
MAJOR CHOSEN: Master of Arts in Teaching English (9th-12th grade)

I. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MAJOR

The Master of Arts in Teaching degree in English (9th-12th Grade) is designed to provide those with baccalaureate degrees outside the field of education with the professional preparation needed for classroom teaching. This program has been approved for certification in South Carolina. With this degree we are trying to produce **thinking** teachers who are knowledgeable in their subject matter. We want teachers to be able to prepare fresh, original lessons and not be bound to structured teacher's manuals. Your training in this program will equip you to evaluate academic curricula as well as to formulate a strong Christian philosophy of education.

II. COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the courses you will especially enjoy:

Methods and Materials of Teaching This class will help you develop an understanding of the basic principles and techniques of effective instruction in the various subject matter areas in the school curriculum. Emphasis will be placed upon a practical survey of educational technology and its relationship to the facilitation of the teaching-learning process.

Foundations of Education develops educational thought and practice, and stresses the implications of historical and philosophical backgrounds of public and private schools.

Teaching English: MAT In this small class you will learn special techniques for teaching literature, composition, and grammar. You will also have the opportunity to practice new skills by designing lesson plans and presenting short lessons.

Directed Teaching: MAT Here you will have a chance to "try your wings" by teaching under the supervision of an experienced teacher. You will begin gradually and work into handling a teacher's normal work load.

III. AN OUTLINE OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

First Year

Adolescent Literature	3	History of the English Language	3
Teaching Writing	3	Foundations of Education	3
Methods & Materials of Teaching	3	Philosophy of Education.....	3
Research in Education.....	3	Teaching English: MAT	3
Teaching Techniques (5-12)	1	Internship: MAT-Grades 7-12	1
English Literature Elective	<u>3</u>	Teaching Reading in the Content Areas	<u>3</u>
Total	16	Total	16

Second Year

Trends & Issues in Society.....	3
Microcomputers for Teachers	3
Directed Teaching: MAT	<u>9</u>
Total	15

IV. ABOUT THE FACULTY

Dr. Lesa Seibert, head of the department of English education, has served on the faculty at BJU since 1994. She earned a B.S. and M.Ed. in English education from BJU and an Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction also from BJU. She teaches courses in secondary education and teaching English in addition to supervising English education student teachers. Prior to serving on the School of Education faculty, she taught 20 years in high school, including developing a program for students with mild disabilities and teaching English via distance learning. Dr. Seibert has written and consulted on several English textbooks for Christian high schools; written several education articles; developed *Study Skills for Teens*, a DVD presentation; taught English in China; and speaks regularly at Christian school conventions.

The faculty teaching in the Division of Graduate Studies in the School of Education have over 300 combined years of experience teaching. You will not find a better, more experienced faculty in the country.

You will be studying under many of the authors who researched and wrote the Textbooks for Christian Schools published by Bob Jones University Press. It may be their textbooks you will teach from when you graduate from Bob Jones University. You will be getting your training straight from the experts.

V. FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Media Center is the technology resource center for the School of Education. Here you will find equipment to help you prepare teaching materials for presentations and to help you integrate technology into your lessons. Its trained staff will assist you as you learn how to operate both the software and equipment, including copiers, scanners, computers, digital cameras and camcorders, data projectors, a laminator, a document binding machine, digital audio-video editing and graphic software, and its newest acquisition—the Promethean interactive white board. In addition, the Media Center houses copies of the BJU Press materials, which are used regularly in the methods classes.

You will have the opportunity to observe experienced Christian teachers right on our campus in the beautiful buildings of Bob Jones Junior High and Academy.

The School of Education maintains a Reading Laboratory in which you can learn how to improve your reading skills and become acquainted with the latest and the best reading equipment.

Because of our care and concern for the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the people in our part of the country, students are encouraged to be involved in outreach ministries in our area. While you are here you will have the opportunity to participate in as many of these ministries as you can fit into your schedule. These opportunities vary from work in nursing homes, jails, detention centers, and churches, to visitation, Bible clubs, providing special music, and martial arts teams.

Davis Field House, with over 87,000 square feet and seating for 3,000 people, contains 4 full-sized courts; auxiliary courts; indoor and outdoor tracks; swimming pool; café; and a fitness center with fully-equipped exercise room, aerobic room, sauna, and whirlpool.

Completely equipped computer laboratories are available for your use. There are many academic computer labs conveniently located all over campus. They consist of various types of PCs, Apple PowerMacs, and laser printers and are all interconnected via a Novell computer network.

The Mack Library covers 89, 000 square feet of floor space and has seating for over 1,300 students. It provides you with 318, 000 items, including 17,000 music recordings, 70 electronic databases through the library website, and over 1,100 current periodical titles. In addition, the library participates in the statewide PASCAL Delivers program, allowing students to check out books from a statewide catalog of over nine million books. An interlibrary loan program for out of state borrowing is available through OCLC, a national database for books not held in our library. Other prominent features include the Jerusalem Chamber, a replica of a room in London's Westminster Abby in which work was done on the 1611 King James Bible, and the University Archives Room which displays materials about the Founder and the history of Bob Jones University.

If you are planning to live on campus, you will be glad to know that all of our residence halls are air-conditioned, have wall-to-wall carpeting, and have a phone in each room. You will be able to make long-distance calls directly from your room and have them automatically placed on your school bill. Computer network connectivity is available in all residence halls, as well.

All of our classrooms are air-conditioned, and most sidewalks are covered to keep you dry when it is raining. The Dining Common serves 8,500 delicious meals a day, and the Snack Shop and Campus Store in the Student Center carry just about anything you'll need.

If you are planning to live off campus, our **Office of Student Services** would be glad to assist you in finding employment and housing. You may request information by e-mailing Student_services@bjju.edu or by calling (864) 242-5100.

You will find your fellow graduate students equally as serious about their studies, and many of them will become your good friends. Also you will have many opportunities to make valuable professional contacts during your time at Bob Jones University.

VI. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PLACEMENT

You could have as many as three good teaching opportunities to choose from as you look for a place to teach. We receive over three times as many requests for teachers as we have teachers to fill those requests. And, in the future, the number of teaching opportunities will increase as we, as a nation, face a national teacher shortage. You will be qualified to help meet this need and train young people both in the states and abroad.

The Career Development and Placement Office sponsors the Christian School Recruitment Conference each February. Approximately 140 administrators and principals from many states and some foreign countries gather to interview and hire new teachers for their schools. This Conference will give you many opportunities to find a place of service after you graduate. In addition, the Career Office maintains a file of miscellaneous information about various Christian schools across the country. This file, too, may provide you with a contact that could lead to many years of active service for the Lord.

VII. BJU: AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Enclosed is an expense sheet detailing the cost of attending Bob Jones University. When you compare our charges to those of other private colleges, we think you will be pleasantly surprised. We believe we offer a student more value for his dollar than anyone else in America.