TEACHING, MASTER OF (M.T.)
WITH A CONCENTRATION IN
HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES
EDUCATION

Program goal
The Master of Teaching curricula are designed to incorporate eligibility
for initial teaching licensure in Virginia in early and elementary, or
secondary education (biology, chemistry, earth science, English, history
and social studies, mathematics or physics).

The approved curricula include undergraduate qualifying courses as well.
Individuals pursuing the extended program are awarded undergraduate
and graduate degrees simultaneously; baccalaureate degree recipients
who meet the admission criteria also may pursue the Master of Teaching
degree program, including the qualifying courses. The combined
baccalaureate and Master of Teaching program requires a minimum of
153-154 hours, at least 33 of which must be at the graduate level.

Secondary education
The Master of Teaching program includes curricula that lead to
endorsement in one of the following disciplines: biology, chemistry, earth
science, English, history/social studies, mathematics or physics.

In order to enroll in the program, students must apply and be accepted
to both the Extended Teacher Preparation Program and the Graduate
School. Admission information for the Extended Teacher Preparation
Program (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-education/extended-
teacher-preparation-program/) is available in this bulletin.

Student teaching requirements
All students pursuing a secondary education endorsement within the
Master of Teaching program will student teach in the spring semester.
To do so, students must take and pass the Virginia Communication and
Literacy Assessment and their subject-specific Praxis II exams before the
fall semester of the academic year in which they will student teach.

Student learning outcomes
Teaching core outcomes
1. Learner and learning: Understand human development and learning
   theories appropriate to the age group they will teach and acquire an
   awareness of the diversity of the school-age populations’ cultural
   backgrounds, learning strengths and needs
2. Instructional practice: Demonstrate an ability to plan and implement
effective teaching and measure student learning in ways that lead to
   sustained development and learning
3. Professional responsibility: Develop an understanding of purposes for
   education and a defensible philosophical approach toward teaching
   and demonstrate professional dispositions

History/social studies education concentration-specific
outcome
1. Content: Demonstrate knowledge of the subjects they will teach as a
   history/social studies educator

VCU Graduate Bulletin, VCU Graduate School
and general academic policies and regulations
for all graduate students in all graduate
programs
The VCU Graduate Bulletin website documents the official admission and
academic rules and regulations that govern graduate education for all
graduate programs at the university. These policies are established by the
graduate faculty of the university through their elected representatives to
the University Graduate Council.

It is the responsibility of all graduate students, both on- and off-
campus, to be familiar with the VCU Graduate Bulletin as well as the
Graduate School website (http://www.granduate.vcu.edu/) and academic
regulations in individual school and department publications and
on program websites. However, in all cases, the official policies and
procedures of the University Graduate Council, as published on the VCU
Graduate Bulletin and Graduate School websites, take precedence over
individual program policies and guidelines.

Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on
academic regulations for graduate students. (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/
academic-reg/)

Degree candidacy requirements
A graduate student admitted to a program or concentration requiring a
final research project, work of art, thesis or dissertation, must qualify for
continuing master’s or doctoral status according to the degree candidacy
requirements of the student’s graduate program. Admission to degree
candidacy, if applicable, is a formal statement by the graduate student’s
faculty regarding the student’s academic achievements and the student’s
readiness to proceed to the final research phase of the degree program.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following
degree candidacy policy as published in the VCU Graduate Bulletin for
complete information and instructions.

Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on
degree candidacy requirements. (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-reg/
candidacy/)

Graduation requirements
As graduate students approach the end of their academic programs and
the final semester of matriculation, they must form final application to
graduate. No degrees will be conferred until the application to graduate
has been finalized.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following
graduation requirements as published in the Graduate Bulletin for a
complete list of instructions and a graduation checklist.

Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on
graduation requirements. (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-reg/grad/
graduation-info/)

Apply online today. (https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/)
Admission requirements

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In addition to the general admission requirements of the VCU Graduate School (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/study/admission-graduate-study/admission-requirements/), the following requirements represent the minimum acceptable standards for admission:

1. Bachelor’s degree with a major, or equivalent, in history, political science or related area
2. Three letters of recommendation addressing the student’s potential for graduate study in education
3. Statement of intent
4. Transcripts of all previous college work

Additionally, there are several tests that students must pass for admission to teacher preparation, admission to student teaching and licensure in Virginia. Students should consult the Teacher Preparation page (https://soe.vcu.edu/admission/teacher-preparation-application/) on the School of Education website for current testing requirements. Admission to clinical experiences in schools requires a background check and fingerprinting.

Please visit the School of Education (https://soe.vcu.edu/academics/masters-programs/master-of-teaching/) website for further information.

Degree requirements

In addition to general VCU Graduate School graduation requirements (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/graduation-info/), students are required to complete course work in core and elective courses.

1. Credit hour requirements: Students are required to complete a minimum of 33-34 credit hours depending on concentration.
2. Grade requirements: Receipt of a grade of C or below in two courses constitutes automatic dismissal from the program. Courses with a grade below C cannot be used to satisfy degree requirements.
3. Student teaching requirements: Students must successfully complete approved student teaching experience. Note: Students must complete all undergraduate courses before student teaching.
4. Additional testing requirement: Students must pass Praxis II, where applicable, for licensure.

Curriculum requirements

Undergraduate courses

Qualifying courses

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Students seeking a Master of Teaching with a concentration in history/social studies should major in history, political science or a related field. History majors will need nine credits of political science, six credits of geography/urban studies and three credits of economics. Political science majors will need 12 credits of history, six credits of geography/urban studies and three credits of economics.