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Master of Arts in Teaching
with EC-12 and 7-12 Teacher Certification
Online Graduate Program

About the Program
The Master of Arts in Teaching degree is an exciting and innovative graduate program that prepares students to teach in Texas public schools. By exploring the roles of teacher as researcher, scholar-practitioner, and educational leader, the master’s program cultivates a learning community of faculty and students through dialogue and critical inquiry. This program is designed for students who have earned an undergraduate degree but are not certified to teach. The learning outcomes of this 36-hour graduate degree program are based on the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education professional standards.

SFA’s Post-Baccalaureate Initial Certification (PBIC) program includes:
• Fully online coursework*
• Certification courses offered in 8-week sessions (beginning in August, October, January, and March) to allow students to complete certification more quickly
• One-on-one attention from an advisor
• Small classes (15-30 students)
• A one-semester on-site student teaching experience OR a one-year paid internship (both supervised through SFASU)
• 18 graduate hours that count towards a 36-hour master’s degree (Master of Arts in Teaching)
• High passing rates on the TExES exam
• Certification in an EC-12 or 7-12 content area

PBIC completers are now employed in districts around Texas, including Pasadena ISD, San Antonio ISD, Spring ISD, and many more!

*There is one face-to-face meeting required on a Saturday for students to take the mastery certification exam (in preparation for the state certification exam).
How to Apply
Applications for the MAT program are accepted continuously. Applicants should apply no later than two weeks prior to the start of the semester. (To see semester dates, visit the SFA Academic Calendar.) To apply for the program, the applicant must do the following:

1. Sign up and take the PACT. All-level and 7-12 students will take the TExES content test that you desire to teach. For information about the PACT, please visit the ETS TExES site.
2. Apply to Stephen F. Austin State University’s Graduate School via ApplyTexas.org.
3. If you did not graduate from SFA, ensure that copies of your undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) transcripts are sent to the SFA Graduate School.

Upon acceptance, you will receive a letter stating your eligibility for the one-year teaching internship on a Probationary Certificate. After completing the Texas Standard Teaching Certificate, you will have the option to continue coursework in your program area to complete a master’s degree.

For more information about applying to the program, please contact Ms. Katie Snyder at snyderke1@sfasu.edu.

Costs & Financial Aid
Prospective students can calculate tuition and fee expenses by visiting the SFA Tuition Calculator.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. For more information, please contact the SFA Financial Aid Office at (936) 468-2403.

The TEACH Grant provides scholarships to qualified individuals who seek to obtain a degree with initial teacher certification. Learn more information on the SFA Financial Aid Office’s TEACH Grant page.

Student loan forgiveness programs are also available. View the Texas Education Agency’s Student Loan Forgiveness for Teachers page for more information.