Master for Math Educators FAQs *
*Requirements subject to change

**General Questions**

**Is this a licensure program?**
No, however our partner, Class Measures, can help you to gain an Initial license in parallel with this Master’s program and using your participation in the program as part of the qualification requirements.

**Will this program help with becoming Highly Qualified?**
The 7 content courses in this program count towards becoming Highly Qualified (the State of Massachusetts currently only requires 4 content courses).

**Will this program help with administrative licensure?**
This is not an administrative licensure program. Please consider the Leadership Licensure Program (LLP).

**Is there any financial aid available?**
Options for financing the program are being investigated however there are no scholarships available at this time. Many districts do reimburse teachers for part or all of the cost of graduate courses so please check with your district.

**If I already have a Masters degree, can I get a CAGS?**
A student can complete a CAGS in Interdisciplinary Studies: Individualized Track with Fitchburg State. You would need to have two separate focus areas (one could be math), but the other could not be math. Also, you would need to complete three required courses with Fitchburg State (Advanced Research, Capstone, and Critical Inquiry in Interdisciplinary Studies). Here is the link to review the [plan of study](#).

Candidates may speak with one of FSUs evening graduate advisers to see if the CAGS option will work for them.
Enrolling and Credits

Do I have to enroll in the Master’s degree program in order to get credits?

You may take up to 4 courses (12 credits) without being accepted into the degree program. You may take an unlimited number of courses without the credits if you do not need the credits.

Do I need to have a math undergraduate degree in order to enroll?

No, just an undergraduate degree. Admission to FSU requires

- An official transcript of a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Three letters of recommendation
- Professional resume
- Official transcripts of graduate level course work from a regionally accredited institution (if applicable)
- Graduate application and $25 fee
- An essay, no more than one page in length, in response to one of the following questions:
  1. Tell us about a positive situation in which you helped a person and made a significant difference in that person’s life.
  2. What are the most important factors in establishing a long-term working relationship with students, friends, etc.?
  3. Tell us about a significant event that involved you in a teaching or helping mode.
  4. Describe the situation as it occurred at the time.
  5. What did you do in that particular situation?
  6. How did you feel about the situation at the time you were experiencing it?
  7. How do you feel about the situation now?
  8. What would you change, if anything?

What is the process for transferring credits from another institution?

During the FSU application process you will have the opportunity to identify any relevant courses and provide syllabus and grade information. The courses will be reviewed and, of the content is relevant and rigorous, up to 2 courses (6 credits) could be accepted towards the Master’s of Education degree.

Is the cost of courses or credits different for non-Massachusetts residents?

No
How do I get credit for prior graduate level courses?

As part of the application process through Fitchburg State University, candidates have the opportunity to provide information on all graduate level courses they have taken that might be equivalent to those in this Masters program. The courses will be reviewed by the FSU Department Chair and by the Program Director and, where appropriate, will be accepted for credit. FSU typically allows 2 courses (6 credits) to be transferred but where additional equivalent courses have been taken, the Department Chair may make exceptions to transfer more courses.

Courses and Schedules

What happens if there are scheduling conflicts?

We will do our best to accommodate people with scheduling conflicts, either by finding an alternative time to take the course or by investigating other ways to complete the program. Please contact us with specifics.

Can I join a cohort later in the year? Or is it possible to take a number of courses apart from the cohort program throughout this year?

You can join a cohort later in the year and make up the classes either by transferring credits or by taking them with a subsequent cohort however the program is designed to build on prior knowledge and so there may be some areas in which you would need to catch up on your own or with the instructor.

If I can't make a date in one location, can I make it up at another location?

If the dates work the instructors will be as flexible as possible in allowing candidates to participate in different locations if cohorts are running simultaneously.

When will the Dynamic Perspectives course next be offered?

This course is offered frequently through Fitchburg State University. Refer to their catalogue.