MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION (MAT)

Master of Arts in Teaching in Middle School Education
Unit: College of Education and Human Development (http://louisville.edu/education/) (GE)
Department: Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Education (https://louisville.edu/education/departments/mise/)
Program Website (https://louisville.edu/education/degrees/mat-mse/)
Academic Plan Code(s): MSEDMAT

Program Information

The MAT in Middle School Education enables graduate students to earn their initial teaching certification for Kentucky in the content areas of English, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies, grades 5-9. Teacher candidates learn to teach through instruction in pedagogy, child development, special education, technology, and diversity. The program integrates field experiences that align both with program studies and professional education career goal.

Admission Requirements

Candidates who meet the following criteria may be eligible to apply to the Master of Arts in Teaching program. Candidates considering application to the MAT program should contact the Education Advising and Student Services office (teacher@louisville.edu (http://louisville.edu/cgi-bin/uofl.mail?teacher)) prior to applying for admission.

Admission is competitive. Candidates who meet minimum academic requirements are not guaranteed admission to the program.

Applicants must complete/satisfy the following:

1. Application to Graduate School (https://graduate.louisville.edu/admission/apply/). This should be completed three to four weeks prior to the application deadline.
2. Praxis II (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/mat-mse-praxis-ii/) Content Exam registration and/or scores
3. Bachelor's degree from Accredited College or University (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/bachelors/) with major in content area or appropriate prerequisite courses and a minimum 2.75 Grade Point Average (official transcripts (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/transcripts/) required)
4. Grade of C or higher in ENGL 102 (or equivalent)
5. C or higher in oral communication course
6. TOEFL (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/toefl/)/IELTS (https://www.ielts.org/)/Duolingo (https://www.duolingo.com/)
7. Professional Writing Requirements (https://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/mat-mse-professional-statement/)
8. Three Letters of Recommendation (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/lor/)
9. Signed Professional Code of Ethics/Technology User Agreement/Statement of Understanding of Admissions Guidelines
10. Acceptable interview

Program Requirements
Single Content Area Certification

Code	Title	Hours
EDTP 631	Integrated Teaching and Learning I	3
EDTP 633	Integrated Teaching and Learning III	3
The above courses must be completed prior to the content methods course(s).		
Choose one from the following courses:		3
EDTP 607	Middle School Language Arts Methods	
EDTP 608	Middle School Math Methods	
EDTP 609	Middle School Science Methods	
EDTP 610	Middle School Social Studies Methods	
EDTP 617	Student Teaching: Middle School	9
EDTP 501	General Methods	3
EDTP 503	Developing Cross-Cultural Competence: Teaching Students from Diverse Backgrounds [1]	3
EDTP 620	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum [1]	3
EDAP 688	Designing a Technology Integrated Curriculum	3
Minimum Total Hours		**30**

[1] Can be taken at any point in the program.

Mid-point Assessment: Prior to Student Teaching

Satisfactory dispositions assessment; no lower than a "C" in content methods class; within three (3) credits of meeting content requirements; all course(s) passed; electronic documentation of 200 hours of diverse and approved field experiences; satisfactory performance on all Hallmark Assessment Tasks; Target performance or better on all rubrics.

Certification Assessment: After Student Teaching

Satisfactory dispositions assessment; passing scores on required PRAXIS exams; completion of degree requirements.

Degree Assessment

All program course work completed with 3.0 cumulative GPA (no more than two "C's" in degree courses); 2.5 cumulative GPA in content course requirements; a "C" or higher in student teaching; satisfactory performance on all Hallmark Assessment Tasks; Target performance or better on all rubrics.

Degree Candidacy: Students not enrolled during the semester in which they intend to graduate must register for degree candidacy as outlined in the Graduate Catalog (https://catalog.louisville.edu/graduate/general-policies-procedures-requirements/).

Praxis Disclaimer: Teacher certification requirements are subject to change. Before registering for certification test(s), please refer to the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) website at epsb.ky.gov (http://www.epsb.ky.gov/) or ets.org/praxis/ky (http://www.ets.org/praxis/ky/) for current requirements.

Dual Content Area Certification

Code	Title	Hours
EDTP 631	Integrated Teaching and Learning I	3
EDTP 633	Integrated Teaching and Learning III	3
The above courses must be completed prior to the content methods course(s).		
Choose two from the following courses		6
EDTP 607	Middle School Language Arts Methods	
EDTP 608	Middle School Math Methods	
EDTP 609	Middle School Science Methods	
EDTP 610	Middle School Social Studies Methods	
EDTP 617	Student Teaching: Middle School	9
EDTP 501	General Methods	3
EDTP 503	Developing Cross-Cultural Competence: Teaching Students from Diverse Backgrounds [1]	3
EDTP 620	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum [1]	3
EDAP 688	Designing a Technology Integrated Curriculum	3
Minimum Total Hours		**33**

[1] Can be taken at any point in the program.

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The Master of Arts in Teaching in Middle School Education program prepares students to meet the requirements for certification and/or licensure. If you plan to pursue professional licensure or certification you should first determine your state's criteria for examination and licensure to see how/if our program meets those requirements prior to enrollment. We recommend that you also contact your state's licensing board directly to verify that the requirements have not changed recently and to answer any questions especially those regarding additional requirements beyond the degree.

More information about certification or licensure is available at the following website: louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information (https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information/) (you may search by school or by the name of the program then click on 'View Details' to display the information).

For programs with an online option, more information about certification or licensure is available here: https://louisville.edu/online/About-Us?tab=disclosures (https://louisville.edu/online/About-Us/?tab=disclosures).