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# DEGREE PROGRAMS

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## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

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### Middle Childhood & Secondary Education

The University has an interest for providing additional opportunities for individuals to become highly qualified teachers in Arkansas. The Master of Arts in Teaching is a program of study to prepare candidates for teacher licensure in Arkansas.

Candidates who complete the program of study may be recommended to Arkansas Department of Education for licensure as teachers in the grade ranges and content areas listed below:

Middle Childhood, grades 4 - 8

Secondary Education, grades 7 - 12

Art, Business, Life/Earth Science

English, Physical/Earth Science

Mathematics, Physical Education, Wellness and Leisure

Social Studies, Music (Instrumental & Vocal)

### Unconditional Admission

Students are eligible to apply for unconditional admission to the Master of Arts degree program in Teaching if they meet the following requirements:

- 1 .Applicants must meet the admission requirements for the [Graduate College](#).
- 2 .Applicants must meet a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.75 or a 3.0 GPA in the last 30 hours.
- 3 .Approval from the Program Director.

### Conditional Admission

Applicants who fail to meet all of the departmental requirements may be accepted conditionally provided certain deficiencies are met prior to the completion of twelve (12) semester hours of graduate work.

### Academic Advisors

The academic advising process for degree students begins at the time that the student is admitted to the Graduate College. When the student is admitted, they need to meet with the Program Director for an advising and orientation session at the student's earliest convenience.

When the student meets with the program director, he/she is given an orientation, a master's degree program check-off list which outlines all major steps in completing the degree and a degree plan outline, a list of courses to be completed. This initial advising session ensures that the student is informed of all degree requirements, policies, and procedures; is familiar with the department and program director; and is assigned to an advisor (usually the program director). Subsequently, the academic advisor and the Graduate College monitor the student's progress as they progress through the program. It remains, however, the student's responsibility to understand and satisfy all degree requirements.

The graduate academic advisor is responsible for:

- 1 .Helping the student plan a balanced program of graduate work adapted to the student's particular interests, needs and abilities.
- 2 .Advising and assisting the student during the completion of the requirements for the degree.
- 3 .Assisting the student in preparing for the internship.
- 4 .Ensuring that the student is aware of assistance and services provided for graduate students by various university offices.

### Degree Requirements

- 1 .Thirty-six semester hours must be completed.

Core Courses (18 hours)

MAT 5703  
MAT 6503  
MAT 6043  
MAT 6003  
MAT 6053  
MAT 6403

Middle/Secondary (18 hours)

MAMS 5333  
MAMS 6303  
MAMS 6063  
MAMS 5303  
MAMS 6806 - all coursework in program must be completed to enroll in MAMS 6806

Extra courses required by Arkansas State Department for licensure purposes:

Arkansas History (*Middle Level and Secondary social studies majors*)

Completion of a Prescribed Pathway for Awareness Level Certificate for scientific reading instruction.

A Human Development Course based on the major (*Middle Level or Secondary Level*)

An internship in the public school must be successfully completed.

- 2 .A cumulative grade point average of a 3.00 or better must be achieved in all graduate work attempted at Arkansas Tech University, with a maximum of six (6) hours of "C" grades. A student receiving more than six (6) hours of "C" or grades lower than "C" should refer to the section of the catalog on [Academic Probation and Dismissal](#).
- 3 .Twenty-Seven hours of graduate work must be taken while in residence at Arkansas Tech University\*. Full-time residence is not required.
- 4 .The master's degree program must be completed within six (6) years from the time of admission to the graduate program.
- 5 .A maximum of nine (9) semester hours of graduate credit with a grade point average of "B" or better may be transferred from an accredited graduate school if deemed appropriate to the graduate program by the program director or department head.

## Degree Works

Degree Works is a software tool utilized by Arkansas Tech University designed to detail academic progression. It allows both students and advisors to monitor course progress towards degree completion and clearly indicates which course requirements have been met as well as how courses transfer into a program. Transfer courses must be approved through the use of a substitution/waiver form available via the Registrar for progress to display correctly within Degree Works.

Degree Works will display course progression based on the current program of study, but a "what-if" scenario can be generated for any program to see how progression looks with the courses currently completed and in progress. Note that if you have applied to and been admitted to a graduate program while still finishing your undergraduate program, Degree Works will show your new program of study in the graduate program and you would have to generate a "what-if" query to see your undergraduate degree progress.

## Application for Graduation

In addition to satisfying all degree requirements, a candidate for a degree must file an [Application for Graduation](#) online or at the Graduate College. Students must apply for graduation upon completion of fifteen (15) graduate credit hours.

## Special Conditions of Graduate Credit

Graduate Credit Taken Prior to Admission to Arkansas Tech University

A maximum of nine (9) semester hours of graduate credit with a grade point average of "B" or better may be transferred from an accredited graduate school if deemed appropriate to the graduate program by the head of the student's major department and the Graduate College Dean. Students must send a written request to the head of their major department to petition an acceptance of the transfer credit prior to requesting admission to candidacy to the graduate program. Graduate credit earned six (6) years prior to the completion date of all degree requirements may not be applied toward the degree without the approval of the appropriate program director and the Graduate College Dean. Credits earned by correspondence courses or for remedial purposes will not apply toward the graduate degree. No undergraduate course may be repeated for graduate credit.

Graduate Credit Taken After Admission to Arkansas Tech University

If after admission to graduate study, a student wishes to take a course at another institution to count toward degree requirements at Arkansas Tech University, the student must, in advance of enrollment, obtain written approval from the program director and the Graduate College Dean.