The graduate program in secondary education provides a means for continued intellectual growth through advanced-level course work. It seeks to develop teacher-leaders who will make significant contributions in schools. The program is designed for all qualified students regardless of whether they currently hold a Texas teaching certificate.

Students pursue a master’s degree in secondary education to improve their practice and to grow professionally. Others use the knowledge, skills and professional dispositions learned in the program to serve as campus leaders in curriculum and instruction or even as a foundation to pursue a doctoral degree.

Texas State University offers both a master of education in secondary education and a master of arts in secondary education. The programs are designed for students to receive master’s degrees in an area of education that will enhance their current role in an educational setting. The master of education degree is for students who are seeking professional development to become more effective and more informed teachers or who seek to become qualified to teach dual-credit courses. The master of arts in secondary education meets the needs of experienced teachers and is also a preparation for doctoral studies in education.
Course Work

Master of Education in Secondary Education
The 36-hour master of education (M.Ed.) with a major in secondary education consists of either (a) 24 hours in secondary education and 12 hours in an academic minor, (b) 18 hours in secondary education and 18 hours in an academic minor, or (c) 27 hours in secondary education and nine hours in an academic minor. The 18/18-hour program is designed for students who seek to become qualified to teach dual-credit courses (e.g., history, math, English, etc.) in their high schools. The 27/9-hour program is for students seeking a concentration in Education Technology or Talent Development. All other concentrations are under the 24/12-hour program.

Master of Arts in Secondary Education
The master of arts (M.A.) with a major in secondary education requires 21 semester hours in secondary education and a nine-hour cognate in a closely related field or a minor in some other area. Within those 21 hours are six hours of thesis work. The M.A. in secondary education is not recommended for students who also seek teacher certification.

Course Offerings
Many classes that lead to teacher certification in secondary education are available on the San Marcos campus, online or at the Round Rock Campus north of Austin. A written comprehensive exam, taken during the last semester of course work, is required of all secondary education majors.

Additional information about degrees and course work in secondary education may be found at www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/secondary-education. This website also lists a suggested sequence of courses for program completion.

Admission Policy
In addition to the general requirements for admission to the Texas State Graduate College, the M.Ed. in secondary education program requires a minimum GPA of 2.75 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work leading to a bachelor’s degree. Students who do not meet this requirement may be admitted with conditions developed by the graduate advisor in consultation with the graduate faculty.

Applicants to the M.A. program require a minimum of a 3.40 GPA in the last 60 hours of undergraduate studies. Students who do not meet the criteria but have a GPA in the last 60 hours between 3.25 and 3.39 may be considered for conditional admission. M.A. applicants are required to submit a one-page statement of purpose that identifies and describes their research interests.

Each applicant must submit the following to the Graduate College at Texas State:
• an official Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
• official transcript from each four-year college or university attended
• one-page statement of purpose that identifies and describes their research interests

Visit www.gradcollege.txstate.edu for access to an online application and additional details. Applications are due June 15 for the fall semester, October 15 for the spring semester and April 15 for the summer semester.

Financial Assistance
For more information about scholarships, financial aid and application deadlines, visit the Graduate College website at www.gradcollege.txstate.edu and click on Financing Your Graduate Education. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

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“The course work is challenging, and I was able to work at my own pace and at my maximum level of competence. I worked the hardest I have ever worked and I am grateful for the opportunity to have done so. The faculty is professional, caring and easy to work with, and they made me feel welcome and wanted in the field of education. In addition to my classroom work, I interned at a high school — a great opportunity to see what it’s really like to be a teacher. The teacher recruitment program has prepared me to get my teaching certificate and get a job as a history teacher.”

— Victor Fitzjarrald TEACHER RECRUITMENT PROGRAM GRADUATE