General Science

Bloomington

Interdepartmental Graduate Committee on General Science
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Degree Offered
Master of Arts for Teachers

Special Program Requirements
(See also general University Graduate School requirements.)

Admission Requirements
Bachelor’s degree with 35 credit hours in science or in science and mathematics. It should be understood that the program of study for this degree is not designed to allow one to continue for the Ph.D. degree.

Course Requirements
Sixty-five (65) credit hours in science and mathematics (counting courses taken as an undergraduate) to include:

1. 35 credit hours in the physical sciences, distributed as follows: astronomy (3 credit hours), chemistry (10 credit hours), geology (6 credit hours), physics (10 credit hours), and electives (6 credit hours);
2. 25 credit hours in the biological sciences, distributed as follows: plant sciences (10 credit hours), microbiology (5 credit hours), and zoology (10 credit hours). Certain general biology courses may count toward this requirement (see below); and
3. 5 credit hours in mathematics or computer science.

At least 36 credit hours are required beyond the bachelor’s degree, including 26 credit hours in the above-named sciences, mathematics, or computer science, the remaining 10 credit hours in science, mathematics, or education.

These minimum requirements are to be met by selecting from the following courses; an advisor in the program should be consulted regarding the acceptability of other courses.

1. Physical Sciences
   Astronomy: A100, A105, A221, A222, A451, A452, X311
   Chemistry: C101 and C121, C117, C118, C243, R340, C341, C342, C343, C344, C360
   Geological Sciences: G111, G112, G221, G222, G334, G404
   Physics: P201-P202 (or P221-P222), P300, P301, P302, P310, P331, P340, P460
2. Biological Sciences
   Microbiology: M250, M255
   Plant Sciences: B300, B351, B352, B364, L313, B371, B373
   Zoology: Z373, Z374, Z375, Z406, Z466
3. Mathematics and Computer Science
   Mathematics: M212
   Computer Science: A201

Other 300- and 400-level science courses must be approved by your advisor.

Grades
B (3.0) average or higher; at least B in science courses.

Certification Requirements
All students seeking the M.A.T. degree must be eligible for certification to teach at the middle school or high school level in Indiana or another state.