MASTER OF TEACHING

GRADUATE-ENTRY TEACHING QUALIFICATION

The Master of Teaching (MTeach) is a graduate-entry professional teaching qualification to become an accredited teacher in NSW and other Australian jurisdictions. It is open to students who already have an undergraduate degree.

THE DEGREE IS AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS (you only specialise in one area):

– Early Childhood (0–5 years)
– Primary School (K–6)
– Secondary School (7–12)
– School Counselling (K–12)

How long does it take?
Master of Teaching = two years full time
Reduced Load (subject to quotas and availability) = four years

Is there a one-year course?
No. The University of Sydney discontinued its one-year Graduate Diploma of Education 12 years ago and replaced it with a higher level course due to growing demands on teacher accreditation.

Am I eligible to apply?
If you have an undergraduate degree you are eligible to apply, however you need to meet the subject content requirements for your chosen stream. The entry requirements are outlined below.

You may apply if you are still completing your undergraduate degree but you must have completed your degree by March of the year of commencement.

Will I receive credit for my undergraduate degree?
Because the MTeach combines with undergraduate degrees to give a teaching qualification, credit/advance standing is not awarded for bachelor’s degrees.

What is the starting level of teacher for MTeach graduates?
MTeach graduates commence their careers with five-year teacher-training status – and starting salary – in NSW and other Australian jurisdictions.

When are classes held?
All classes are timetabled during the day Monday to Friday, 9am–6pm. There are no evening, weekend, correspondence or distance classes.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

There are four entry requirements:

1. An undergraduate degree at an accredited university (eg. Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Economics).

2. Undergraduate subject content requirements:
   a. Primary and Secondary – you must meet the subject content requirements (SCR) in your undergraduate studies as set by the NSW Institute of Teachers for each of the teaching methods or curriculum area/s to which you are seeking admission.
   b. Early Childhood – an undergraduate degree and an interview
   c. School Counselling – a four-year degree in psychology (Honours or a Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology) and the subject content requirement prerequisites in one teaching area.

3. A good academic record. The course has high academic standards so applicants with a record containing many fail grades or conceded passes will not be offered a place. There is no set WAM or GPA requirement.

4. Proficiency in the use of English language (oral and written). For overseas applicants an IELTS score of 7.5 or more is required and good oral communication is essential (see website for details).
Can I do the course part time?
‘Reduced Load’ mode is usually offered (subject to quotas). This means you enrol in fewer credit points than the full-time load and are a part-time student. Classes are held during the day time (the same as for full-time students). We do not offer a specific part-time course. This means you will need to be available for timetabled classes on any or all days of the week. Personal timetables are only available at the start of each semester.

Can I do the course by correspondence?
No. The faculty has a strict face-to-face attendance policy. Courses are not offered by distance education or online.

What subjects can I teach in the Secondary program?
Candidates in the Secondary program will need to specialise in either:

one Double Method – one teaching area from those on offer as a double method (currently these are maths, science and languages)

or
two Single Methods – two teaching areas from those on offer (currently these are ancient history; modern history; English; drama; maths; science; TESOL; geography; society and culture, or legal studies; languages; economics; business studies; classical Hebrew and Judaic studies)

Am I a local student?
Local students are Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents, humanitarian-visa holders and New Zealand citizens.

Will the University assess my transcript to see if I am eligible?
No. You need to use the information provided on the Faculty of Education and Social Work website to complete a self-assessment of your eligibility. The University won’t enter into correspondence about the suitability of individual subjects or examine your transcripts prior to receiving a formal application.

What if I don’t meet the subject content requirements (SCRs)?
You will need to complete the required units prior to commencing the MTeach. You can enrol in non-award study with the relevant faculty – for example, the Faculty of Science for science units; the Faculty of Arts for humanities – in order to meet the SCRs for your chosen teaching method/s. Many faculties accept mid-year enrolments; please contact them directly. Please note: you can complete your undergraduate studies at any university and it is your responsibility to arrange non-award study – it is not completed as part of the MTeach course. Applicants requiring no more than one unit of study to meet SCRs may be given a conditional offer for the MTeach. The missing unit must then be completed concurrently. Note: preference is given to applicants who fulfill all the requirements; if quotas are met by applicants who fulfill requirements, then no conditional offers will be made.

How do I make up the KLA/s for entry into the MTeach(Primary)?
See the information given in the previous answers. Essentially, you will need to work out what KLA/s you are missing and then enrol in the appropriate non-award study prior to commencing the MTeach.

Additional information about this degree and how to apply for admission is available from the website:
sydney.edu.au/education_social_work/future_students/postgraduate/mteach/index.shtml

or

Contact the Sydney Student enquiry office
Phone: 1300 362 006