

# TEACHING: SECONDARY EDUCATION

Master of Arts

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This program offers a unique opportunity to earn both a teaching certification for grades 7-12 and a master's degree within a cohorted, in-person, 18-month program. Curriculum focuses on culturally responsive instruction, while full-time faculty model learner-centered instructional practices. A full year internship provides candidates with extensive personalized support from mentor teachers and program faculty. Entry into the program is available to graduates of WMU and outside institutions.



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**Through challenging, supporting, and encouraging us, the faculty genuinely care about creating the best possible teachers.**

■ Nicole B., current student



U.S. News and World Report ranked WMU **No. 3 in the state of Michigan for graduate schools in education** and in the top 100 public institutions of all colleges and universities reviewed.



The WMU teacher education unit is **accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)**.

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## PROGRAM STRENGTHS

- Increased emphasis on integration of pedagogy, methods and content-area skills
- Bachelor's degree in subject area provides extensive content knowledge
- 18-month intensive master's degree format
- Yearlong, supervised internship experience from the start of the public school year in August through the end of the school year in June
- Cohort program of 25 or fewer students led by full-time faculty members utilizing a team teaching approach
- Structured co-teaching models with mentor teacher to increase support
- The College of Arts and Sciences provides the liberal arts core of the university, offering academic programs in the sciences, social sciences and humanities

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Completion of discipline coursework equivalent to a Michigan Department of Education approved secondary education initial certification program (Transcript evaluation will determine if additional discipline area coursework is required.)
- An overall undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 (4.0 = A)
- Completion of ED 3200 and ED 4200 OR completion of 30+ hours of substitute teaching at the middle and high public school level
- Written essay reflecting on experiences in dispositions with diverse students, caregivers and educational stakeholders in the field
- Upon application review, some candidates may be asked to complete a follow-up interview
- Two professional letters of recommendation required

## PROGRAM COURSES

To learn more about the courses and program structure, visit: [wmich.edu/teaching/academics/graduate/teaching/secondary/mat-program-structure](http://wmich.edu/teaching/academics/graduate/teaching/secondary/mat-program-structure)

### Questions?

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