

Single Subject Program Description

As of Fall 2017

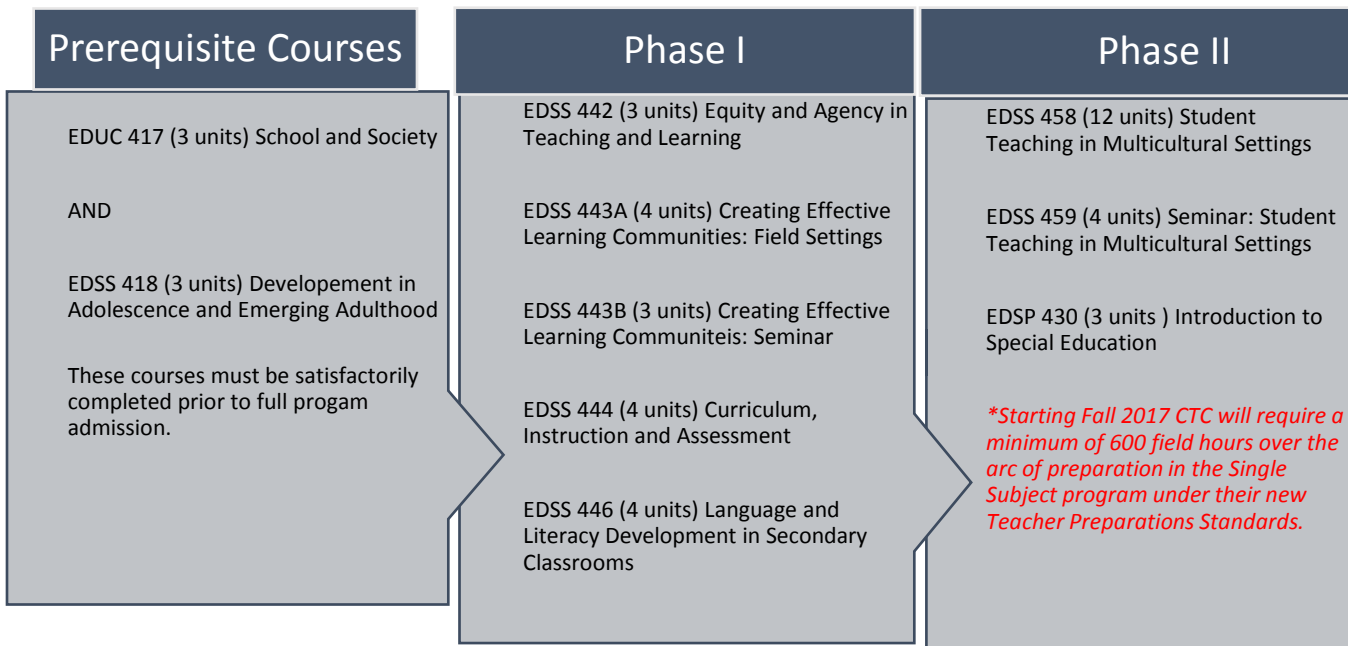
What is a Single Subject Credential?

The Single Subject Credential authorizes the holder to teach in a **departmentalized classroom**. A departmentalized classroom is one in which the teacher specializes in his/her subject area and teaches that single subject only. Students go to their respective classes in different departments rather than being taught all subjects in one self-contained classroom. Single subjects are taught primarily at the secondary level, but some subjects (i.e., art, music, and physical education) may be taught by a single subject teacher at the elementary level.

Subject Matter Content Areas:

English, Social Science, Art, World Languages (Spanish and French), Foundation Level Math, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Foundational Level Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biological Science, Geological Science.

Program Overview (43 semester units)



School of Education
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Vision Statement

Advancing social justice in schools and communities through excellence in education.

Mission Statement

The School of Education provides transformative educational experiences through teaching, research, and key initiatives. We prepare undergraduates, graduate students and credential candidates to advocate for social justice in their learning and throughout their careers so that students, schools, and communities flourish.

Core Values

1. **We believe** that examining and respecting human differences is central to educational inclusivity.
2. **We believe** that collaboration and community partnerships strengthen our work.
3. **We take** a critical and reflective stance in light of educational and social inequities.
4. **We are committed** to equity and access in education for all students.
5. **We promote** meaningful learning through theoretically sound and research-based pedagogies.

Applying to the Program

How do I Apply?

Step 1- APPLY to SSU

*All applicants who are not currently enrolled at SSU through the regular university as graduate/postbac students MUST also apply to Sonoma State University as graduate students via: Contact the School of Education for more details.

This includes undergraduates who will complete their BA or BS degree before starting the credential program.

You will need:

- Official Transcripts
- \$55 application fee



Step 2 - Apply to the Program

Admission Requirements

- BA/BS from an accredited university or senior status
- GPA of 2.67 or higher overall or 2.75 or higher in the last 60 units
- Two Official Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- 45 Hours of Early Field Experience
- **Basic Skills
- **Subject Matter Competency
- Official Transcripts from all institutions attended

In order to complete your field work you must be able to work in a school. These application requirements authorize that work.

- Certificate of Clearance
- TB Clearance
- Legal Seminar

Competency Requirements

Basic Skills

Candidates must show basic proficiency in reading, math and writing.

Provide ONLY ONE of the following:

- Passage of the CBEST: Provide a copy of your PDF report of your passing scores
- Passage of the College Board SAT English (500) & SAT Math (550)
- Passage of the ACT English (22) & ACT Math (23)
- Verification (official copy) of AP English Language and Composition or the AP English Literature and Composition Exam (score of 3 or higher) and the AP Calculus or Statistics Exam (score of 3 or higher).
- Original score report showing a score of “college ready” or “exempt” in the English and Math sections of the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP)
- Original score report showing a score of 50 on the CSU Entry Level Math (ELM) exam and 151 on the CSU English Placement Test (EPT)
- A combination of the scores from the CSU EAP and the EPT/ELM as long as you have passed a section of the English and a section for Math

For more information please visit: https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl667.pdf?sfvrsn=91a6cf60_4

Subject Matter Competency

All California teachers must have deep subject matter knowledge of the subjects they teach. While passage of exam is not required to apply, proof of exam registration is required as part of the application process.

Verification of subject matter competency must be completed and documented prior to beginning Phase I. This requirement can be met in ONE of two ways:

- *Subject Matter Waiver:* Document attesting that the candidate has completed an approved subject matter preparation program (e.g. English, Mathematics, Music, programs at SSU). Please see your program advisor at the institution where you received your Bachelors Degree for confirmation. *Please provide waiver program completion letter or verification of enrollment in a waiver program.*

OR

- *Passage of the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET)* is required by the State of California prior to enrolling in a Single Subjects credential program.

Program applicants should register for the appropriate CSET exams and request for scores to be reported to SSU. CSET test dates, test registration procedures, deadlines, and test score reporting dates are available at <http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/>. You can also contact the Credentials Office for this information.

- **Passing scores for the CSET examinations must be received by our office no later than May 15 in order to be considered for a fall semester admission to the program. Please check the CSET website for test administration and result availability dates in order to meet this score receipt deadline.** Submit photocopy of official score report directly to the Credentials Office

The sooner the exams are taken the better as it takes 4-6 weeks to receive official test results.

Note: At the time when you apply for your credential, the State requires verification additional competencies:

- Course or exam in U.S. Constitution
- Valid CPR card copy which covers Infant, Child and Adult CPR skills
- ▶ **Cumulative 3.0 grade point average upon completion of all program courses:**
 - Individual passing grade is a “C” or better – *includes prerequisites and program coursework*
- ▶ **National Performance Assessment (edTPA) - complete during credential program.**

All candidates completing fieldwork (participant observation or student teaching) in basic teacher education programs are required to carry professional liability insurance. Sonoma State University provides this insurance at no cost to the student.

** If you believe you have completed comparable coursework to that of program requirements, you may petition to *substitute* course requirements. For more information on the petition process please contact the Credentials Office at credential.office@sonoma.edu.