All graduate students who need financial assistance to attend Southern Arkansas University should contact the University’s Office of Financial Aid between January 1 and June 1 of each year. Eligibility for a federal aid program is determined through the filing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid need analysis. It takes approximately six weeks for the application to be processed.

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The mission of the Southern Arkansas University School of Graduate Studies is to prepare individuals for positions of leadership in a variety of professions by providing advanced and specialized education. The curricula and instructional technologies are designed to meet the needs of students in our region and to prepare them to compete in a diverse and dynamic society.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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(M.A.T.) PROGRAM
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1.) Official transcripts of all undergraduate coursework submitted to the Office of Admissions, Field Experience, and Licensure (AFEL) before beginning the first semester of coursework. One should reflect that the student was awarded a degree in the desired field of teaching, either as a major or minor course of study.

2.) Scores submitted on the Praxis I test that demonstrate a passing score in all three areas of the test as required for provisional licensure by the Nontraditional Licensure Office of Arkansas Department of Education or a Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score of 1000 (verbal plus quantitative) before beginning the first semester of coursework to the AFEL office.

The Master of Arts in Teaching degree includes an option to add licensure as an Instructional Specialist 4-12 (Special Education) without increasing the number of semester hours. Passing scores on the Praxis I and Praxis II tests in that area are also required if the student chooses the add-on licensure option.

Specific Degree Requirements

Each candidate for the Master of Arts in Teaching degree must complete 36 semester hours of coursework.

- SPED 5273 Classroom and Group Management
- SPED 5073 Survey of Exceptional Individuals
- EDUC 6073 Fundamentals of Education
- EDUC 5043 Educational Measurement
- EDUC 6063 Applications of Technology in Education
- EDUC 6263 Methods and Media in Secondary Education
- EDUC 5203 Strategies for Content Area Reading
- EDUC 6853 Multimedia for Educators
- COUN 6833 Foundations of Adolescent Education: Learning and Motivation
- SPED 5663 Educational Diagnosis and Assessment
- EDUC 6703 Internship I (first year of teaching)
- EDUC 6713 Internship II (first year of teaching)

Additional Requirements

During the first semester of the program students must 1) complete an application for a non-traditional provisional license from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, available from the Admissions, Field Experience and Licensure Office and 2) complete a criminal background check.

By the middle of the second semester students must submit passing scores on the Praxis II content knowledge tests to the Admissions, Field Experience and Licensure Office in order to continue in the program.

(M.A.T.) PROGRAM
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Master of Arts in Teaching program at Southern Arkansas University is designed to enable career changes for those people who hold baccalaureate degree in subject areas commonly taught at the secondary level, grades 7-12. The two year program is comprised of 30 hours of graduate coursework, followed by a year of teaching as a fully-employed teacher of record in a public school. This program is student-centered, as well, with strengths including the strong leadership of a committed and dedicated director with 20 years of experience as a secondary classroom teacher and the convenience of a combination of online and face-to-face night classes. Additionally students enjoy the full support of the program faculty during their first year of teaching along with that offered by a state-trained Pathwise Mentor at the school level.

LICENSURE AREAS

- Agriculture
- Business Education
- Drama/Speech
- English
- Family and Consumer Science
- French
- Life/Earth Science
- Mathematics
- Music, Vocal and Instrumental
- Physical/Earth Science
- Physical Education
- Social Studies (AR History Course Required)
- Spanish