewarding careers in education.

If you already hold a bachelor's degree, especially in a teaching field such as English, math, business, art, Spanish, the sciences or social sciences, you may be able to complete our M.A.T. program in as few as four to six semesters. And if you obtain a teaching position with a non-renewable certificate, you can complete the program while on the job! Come talk with us.

For a Transcript Evaluation see:
<http://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/pdfs/traneval.pdf>

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for graduate school in the M.A.T. program?

- Complete each step below to ensure timely processing of your application.
- Complete the Graduate Admission Application at: <http://cogs.GeorgiaSouthern.edu>
- A \$50.00 non-refundable application fee is required.
- Send official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended to:
Office of Graduate Admissions
Georgia Southern University
P.O. Box 8113
Statesboro, GA 30460-8113
- Submit official test scores as required for the degree program.
- Complete the Health Forms located at: http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/health/imm_req.php
- Submit other documents as required by the program to which application is made.

What are the admissions criteria?

A prospective student who has earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and plans to take courses in the Master of Arts in Teaching program must be admitted under one of the following classifications:

Regular Admission

1. Hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. Present a transcript evaluation by the College of Education's Director of Advisement and Certification, and completion of specified prerequisite content course work.
3. Present a cumulative 2.50 (4.0 scale) or higher GPA on all undergraduate and graduate work combined.
4. Present a total adjusted GPA of 2.75 or higher on all teaching field course work.
5. Present official report of scores on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test (Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical Writing sections).
6. Submit passing scores on the GACE Basic Skills Assessment exam or be exempted by acceptable SAT, ACT, or GRE scores.
7. Submit a passing score on the GACE Content Assessment exam in the area for which one is seeking certification, except for the MAT in Special Education.
8. Statement of purpose (not to exceed 200 words) that identifies the applicant's reasons for pursuing graduate study and how admission into the program relates to the applicant's professional aspirations.
9. Submit a completed "Disclosure and Affirmation Form" that addresses misconduct disclosure, criminal background check, the Code of Ethics for Educators, and tort liability insurance.

Provisional Admission

Provisional admission may be granted based on a review of all materials submitted, including the personal statement of purpose. Provisional students must earn grades of B or higher in their first 9 hours of course work after admission and meet any other stipulations outlined by the department to be converted to regular status.

Are Graduate Assistantships available?

Georgia Southern University offers opportunities for graduate students to contribute to the teaching and research of the college by working as Graduate Assistants. Assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis based on academic ability. View the listing of deadlines and the application at: cogs.GeorgiaSouthern.edu.



Advisement:

- Students who are currently enrolled in a bachelor's program at Georgia Southern University should complete all required content courses for certification. Consult your undergraduate advisor for assistance.
- MAT and Non-degree certification students must first have their transcripts evaluated by Mrs. Chris Thompson. See <http://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/pdfs/traneval.pdf>. These students will be assigned a faculty advisor in the Department of Teaching and Learning.

Costs & Financial Aid:

- Costs include graduate tuition and fees plus the cost of a transcript evaluation (\$25 for first; \$10 additional) and GACE testing (http://www.gace.nesinc.com/GA3_about_toc.asp).
- HOPE Teacher Scholarship Loans are available for many teaching fields. See <http://www.gacollege411.org/AdmissionApp/ServiceCancelableLoans/teaching.asp>

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