



Prerequisites for the SMCM MAT for licensure in Special Education, Grades 1-8

The MAT admission process is a consideration of applicants' fit to be teachers. Applicants are considered on the basis of grades, but also of dispositions and interpersonal skills.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ One of the following:
 - Final undergrad GPA ≥ 3.0 (can't round up)
 - SAT (pre March 2016): reading + math ≥ 1100
 - SAT (post March 2016): reading + math ≥ 1180
 - ACT ≥ 24
 - GRE ≥ 297
 - Praxis core reading ≥ 156 and Praxis core writing ≥ 162 and Praxis core math ≥ 150 (Copies of student score reports are acceptable)
- ☐ Bachelor's degree completed by start of MAT

Learn more about [Praxis fee waivers](#) and [accommodations on Praxis tests](#)

EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

- ☐ EDUC 206: Education in America
- ☐ EDUC 331: Topics in Behavior and Related Disorders (*only spring*) (*pre-req: PSYC 101*)
- ☐ EDUC 336: Exceptionality (*pre-req: PSYC 101*)
- ☐ EDUC 339: Learning Disabilities (*only fall*) (*pre-req: PSYC 101*)
- ☐ EDUC 368: Educational Psychology (*pre-req: PSYC 101*)
- ☐ EDUC 396: Language Acquisition & Phonemic Awareness (*pre-req: EDUC 206; only offered in fall*)
- ☐ PSYC 431: Infant & Child

C or above in each of these classes, C- will not count. Learn more about [transfer equivalency](#) for national institutions and for specific MAT approved courses from [Maryland Community Colleges](#).

CONTENT PREREQUISITES

- ☐ 8 credits of math
 - LEAD math requirement **AND** Math for Teachers
 - Or department approval
- ☐ 8 credits of literature and writing
 - EDUC 366 **and one of the following:** ENGL 106, ENGL 235 or ENGL 270
 - Or department approval
- ☐ 8 credits of science; choose one:
 - 4 credits of biological science and 4 credits of physical science

Biological Science

- BIOL 101
- BIOL 105/106
- MRNE 110
- ENST 250
- Or dept. approval

Physical Science

- CHEM 103
- CHEM 106
- PHYS 121/122
- PHYS 141/142
- PHYS 151/162
- ASTR 154/155
- ENST 250
- ENST 265
- Or dept. approval

- OR 4 credits of any science (including psyc lab) and Science for Teachers

- ☐ 8 credits of social studies; choose one:
 - Classes from two of the following: history, econ, anthropology, political science, sociology, geography
 - ANTH 101
 - ANTH 302
 - ECON 102
 - ECON 103
 - HIST 104
 - HIST 105
 - HIST 108
 - HIST 200
 - HIST 219
 - HIST 276
 - POSC 100
 - POSC 201
 - POSC 252
 - POSC 312
 - One 4 credit course from the list above and social studies for teachers

C or above in each of these classes, C- will not count. These prerequisites prepare students to teach Maryland College and Career Ready Standards and meet the [CAEP 2018 K-6 Elementary Teacher Preparation Standards](#), Standard 2: Understanding and Applying Content and Curricular Knowledge for Teaching.