

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING
in Reading and Language Arts



School of Education and Human Services
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Rochester, MI 48309-4401
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Master of Arts in Teaching Reading and Language and Arts

Program Overview

This program prepares current classroom teachers to address the literacy needs of young children, adolescents and adults. Students will learn to work effectively and efficiently in settings where class sizes range from 5 to 40 or more learners. The MAT program allows certified teachers to add the Reading (BT), Language Arts (BX) or Reading Specialist (BR) endorsement to a Michigan teaching certificate. The core program is the same for each endorsement but Oakland can only recommend students for one endorsement program based on those courses.

Requirements and elective options vary according to the intended endorsement program. Endorsement candidates must complete the coursework and pass the appropriate Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) content area exam before the endorsement can be issued by the State.

Accreditation

Oakland University's School of Education and Human Services teacher preparation program is accredited by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC).

Degree Requirements

The requirement for the MAT in Reading and Language Arts is 32 credits. A Student may elect the two-course option, in lieu of the Master's Project (RDG 699). This option will require students to complete 36 credits. Successfully completing the MAT-BR program and passing the MTTC Reading Specialist exam (test 092) qualify graduates for the Reading Specialist (BR) endorsement.

Admission Criteria

Applicants to the MAT degree in reading and language arts apply for admission through Graduate Admissions. Applications are accepted on-line at any time. Applicants are notified of their status after submitting all required documents.

The department considers only those applicants who hold baccalaureate degrees from regionally accredited institutions. While an undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 is the minimum standard for admission, other factors bearing on potential academic success are given due consideration.

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Required Core and Elective Courses

Required Core	
Course	Description
RDG 500	Foundations of Reading Instruction
RDG 571	Foundations of Literature for Children & Adults
RDG 575	Teaching Writing in the Elementary and Secondary Schools
RDG 632	Diagnosis of Reading Disabilities
RDG 633	Correction of Reading Disabilities
RDG 699	Master's Project: Independent Study (IS)

**Note: A Student may elect the two-course (8-credit) option, in lieu of the Master's Project (RDG 699). This option will require students to complete 36 credits.*

Elective Courses	
Course	Description
RDG 510	Inquiry-Based Literacy Instruction
RDG 532	Teaching Reading in the Primary Grades
RDG 534	Reading-Language Arts Instruction – Elementary Education
RDG 538	Reading/Learning in Content Subjects
RDG 540	Leadership Literacy Instruction
RDG 561	Phonics in Proper Perspective
RDG 563	Reading Writing Connection
RDG 570	Authors and Illustrators, Arts and Crafts
RDG 573	Literature for Middle and Senior Schools
RDG 574	Literature for the Young Child
RDG 576	Poetry: Reading and Writing
RDG 577	Narrative Reading and Writing
RDG 578	Nonfiction Reading and Writing
RDG 590	Independent Study in Reading & Language Arts

**Note: Please consult the OU schedule of classes for a list of offerings at www.oakland.edu/registrar.*

Course Formats	
Classroom	Face-to-face traditional classes.
Online	Class sessions are online. Online classes may have up to three (3) face-to-face classes.
Hybrid	Some class sessions are face-to-face; others are online.
Independent Study (IS)	Must be arranged in advance with full-time faculty

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Application Deadlines:
Fall - July 15
Winter - November 15
Summer - March 15

Please send all documentation to: Oakland University
Office of Graduate Admissions
2200 N. Squirrel Road
520 O'Dowd Hall
Rochester, MI 48309-4401

You do not need to submit this checklist as part of your application. This document is ONLY intended for your personal reference and organizational purposes.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

I am submitting the following required materials:

- Graduate application form, available online at oakland.edu/grad/apply.
 - a. *Grad Application Type* is **Grad – Master's**.
 - b. *Planned Course of Study* is **MAT in Reading and Language Arts**
 - c. *Location Preference* is **Macomb University Center (Clinton Township) OR Main Campus**
- Official Transcripts** of all undergraduate and graduate work. To be considered official, a transcript must be sent to OU's Graduate Admissions office by the registrar's office of each college/university you attended. You do not need to provide transcripts from OU.
- Two **Recommendation for Graduate Admission** forms. Recommendation forms must be returned in a sealed, signed envelope.
- Supplemental Application** for School of Education and Human Services (International Students ONLY)

Please direct any questions to:

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