

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) in Secondary Education Social Studies
Admissions Requirements and Information
<http://www.ed.sc.edu/SA/programs2/secondary.html#5>

I. Application to the Degree Program

LAST DAY TO APPLY: March 1st preceding the summer or fall of anticipated enrollment and October 15th preceding the spring of anticipated enrollment

To apply for the M.A.T. Secondary Education Social Studies program, submit:

- A. Complete the online application to the Graduate School (<http://www.gradschool.sc.edu>) including:
 1. Application form with supplemental application and fee (check or money order)
 2. Official transcript with bachelor's degree posted
 3. Official copy of test scores (see III C below)
 4. Proof of immunization form
 5. Proof of health insurance
 6. Two letters of recommendation
 - a. One academic or professional letter of reference; and
 - b. For applicants planning a career change, one letter from a previous employer; or for applicants who have just graduated or who do not have work experience, one additional academic letter.
 7. Letter of intent stating why you want to enter the teaching profession, how you are suited to enter the profession, and what you expect to gain from the program.
- B. Group interviews will be conducted as part of the screening process held soon after the deadline. Contact the Office of Secondary Education (803-777-8185) soon after the deadline for the date, time, and place of the interviews.
- C. All application materials must be received by the Graduate School on or before "last day to apply" for preferred term of admission.
- D. All full-time graduate students (enrolled in 9 hrs. or more), all Graduate Assistants, and all international students must either purchase the University's health insurance plan or provide evidence of coverage on another comparable health insurance plan.
- E. The number of students admitted to the teacher education program each year depends upon the availability of resources for maintaining quality instruction.
- F. Meeting the minimum standards does not guarantee admission.

III. Admission Requirements for the Degree Program

In order to be considered for admission to the M.A.T. Secondary Education Social Studies program, students must have:

- A. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- B. A minimum undergraduate GPA (grade point average) of 2.50 on a 4.00 based system, however *higher GPA's are preferred*
- C. Acceptable Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores or Miller Analogies Test (the MAT) scaled scores. The minimum scores on the GRE are a 400 verbal and a 400 quantitative. The minimum score on the MAT is 393. Call the USC Orientation and Testing Office, 803-777-2782, for test registration information.
- D. Acceptance by the program area faculty representative and the Department of Instruction and Teacher Education (ITE) in the College of Education on the basis of the applicant's total academic profile and successful interview with faculty
- E. Completed 30 credit hours of the following prerequisite courses, in order to begin program with no grade below C:
 1. 18 hours history including a minimum of:

- a. 6 hours American history;
 - b. 6 hours world or European history; and
 - c. 6 hours of upper level course work which may include American, world, or European;
2. 3 hours geography;
 3. 3 hours sociology or anthropology or psychology;
 4. 3 hours government and international studies or political science; and
 5. 3 hours of economics.

NOTE: Students may be able to use previous graduate course work to satisfy the prerequisite course requirements, however course work taken to fulfill prerequisite requirements cannot be counted as part of the M.A.T. Program of Study. It is possible to be admitted to the program with contingencies. Students can begin the M.A.T. program while finishing prerequisites.

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