

Single Subject Credential Program
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For additional information, requirements, and application materials: www.sjsu.edu/secondaryed.

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The California Single Subject Teaching Credential is a license to teach specific subjects in California public schools. If you want to teach in a middle school or high school or if you are already teaching but need to complete your credential work, San Jose State University offers program options for you. These include traditional and two-year cohort internship.

How long does it take to complete the Single Subject Credential Preliminary coursework at SJSU?

The length of the program is tailored to the needs of individual candidates. The curriculum includes eight courses and two student teaching experiences. Candidates can elect to go part time or full time. Candidates teaching or working fulltime may take up to five years to finish.

What is the Single Subject Internship Credential?

This two-year program, designed for non-credentialed teachers employed in one of the Internship partner school districts, has several advantages to the traditional program including an on-site coach and support from the University throughout the two years. The program begins with an intensified four-week summer seminar and teaching experience. Interns then take one course plus a student teaching seminar each semester. There also is a 5-6 week course in the summer between years one and two. While candidates are in this program, they are issued a two-year Intern credential. A list of the Partner School Districts can be found on our website. The Internship program starts once a year in June. There are 35 seats available per year. For information, send an email to: ssintern@email.sjsu.edu.

What is the G.P.A requirement?

A grade point average of approximately 2.75 for all college and university coursework is required for admission in the Single Subject Credential Program. Credential candidates must maintain a GPA of 3.0 for all work in the Program. **NOTE:** Candidates with an incoming GPA lower than 2.50 will not be considered for admission to the university or the program. GPA for admission to the university is calculated by the last 60 semester units or by the last 90 quarter units taken.

What are the costs for the Single Subject Credential Program?

For an updated list of tuition fees, please visit our website, shown above.

What is the deadline in order to apply to the Single Subject Credential Program?

Spring 08 –We will continue accepting applications until January 18, as space allows. Fall 2008 applications will be reviewed beginning April 15.

What if I obtained my degree from another country?

Individuals who completed college or university coursework at an institution in a country other than the U.S. & who do not have a degree from somewhere in the U.S. must obtain a complete evaluation of foreign transcripts, degrees' & other relevant documents prior to applying to the Single Subject Credential Program. A list of these evaluation agencies can be found at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl635.pdf>. The outcome of this evaluation must state whether or not the applicant completed coursework equivalent to a 4-year U.S. bachelors degree. *Our office will need one official set of the evaluation from one of these agencies and SJSU Graduate Studies will need an official set from the foreign University. **FYI:** If a Masters or higher degree was obtained in the U.S. then you do not need to have your foreign transcripts for your bachelors degree evaluated.*

How many courses are required of actual credential coursework?

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| __ED 3__ | Subject Specific Methods | 3 units |
| EDSC 162 | Language/Literacy Development of Secondary L2 Learners | 3 units |
| EDSC 138A | Reading, Language & Instruction in a Diverse Content Area Classroom | 3 units |
| EDSC 172A | Social, Philosophical Multicultural Foundations of Secondary Education | 4 units |
| EDSC 173 | Psychological Foundations of Secondary Education | 3 units |
| EDSC 182 | Evaluation | 3 units |
| EDSC 184X | Student Teaching I | 4 units |
| __ED 184Y | Student Teaching II | 4 units |
| __ED 184Z | Student Teaching III | 4 units |
| EDTE 190 | Health Education for Classroom Teacher | 3 units |
| EDSE 192 | Mainstreaming the Exceptional Pupil | 3 units |

When will I be assigned a Secondary Education Advisor?

You will be issued a Secondary Education advisor after all prerequisites are submitted and you are admitted to the program.

To apply to the Single Subject Credential Program complete and submit the following pre-requisites

(Please keep copies of everything you submit for your files.)

- Apply online** to Graduate Studies and Research at www.csumentor.edu before the deadline. You will also pay your \$55 university fee online.
- Subject Matter Competency-** To meet subject matter competency requirement, candidates must complete an approved subject matter preparation curriculum (or the equivalent) or pass the CSET exam in one of the following subject areas. The subject matter coordinators listed below are responsible for reviewing subject matter preparation. Please take a copy of transcripts to your appointment. If CSET is required, please submit copy of exam results as well as the subject matter competency report to SH 301.

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| Art | Professor Lee Hanson Professor Donna Thompson | 924-4396 924-4395 | A211 A 211 | Lee.Hanson@sjsu.edu donnart@pacbell.net |
| English | For an appointment with an English advisor please contact the English dept. at 408-924-4425. | | | |
| Foreign Lang. | Dr. Helen Chan Dr. Dominique Vanhoof | 924-4618 924-4608 | CH 408K CH 421 | vipchan@aol.com dvanhoof@email.sjsu.edu |
| Math/Science | Ann Baldwin | 924-5184 | DH 212 | Abaldwin@jupiter.sjsu.edu |
| Music | Professor Diana Hollinger | 924-4631 | MUS 103 | diana.hollinger@sjsu.edu |
| Physical Education | Dr. Susan Wilkinson | 924-3034 | SPXE 84 | susanwilkinson@hup.sjsu.edu |
| Social Science | Please email Kate Davis at mkdgeog@mac.com for an advising appointment. | | | |

- Writing Requirement** - An on-site writing task will be completed at the time of the subject matter review or at a time designated by the subject area department.
- Applicant Information Form-** Must be completed and submitted to SH 301 and can be found on our website.
- 3 Current** Letters of Recommendation from individuals on a professional level (ex: employer, professor)
- Resume** - 1 page stating your work and educational experience (does not need to be related to teaching exp.)
- CBEST** – The original CBEST score sheet and a copy must be submitted to SH 301, even though you may have listed SJSU as one of the receiving agencies. For CBEST registration information, please visit our website.
- Official transcripts-** 2 sets (with bachelors' degree posted) and from all college(s) attended are required. Submit one set with your application to the Secondary Ed. Office (SH 301) & send the 2nd set to Graduate Studies. (If you earned a degree at SJSU, transcripts are only needed for the Secondary Ed. Dept.)
- U.S Constitution** – If you have taken a course, it will be verified once the department receives your transcripts. If you wish to take the exam, please call 423-3530 ext. 0. If you have taken a course outside of CA, you will need to submit a copy of the syllabus or a course description that says the class has covered the U.S. Constitution.
- Technology Competency Exam-** Once you have taken the exam, please submit proof of passing the exam to SH 301. For information on this exam, please call 924-3771 or visit our website. You may choose to take EDIT 122.
- Pre-Professional Experience** - Complete 45 hours of observation in a public junior high or high school during regular classroom hours. This experience should be current, from within the past 2 yrs. **NOTE:** Substitute teaching or teacher aide work can count.
- Certificate of Clearance** (Fingerprinting process) All applicants need to visit our website for fingerprinting instructions and forms. If you have previously been fingerprinted and issued any type of permit from CCTC, please submit a copy of the permit, current or expired; Re-fingerprinting is not required.