

What is the CSET Multiple Subject?

The California Subject Examination Test: Multiple Subject is a test consisting of multiple choice and short response questions. It is designed to measure knowledge and critical thinking skills of future elementary school teachers. The following are the three subtest areas:

- ❖ **Subtest #1:** Reading, Language and Literature, History and Social Science
- ❖ **Subtest #2:** Science and Mathematics
- ❖ **Subtest #3:** Physical Education, Human Development, Visual and Performing Arts

If I plan to complete ITEP-Junior Option, When do I need to pass the CSET:MS?

You must show passage of all three subtests prior to the semester you plan to do the first semester of student teaching.

How can I prepare for the test?

There are many ways to prepare for the CSET:

1. The best way to prepare is to complete your subject matter courses in the major before attempting each subtest. Please check the back of this handout for the recommended sequence of classes prior to taking the test.
2. You can visit www.ctcexams.nesinc.com to download a free practice test.
3. The Liberal Studies Program offers on-going free CSET Preparation Workshops. Visit www.csun.edu/liberal-studies for the next available workshop as well as past workshop handouts.
4. You may purchase a CSET Preparation Guide from any bookstore to study on your own.
5. BTPS Testing offers more extensive CSET Preparation Workshops for a fee. For additional information, please visit www.btpstesting.com.

Recommended Sequence of Courses Prior to Taking the CSET:MS

- ✚ Complete the courses listed prior to each subtest.
- ✚ Take the subject areas covered in order shown below.
- ✚ Spread out your courses so they are more manageable.

Subtest #1: Reading, Language and Literature, History and Social Science

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to Literature • U.S. History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGL 301 • U.S. Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGL 302 • GEOG 150 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGL 305 • HIST 110 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGL 428 • GEOG/HIST 417

Subtest #2: Science and Mathematics

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MATH 210 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MATH 310 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHSC 170 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEOG/GEOL 106LRS

Subtest #3: Physical Education, Human Development, Visual and Performing Arts

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Division Performing and Visual Arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CADV 150 or FCS 330 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual and Performing Arts and the Child #1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual and Performing Arts and the Child #2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KIN 470/L