

MASTER OF ARTS IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

The Department of Elementary Education offers a 30 unit Multicultural and Multilingual Master's Degree. This option is based on a cohort model and is specially designed for real-world preparation using a researcher-scholar-practitioner framework.

Multicultural & Multilingual Option

The Multicultural and Multilingual concentration in Elementary Education places emphasis on developing a comprehensive, equitable approach to teaching English Learners, Emergent Bilinguals, and students from a range of cultural and linguistic backgrounds in K-8 settings. This option provides an overview of multicultural education, which includes culturally relevant, sustaining, and revitalizing pedagogies, language acquisition theories, family and community assets, and advocacy work.

Both monolingual English teachers and bilingual teachers select this option to refine their skills in tailoring instruction to the needs of students learning English as a new language. The focus of this option is on teaching children from varied cultural and linguistic backgrounds.



Program Highlights

- Low-cost tuition and a practitioner-friendly program that balances in-person class sessions with distance learning modalities
- Emphasis on justice-oriented education through culturally sustaining and/or relevant pedagogies
- 5-semester program designed to work with busy schedules with two classes meeting back-to-back each semester
- Current theory and best practices connected to teaching in your classroom
- Cohort model (15-20 graduate students) that builds relationships between elementary generalists and other school stakeholders

Application Requirements



Submit a university application on [Cal State Apply](#) and a [department application](#)



Bachelor's degree from regionally-accredited university



Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher or a university-approved aptitude test for graduate study (GRE or MAT)



Earned a preliminary teaching credential

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