TEACHER PREPARATION
SECONDARY EDUCATION

We prepare teachers to influence the educational world, from the earliest learner to the adult, by promoting essential, systematic changes at the local level and beyond. Teaching fields in grades 6-12 include English language arts, social studies, science, and mathematics. Teaching fields in grades PK-12 include art, music, French, Spanish, and English as a Second Language. We offer a master’s degree, with traditional and alternative tracks leading to Class A certification. Teachers with Class A certification in a secondary teaching field (grades 6-12) can earn an Educational Specialist degree leading to Class AA certification.
GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

Information Sessions

The Department of Curriculum & Instruction hosts informational sessions each week for students looking to pursue graduate studies in Secondary Education.

Alternative Master's (AMP) Mondays, 5:00 PM
Traditional Master's (MA) Thursdays, 4:00 PM
Educational Specialist (EdS) Thursdays, 5:00 PM

All sessions are held in:
UAB Education Building (EB) - Room 100
900 14th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35294-1250
Phone: 205-934-5371

Application Process

Application is made through the UAB Graduate School online at uab.edu/graduate

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST (EDS)

GOAL: ENHANCE TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS
TARGETED CERTIFICATION: CLASS AA
PREREQUISITE: CLASS A CERTIFICATION IN SAME FIELD
ADMISSION TEST: MAT OR GRE
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 30
COURSES FOR TEACHING FIELDS, GRADES 6-12:
• INTRODUCTION TO TEACHER LEADERSHIP (ONLINE)
• ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF TEACHING (ONLINE)
• CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY RESPONSIVE INSTRUCTION (ONLINE)
• INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH DESIGN (ONLINE)
• INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH IN EDUCATION
• ADVISOR-APPROVED ELECTIVE (OFTEN ONLINE)
• 12 HOURS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE, OR MATHEMATICS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR AN INFORMATION SESSION

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TRADITIONAL MASTER'S (MA)

GOAL: IMPROVE TEACHING SKILLS
TARGETED CERTIFICATION: CLASS A
PREREQUISITE: CLASS B CERTIFICATION IN SAME FIELD
ADMISSION TEST: MAT OR GRE
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 30 IN MOST FIELDS
COURSES FOR TEACHING FIELDS, GRADES 6-12:
• INNOVATIVE PRACTICES IN SECONDARY (ONLINE)
• CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES (ONLINE)
• DYNAMICS OF EDUCATIONAL CHANGE (ONLINE)
• DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC METHODS COURSE
• 12 HOURS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE, OR MATHEMATICS
6 CREDIT HOURS FROM AMONG THE FOLLOWING:
• MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION (ONLINE)
• URBAN EDUCATION (ONLINE)
• CRITICAL SOCIAL ISSUES: AMERICAN ED (ONLINE)
• ADVISOR-APPROVED ELECTIVE (OFTEN ONLINE)

FOR COURSES FOR PK-12 TEACHING FIELDS GO TO:
WWW.UAB.EDU/EDUCATION/CHECKLISTS

ALTERNATIVE MASTER'S PROGRAM (AMP)

GOAL: ENTER THE TEACHING PROFESSION
TARGETED CERTIFICATION: ALTERNATIVE CLASS A
PREREQUISITE: UC DEGREE WITH 2.75 GPA
PREREQUISITE COURSES: NONE IN MOST FIELDS
ADMISSION TESTS: PRAXIS SUBJECT, CORE SKILLS
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 43-45 IN MOST FIELDS
COURSES FOR TEACHING FIELDS, GRADES 6-12:
• EDUCATION AS A PROFESSION
• CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT
• INTRO TO EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS
• MEASUREMENT & ASSESSMENT
• READING IN CONTENT AREAS
• CURRENT ISSUES: DIVERSITY
• INTERNSHIP AND INTERNSHIP SEMINAR
• 2 DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC METHODS COURSES
• 12+ HOURS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE, OR MATHEMATICS

FOR COURSES FOR PK-12 TEACHING FIELDS GO TO:
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EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST (EDS)

GOAL: ENHANCE TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS
TARGETED CERTIFICATION: CLASS AA
PREREQUISITE: CLASS A CERTIFICATION IN SAME FIELD
ADMISSION TEST: MAT OR GRE
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 30
COURSES FOR TEACHING FIELDS, GRADES 6-12:
• INTRODUCTION TO TEACHER LEADERSHIP (ONLINE)
• ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF TEACHING (ONLINE)
• CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY RESPONSIVE INSTRUCTION (ONLINE)
• INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH DESIGN (ONLINE)
• INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH IN EDUCATION
• ADVISOR-APPROVED ELECTIVE (OFTEN ONLINE)
• 12 HOURS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE, OR MATHEMATICS

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