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)**

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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/el667.pdf?sfvrsn=91a6cf60_4](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/el667.pdf?sfvrsn=91a6cf60_4)
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.