Welcome to the Single Subject Teacher Credential/MA Information Session

We will get started shortly but while you wait, please be sure you have reviewed and/or downloaded the resource packet we sent you.

• Introductions
• Presentation format & asking questions
• Housekeeping
- Please sign-in to the chat: Your name and email address
- Be sure you have indicated your subject of interest (Agriculture, English, Math, Science, Social Studies).
• At the end, we will have a Q&A session

The UC Davis Difference

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Principles That Guide US – Our 4 Pillars

Teacher Education
Credential/MA Program

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Credential Programs Offered

- Elementary Programs (grades K-6)
- Secondary Credentials (grades 7-12)
  - Agriculture
  - English
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - Social Science
- Bilingual authorization in Spanish (pp. 16-17) or Mandarin (pp. 18-19) available in all programs, except Agriculture

*High needs areas offered at UCD are:
  Agriculture, math, science, bilingual Spanish

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Is Now A Good Time To Go Into Teaching?

YES!

- Record number of new teachers being hired
- Increased number of students entering the K-12 schools
Master of Arts Degree & Teaching Credential

• The combined program can be completed in less than 2 years
• You are employed as a teacher while taking MA classes at times outside of your teaching workday
• No need to reapply or take the GRE
• Continuation to finish the Master of Arts degree is not required, although the majority of students do complete the MA

Can you Benefit from a Masters Degree?

Hear from some of our recent students: https://ucdavis.box.com/s/ctbpsqoe9jvpsm1cn4ixrspcqowozxt8

Student Teaching at UC Davis

• The K-12 classrooms where students are placed are linguistically, ethnically, and socio-economically diverse and reflect a typical California public school. Due to COVID students are in remote classrooms this year!
• Student teaching placements are in local school districts where we have long-standing partnerships: Davis, Dixon, E& Groves, Fairfield-Suisun, Folsom-Cordova, Natomas, Sacramento City, San Juan, Travis, Twin Rivers, Vacaville, Washington, Winters, Woodland (Partner districts can vary from year to year/subject to subject)
• Faculty determine your placement while considering where you live, transportation needs, and grade level preference
Student Teaching (continued)

- Integrated model in which credential coursework and the public school classroom experience occur concurrently
- Exposure to the full K-12 academic year. You help set up the classroom and are in your placement from the first day of the K-12 school year in August through their last day in June
- UCD Supervisors work closely with Resident Teachers to guide you; frequent observations
- Most students may experience two different classrooms but this will vary by subject and year

Faculty Contacts for program-specific inquiries

Middle/High School Single Subject Credentials (grades 7-12):
- Agriculture: Lynn Martindale, lmartindale@ucdavis.edu
- English: Pauline Holmes, ppholmes@ucdavis.edu
- Mathematics: Matt Wallace, mtwallace@ucdavis.edu
- Science: Megan Bettis, mmckenzie@ucdavis.edu
- Social Sciences: Rebecca Rosa, robrief@ucdavis.edu

Bilingual Emphasis (K-12):
- Mandarin: Nancy Tseng, nsteng@ucdavis.edu
- Spanish: Susana Mayorga-Casanova, smayorgac@ucdavis.edu

Is UC Davis & Teaching for you?

Faith Flomo who completed the UC Davis Multiple Subject/MA program several years ago shares her experience in our program:

https://ucdavis.app.box.com/s/vztmg3jw4q9rmvj0fnzwit6cs2hym8mo
**Deadlines to Apply**

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<td>Applicants who submit their application by the Scholarship Deadline are considered for School of Education Merit-Based Scholarship.</td>
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<td>March 1st</td>
<td>Applicants who submit their application by the General Deadline will be guaranteed a review of their application and qualified applicants will be offered an interview.</td>
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<td>March 2nd through April 15*</td>
<td>Applications received during this time will only be reviewed if there is “space available” in the particular subject to which they are applying.</td>
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**Prerequisite Overview – Most Important!**

1. **BACHELOR’S DEGREE**
   - Must complete all requirements for bachelor’s degree in spring (mid-June)
   - NO summer graduation

2. **30 HOURS OBSERVATION**
   - Refer to application resources for list of options to meet this requirement.

3. **UNDERGRADUATE GPA OF AT LEAST 3.0 from degree-granting university/college**
   - GPA:
     - Limited Exceptions granted
     - Submit unofficial transcripts for review by Student Services
   - All should be completed, or near completion, at time of submission

4. **BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT**
   - Commonly referred to as CBEST
   - Refer to application resources for list of options to meet this requirement. p.8

5. **SUBJECT MATTER (CSET)**
   - Refer to application resources for list of options to meet this requirement. p.9

   *WAIVED for 2021-22 ONLY!*

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**Prerequisite Overview – Secondary Priority**

1. **EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**
   - Complete equivalent course by July
   - UCD may offer a course in summer

2. **U.S. CONSTITUTION**
   - Complete by March of credential program

3. **BILINGUAL AUTORIZATION – ONLY**
   - CSET: MANDARIN SUBTEST III
   - Pass by Aug 1
   - CSET: CHINESE SUBTEST V
   - Pass by March of credential program
   - CSET: SPANISH SUBTEST V
   - Pass by March of credential program

   Can complete after you submit your application

   Course Equivalency Website: https://courses.teach.ucdavis.edu

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Application Tips

- What will you bring to the program/teaching?
- What is your understanding of working with diverse populations and how committed are you to serving them? Provide details in your application!
- Do you have classroom experience at appropriate grade level/subject? In diverse setting? Over a period of time? What other settings have you interacted with learners?
- Do your written responses reflect who you are, why you want to teach?
- Do you have life experiences that required you to be persistent, have you overcome challenges?

Additional Support

- Prescribed course schedule within a cohort model; guaranteed a spot
- Knowledgeable/supportive credential and advising staff
- Job Search Assistance and Support

Resources

The resources listed below were available for download from our website. If you aren't able to locate these or need assistance, please email us at: edualsvising@ucdavis.edu

- Basic Skills (CBEST) p.8
- Subject Matter (CSET) p.9
- Classroom Observation p.10
- Important Links p.11
- Financial Information p.12
- Certificate of Clearance p.13
- Application Submission p.14
- Self-Assessment p.15
- Bilingual Option:
  - Spanish p.16-17
  - Mandarin 18-19
Thank you for joining our Zoom Credential Session – Q&A Time!

- Survey reminder
- Q&A Time!

Q&A Session

To ask a question:
1. Click on “participants” icon on menu bar
2. Select “raise hand”
3. We’ll call on you one at a time.
Prior to an offer of admission, you must provide evidence of meeting the Basic Skills Requirement.

Applicants must verify proficiency in reading, writing, and math. **Table A** lists options you may have already completed to satisfy Basic Skills. If you don’t meet any option in Table A, review **Table B** for exam options. Unofficial test scores are acceptable for admission review. If admitted, official scores are required. Passing scores remain valid indefinitely. For more information, test registration and to order score reports, visit: [https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl667.pdf?sfvrsn=91a6cf60_32](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl667.pdf?sfvrsn=91a6cf60_32)

**TABLE A:** You may have already satisfied the Basic Skills Requirement with one of the following options:

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<td>Advanced Placement (AP)</td>
<td>3 or higher on AP Calculus or AP Statistics</td>
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<td>SAT Reasoning Test</td>
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<td>2b</td>
<td>SAT Reasoning Test -After 3/1/2016</td>
<td>570 or higher</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>ACT</td>
<td>23 or higher</td>
<td>22 or higher</td>
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<td>CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP)*</td>
<td>“College Ready” or “Exempt”</td>
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<td>CSU Placement Tests*</td>
<td>50 or higher on the Entry Level Math (ELM)**</td>
<td>151 or higher on the English Placement Test (EPT)</td>
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<td>Basic Skills Examination from Another State</td>
<td>Pass according to that state’s requirements.</td>
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➢ Document to Submit: **Passing test scores as part of your application.**

*May combine Options 4 & 5 to meet Basic Skills Requirement.

**Prior to 2002 a 550 or higher is required on the ELM.

**TABLE B:** Exam option(s) if you did not satisfy the Basic Skills through any of the options in Table A above.

For Multiple Subject only, you have an additional option (option 8).

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<td>CBEST</td>
<td>Pass</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>CSET Writing Skills</td>
<td>Pass CSET Writing Skills (test code 142) <strong>PLUS</strong> Pass CSET Multiple Subject Subtests I, II, and III</td>
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Document to Submit:

➢ **Apply by Jan 15:** Passing test scores.

OR, if not yet passed, submit test registration. **Passing scores needed by 2/15 for Scholarship consideration. You must meet the Basic Skills Requirement prior to an offer of admission.**

➢ **Apply January 16 – April 15:** Provide testing scores as part of your application. **You must meet the Basic Skills Requirement prior to an offer of admission.**

General information is available at [http://education.ucdavis.edu/general-information/6-basic-skills-requirement](http://education.ucdavis.edu/general-information/6-basic-skills-requirement)
Subject Matter Verification

All credential candidates must verify their understanding of the subject area they wish to teach. The most common way to verify this knowledge is by passing the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET).

The exams are computer-based and offered year-round at specific testing sites. You can register to take all tests at once or one subtest at a time. It is in your best interest to have test requirements completed as early as possible but we will consider exceptions if extenuating circumstances prevent you from meeting these test timelines. Please contact Student Services at eduadvising@ucdavis.edu with any questions. If you haven’t passed the exams you may provide proof of registration indicating that all required CSET subtests will be taken according to the following table:

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<td>➢ Provide test registration/scores for all required CSET exams with a test date no later than 2/15/21*</td>
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<td>By March 1- General</td>
<td>➢ Provide test registration/scores for all required CSET exams with a test date no later than 4/1/21*</td>
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<td>➢ Provide test registration/scores for all required CSET exams. Must provide test results by 5/15/21*</td>
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*Admissions decisions may be delayed until evidence of CSET is provided. Exceptions may be granted to Agriculture applicants due to reduced testing opportunities.

Multiple Subject Applicants
- Multiple Subject - test code 101, 102 (or 214) and 103

Single Subject Applicants
- Agriculture – test code 172, 173, 174
- English – test code 105, 106, 107, 108
- Math – test code 211, 212 (213 is optional but preferred)
  - **Science – test code 215 + (217 or 218 or 219 or 220), based on your science preference:
    - **Biological/Life Sciences – 217
    - **Chemistry –218
    - **Earth and Space /Geosciences – 219
    - **Physics - 220
- Social Science – test code 114, 115, 116

A less common option to verify your subject knowledge is by completing an approved Subject Matter Waiver program. Check with your undergraduate institution to see if you completed such a program. At UC Davis, we offer a Subject Matter Waiver in agriculture and mathematics.

➢ **Document to submit: Completed or In Progress Subject Matter Waiver evaluation**

Important Links
For test taking tips: https://education.ucdavis.edu/pod/cset-preparation
For information on the test and registering: https://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/

**Please check our website for information regarding Science tests taken prior to August, 2017:**
https://education.ucdavis.edu/credentialma-program-info/science-cset-requirement
In order to prepare for our Teacher Credential program, it is important for you to have some knowledge of California public school classrooms and the teacher’s work in that classroom. Normally we require you to complete 30 hours of observation in a California classroom at the grade level or in the subject you are interested in teaching. While we strongly encourage you to complete this classroom observation if possible, for the 2021-22 admission cycle only, the 30 hours of observation requirement is suspended due to COVID-19 limitations.

You still need to provide information on your experiences working with school-age students but these experiences can be outside of the California classroom and do not have to total 30 hours.

**How do I describe my experience to meet the Classroom Observation requirement?**

- **All** applicants must answer the question describing relevant observation/experience with learners (found in Section 10 on the online application).
- In your application essays, please describe any significant experience working as a volunteer in a classroom setting or individually with elementary and/or secondary age children in one-on-one situations, such as tutoring, coaching, after school programs, mentoring, etc.
- If you completed your 30-hour observation prior to COVID-19, please fully describe that experience in your application.

**How do I document my Classroom Observation?**

You need only complete the questions/essays in your online application. There are no additional documents to submit for Classroom Observation.

**Questions?**

If you have any questions, please contact Student Services at eduadvising@ucdavis.edu.

*Those applying September 2020- April 2021 for attendance during the 2021-22 academic year*
Contact Information & Important Links

General Advising
(530) 752-5887
eduadvising@ucdavis.edu

Tracy Falk, Admission Advisor, (530) 752-2367, tafalk@ucdavis.edu
Janelle Barnes, Single Subject Credential Analyst, (530) 752-7520, jcbarnes@ucdavis.edu
Maria Rochin, Multiple Subject Credential Analyst, (530) 752-6985, mrochin@ucdavis.edu
Jana Royal, TE Program Coordinator, (530) 752-0758, jlroyal@ucdavis.edu

Important Links

Teacher Education https://teach.ucdavis.edu/
Graduate Application https://grad.ucdavis.edu/apply
UCD Main Page https://ucdavis.edu/
International Students https://siss.ucdavis.edu
Student Disability https://sdc.ucdavis.edu/
Veterans Center https://opportunity.ucdavis.edu/centers/vsc
Course Equivalency https://courses.teach.ucdavis.edu/
CBEST & CSET Exam https://ctcexams.nesinc.com/
FAFSA Application https://fafsa.ed.gov/
Dream Application https://dream.csac.ca.gov
Things To Do https://education.ucdavis.edu/info-admitted-students
Certificate of Clearance https://education.ucdavis.edu/general-information/certificate-clearance

If you have additional questions or would like to schedule a virtual advising appointment, please contact Student Services at: eduadvising@ucdavis.edu.
Information on the cost to attend the UC Davis Teacher Credential program can be viewed at: http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/graduate/education/cost.html

Here are some options for funding your teaching credential program:

**Scholarship/Grant**
The School of Education offers a number of scholarships and grants to well-prepared applicants who apply for admission by the Scholarship Deadline of **January 15th**.

Applicants applying after the Scholarship Deadline will be considered for fellowship awards for the Masters portion of the program.

**Veteran’s Benefits**
If you qualify for VA benefits, please contact the VA Center by email to vaoffice@ucdavis.edu or calling 530-752-2020. We want to make sure you receive any tuition fee waiver and housing allowance you are entitled to in a timely manner. Email credentialanalyst@ucdavis.edu at the School of Education, for general guidance.

**Cal Grant**
If you have received Cal Grant benefits and will begin the Credential Program within the last 15 months of your last quarter, you may qualify for an additional year of eligibility. You will need to work with the California Student Aid Commission to verify eligibility and submit the G-44 Form (Request for Cal Grant Teaching Credential Program Benefits) to request benefits. For assistance, contact financial aid or visit their website at: https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/request-cal-grant-teaching-credential-program-benefits

**Loans**
There are a variety of loan options to help you fund your education. Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act, allows the university to determine what types of financial aid you qualify for. When completing your application, please indicate that you are applying to a Grad/Professional program – not teacher credential.

For our International and DACA applicants, please be sure to check with the Financial Aid office to see how your loan options may differ.

**Financial Aid Contact information**
More information is available at: https://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/graduate/apply.html. Or contact our Financial Aid Representative, Vince Ramos (vramos@ucdavis.edu) or through their “Contact an Expert” help desk at https://my.ucdavis.edu/ask_us/ if you have questions.

*By mid-April our financial aid office will provide each admitted student a personalized financial aid package, which may include grants, scholarships and offered loans.*
CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE
Due May 1st of the year admitted

Are you planning to become a teacher?
You will need a Certificate of Clearance or an Emergency 30-day Substitute Permit prior to the start of your student teaching placement during the credential program. Either document verifies that you have completed the Commission on Teacher Credentialing required background check and are cleared to begin student teaching.

Not sure which credential program you want to attend?
No problem! The Certificate of Clearance works for all California credential programs so you can start the Certificate of Clearance process while you are still deciding which program you want to attend. Although not required by UCD, some programs require you to submit proof of your Certificate of Clearance with application materials so it is important to get the process started early.

Why should you apply for the Certificate of Clearance NOW?
When you apply for your Certificate of Clearance your fingerprints are sent to the California Department of Justice and the FBI for processing which can take anywhere from a few days to several months. Any delays in processing may impact your ability to begin student teaching. Applying early allows you enough time to resolve a problem if it should arise.

Do you already hold a Substitute Permit?
If you currently hold a valid 30-day Emergency Substitute Permit you have already completed the background check. Please contact Student Services at eduadvising@ucdavis.edu to inform us you hold a sub permit.

How can you apply for a Certificate of Clearance?
Follow the Commission on Teacher Credentialing Online Direct Application Process with a step-by-step checklist which can be found at: http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/submit-online.html

For more detailed instructions visit the “Admitted Students – Things to Do” section on the UC Davis Teacher Education website: http://education.ucdavis.edu/info-admitted-students

What may cause a delay in obtaining a Certificate of Clearance?
(1) Incomplete Application – complete both parts:
   • Step 1: Go to a Live Scan operator with the appropriate CTC form and have your fingerprints scanned.
   • Step 2: Submit your application- Find complete details on our website at: https://education.ucdavis.edu/general-information/8-certificate-clearance

(2) Professional Fitness Review
You must disclose of all criminal convictions, even those that have been expunged. If you answer YES to any of the Professional Fitness questions, additional documents must be submitted. Please review the Commission’s directions at: https://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-discipline/pfq-applications

A criminal conviction does not automatically disqualify you from obtaining a Certificate of Clearance but it will significantly delay the issuance by several months. Our Admission Coordinator, Tracy Falk, is here to confidentially assist you. Please contact her at tafalk@ucdavis.edu or (530) 752-2367.

UC Davis
School of Education
Teacher Education
**Application Submission Process**  
**Teaching Credential/MA Program 2021-2022**

Use this information to ensure you have completed all required parts of the application.  
*For complete instructions including our handy Application Guide please visit the School of Education website at https://education.ucdavis.edu/how-apply-teaching-credential.*

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**Part 1: Apply Online:**

Submit the online Graduate Studies application form *with payment of fees*, found at [https://grad.ucdavis.edu/apply](https://grad.ucdavis.edu/apply). You must complete the Statement of Purpose, Diversity Statement, and essay questions.

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**Part 2: Upload Supporting Documents:**

After you submit your application online, Graduate Studies will email you directions to upload your supporting documents (items #1-4) into your online application:

1. Digital versions of transcripts from each college/university you attended. *(Unofficial transcripts are acceptable. For more information please click [here](#))*
2. Basic Skills verification *(see Basic Skills Requirement handout for acceptable items [here](#))*
3. Subject Matter verification *(see Subject Matter Verification handout for acceptable item [here](#))*
4. Classroom Observation Verification *(Suspended for the 2021-2022 cycle ONLY) Click [here](#) for more details!*

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**Part 3: Email Prerequisite Plans:**

If you have *not* completed your Educational Psychology, U.S. Constitution, or Fundamental Math (elementary applicants only) prerequisites, email us at eduadvising@ucdavis.edu letting us know your plan to complete these prerequisites.

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**Part 4:** Your application is considered ready for review once Parts 1, 2, & 3 are complete.  
Questions? Email us at eduadvising@ucdavis.edu
Are you READY to Apply?

This Self-Assessment is intended to assist you in evaluating your progress towards completing the UC Davis Teaching Credential/MA Program prerequisites. After reviewing this packet, please complete the Self-Assessment. For additional information about program prerequisites visit https://education.ucdavis.edu/teaching-credential-admissions-prerequisites

Check (✓) each box for the prerequisites you completed.

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*To be considered a highly qualified applicant, it is best if these prerequisites are completed or near completion at the time you apply.

Please note that this year only the Classroom Observation requirement is waived due to COVID-19 concerns. Please describe all experiences and observations you have had with learners in the online application.

** These prerequisites can be completed after you submit your application, but you must have a plan for how and when you will complete them. The prerequisite link above lists a variety of options. If you are meeting the prerequisite through coursework, visit the Course Equivalency website for a list of approved courses or to submit a Course Inquiry. https://courses.teach.ucdavis.edu/

Questions? Email Student Services at eduadvising@ucdavis.edu

![UC Davis School of Education](https://education.ucdavis.edu/teaching-credential-admissions-prerequisites)
Information regarding a Bilingual Authorization in Spanish

California needs more bilingual teachers!
Bilingual education is growing in California and we have a shortage of bilingual teachers. California’s bilingual students deserve teachers who understand what it’s like to learn in and through a second language and who can support them in becoming bilingual and biliterate. You can help fill this need!

The Bilingual Authorization in Spanish authorizes elementary and secondary school teachers to provide instruction in Spanish to English Learners as well as students learning Spanish. This is in addition to the regular Credential, which prepares all candidates to support English Learners and to teach English Language Development (ELD), as well as Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English (SDAIE). The Bilingual Authorization prepares candidates to teach the following:

1. Content instruction in Spanish delivered to students whose primary language is Spanish, as well as those learning Spanish.
2. Instruction designed to develop students’ academic Spanish skills.

For more information about either the Multiple Subject or Single Subject Bilingual Authorizations, please visit our website: https://education.ucdavis.edu/bilingual-authorization and contact Professor Susana Mayorga-Casanova, faculty coordinator at smayorgac@ucdavis.edu.

You may also contact Student Services at eduadvising@ucdavis.edu for assistance with the Bilingual Authorization.

Teachers who earn the Bilingual Authorization in addition to the elementary or secondary credential are in great demand in the public schools!
Frequently Asked Questions: Bilingual Spanish

Q: Am I applying for a Bilingual Credential?
A: You are applying for a Bilingual Authorization. The Authorization is in addition to your Multiple or Single Subject Credential. That is why when you apply to the program you will either choose our Multiple Subject or Single Subject program.

Q: How will I demonstrate my Spanish fluency?
A: You will demonstrate your Spanish fluency in two ways. First, you must pass a written examination administered by the School of Education that will assess your knowledge of written Spanish. Second, during your interview you must pass an oral interview, which focuses on your ability to communicate effectively in Spanish. You will also be asked during the interview to present a short lesson that demonstrates your ability to deliver content information in Spanish.

Q: Are there any additional course requirements for a Bilingual Authorization?
A: Yes, there are additional courses that satisfy state requirements for the Bilingual Authorization that you must complete during your Credential year.

Q: What is the additional cost to get a Bilingual Authorization?
A: You will need to pass an additional CSET exam: CSET Spanish subtest V (history, geography, politics, and culture). We recommend (but do not require) taking it before the start of the program. The fee for this subtest is $99. Scan the QR code at the right with your phone’s camera for more information on CSET Spanish subtest V and how to register. UC Davis does not charge an additional fee for the bilingual course(s) as they are taken along with your regular credential coursework.

Q: Will I be placed in a bilingual student teaching setting during the Credential year?
A: Yes, you will be placed in a classroom setting to practice your Spanish skills. Multiple Subject candidates will be placed in a bilingual classroom for the long-term placement. Single Subject Candidates must teach in a Spanish setting during their short-term placement or for a minimum of 3 weeks, when possible.

Q: Does my Spanish need to be perfect? Do I need to be a native-Spanish-speaker?
A: You do not need perfect Spanish (there is no such thing!) and you do not need to be a native speaker. There are many kinds of bilinguals. Some grew up speaking Spanish, but never studied it in school, while others learned Spanish living abroad or as Spanish majors in college. If you can read, write, speak, and understand advanced Spanish and communicate clearly, you may be eligible for a bilingual authorization.
Information regarding a Bilingual Authorization in Mandarin

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The Bilingual Authorization in Mandarin authorizes elementary and secondary school teachers to provide instruction in Mandarin to English Learners as well as students learning Mandarin. This is in addition to the regular Credential, which prepares all candidates to support English Learners and to teach English Language Development (ELD), as well as Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English (SDAIE). The Bilingual Authorization prepares candidates to teach the following:

1. Content instruction in Mandarin delivered to students whose primary language is Spanish, as well as those learning Mandarin.
2. Instruction designed to develop students’ academic Mandarin skills.

For more information about either the Multiple Subject or Single Subject Bilingual Authorizations in Mandarin, please visit our website: https://education.ucdavis.edu/bilingual-authorization and contact Dr. Nancy Tseng, faculty coordinator at nntseng@ucdavis.edu.

You may also contact Student Services at eduadvising@ucdavis.edu for assistance with the Bilingual Authorization.

Teachers who earn the Bilingual Authorization in addition to the elementary or secondary credential are in great demand in the public schools!
Frequently Asked Questions: Bilingual Mandarin

Q: Am I applying for a Bilingual Credential?
A: You are applying for a Bilingual Authorization. The Authorization is in addition to your Multiple or Single Subject Credential. That is why when you apply to the program you will either choose our Multiple Subject or Single Subject program.

Q: How will I demonstrate my Mandarin fluency?
A: You will demonstrate your Mandarin fluency by taking and passing CSET Mandarin, Subtest III. This must be passed before August 1st if you wish to pursue the Mandarin Authorization through our program. Scan the QR code at the right with your phone’s camera for more information about the Mandarin CSETs and how to register.

Q: Are there any additional course requirements for a Bilingual Authorization?
A: Yes, there are additional courses that satisfy state requirements for the Bilingual Authorization that you must complete during your Credential year.

Q: What is the additional cost to get a Bilingual Authorization?
A: You will need to pass two CSET exams: CSET Mandarin subtest III (noted above) and subtest V (geography, history, politics, and culture). Each subtest costs $99. UC Davis does not charge an additional fee for the bilingual course(s) as they are taken along with your regular credential coursework.

Q: Will I be placed in a bilingual student teaching setting during the Credential year?
A: Yes, you will be placed in a classroom setting to practice your Mandarin teaching skills. Multiple Subject candidates will be placed in a bilingual classroom for the long-term placement. Single Subject Candidates must teach in a Mandarin setting during their short-term placement or for a minimum of 3 weeks, when possible.

Q: Does my Mandarin need to be perfect? Do I need to be a native Mandarin speaker?
A: You do not need perfect Mandarin (there is no such thing!) and you do not necessarily need to be a native speaker. There are many kinds of bilinguals and ways to learn Mandarin. However, you do need to have more than experience than just taking a couple of Mandarin classes would provide. If you can read, write, speak, and understand advanced Mandarin and communicate clearly, you may be eligible for a bilingual authorization.