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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Calendar Copy Changes: Master of Teaching Combined Degree Programs, UTSC (For Information)

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The UTSC Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) “is concerned with matters affecting the teaching, learning, and research functions of the Campus” (*AAC Terms of Reference*, Section 4). Under Section 5.7 of the AAC Terms of Reference, the Committee receives from its assessors, reports on matters within its areas of responsibility.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. UTSC Academic Affairs Committee [For Information]: March 10, 2026

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

No previous action in governance has been taken on this item.

HIGHLIGHTS:

In January 2025, the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) approved changes proposed by the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) to the admission requirements for all Combined Degree Programs (CDPs) involving the Master of Teaching (MT) program. These changes included aligning the GPA requirement with the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) requirement for the MT program and revising the prerequisite course expectations. Specifically, instead of requiring prerequisite courses in two teaching subjects for all applicants regardless of the intended concentration or teaching division, prerequisites were streamlined to require two teaching subjects only for applicants to the

Intermediate/Senior (I/S) division, and one teaching subject for applicants to the Junior/Intermediate (J/I) division.

In October 2025, the AAC approved a major modification to introduce a new CDP involving the Major in Music (Arts) (formerly Music and Culture) at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) and the Master of Teaching program at OISE.

During a review of student-facing wayfinding and advising materials, the Office of the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean identified an opportunity to add a second table for the Junior/Intermediate division, where prerequisites for one teachable subject apply. In consultation with OISE, additional opportunities were identified to:

- further align the eligibility language with the SGS Calendar;
- clarify, for transparency, the additional requirements that applicants must meet (for example, a police record check, relevant teaching experience, academic and professional references, and meeting teaching subject prerequisites), which were previously accessed through a link;
- note explicitly that applicants to the Primary/Junior division have no additional admission requirements.

These adjustments do not introduce new requirements. They are intended solely to improve clarity for applicants and advisors. For transparency, and although the revisions are primarily editorial and do not affect the curricular structure of the MT Combined Degree Programs, the proposed calendar copy changes are being brought forward to AAC for information.

These adjustments will take effect following the March 10, 2026 UTSC Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no net implications to the campus operating budget.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

1. Proposed Calendar Copy Changes: Master of Teaching Combined Degree Programs, UTSC, February 2026

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February 2026

UTSC ACADEMIC CALENDAR: CDP MT

The Combined Degree Programs for UTSC Honours Bachelor of Science (HBSc)/Honours Bachelor of Arts (HBA) with the Master of Teaching (MT) offered by the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education are designed for students who are interested in a career in Education. They allow exceptional students who are registered in one of the 50 identified Specialist and Major programs to gain early admission to the MT, which is a full-time professional program that leads to both a Master's degree and eligibility to become a certified teacher in Ontario. Students who successfully complete one of the Combined Degree Programs listed below will earn two University of Toronto degrees (HBA/ HBSc and MT) and be recommended to the Ontario College of Teachers for a Certificate of Qualifications as elementary or secondary school teachers.

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The Combined Degree Programs options are:

Department of Anthropology

- Evolutionary Anthropology (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Evolutionary Anthropology (Major), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Socio-Cultural Anthropology (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching
- Socio-Cultural Anthropology (Major), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching

Department of Arts, Culture and Media

- Music (Major), Honours Bachelor of Arts/ Master of Teaching
- Theatre and Performance (Major), Honours Bachelor of Arts/ Master of Teaching

Department of Biological Sciences

- Biology (Major), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Conservation and Biodiversity (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Conservation and Biodiversity (Major), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Human Biology (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Human Biology (Major), Honours Bachelor of Science/ Master of Teaching
- Integrative Biology (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (Specialist Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Molecular Biology, Immunology and Disease (Major), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Plant Biology (Major), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching

Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences

- Mathematics (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Mathematics (Specialist Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Mathematics (Major), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Mathematics (Major Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching

Department of English

- English (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching
- English (Specialist Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching
- English (Major), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching
- English (Major Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching

Department of Language Studies

- French (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching
- French (Specialist Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching
- French (Major), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching
- French (Major Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching

Department of Historical and Cultural Studies

- History (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching
- History (Major), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching

Department of Human Geography

- Human Geography (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching
- Human Geography (Major), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching

Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences

- Medicinal and Biological Chemistry (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Medicinal and Biological Chemistry (Specialist Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Biochemistry (Major), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Biochemistry (Major Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Chemistry (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Chemistry (Specialist Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Chemistry (Major), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Chemistry (Major Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Global Environmental Change (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Global Environmental Change (Specialist Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Environmental Chemistry (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Environmental Chemistry (Specialist Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Environmental Physics (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Environmental Physics (Specialist Co-op), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Physics and Astrophysics (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching
- Physics and Astrophysics (Major), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching

- Physical and Mathematical Sciences (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/Master of Teaching

Department of Sociology

- Sociology (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching
- Sociology (Major), Honours Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching

Students applying to the Intermediate/Senior (I/S) teaching division of the MT must have two teaching subjects, and must have completed at least 6.0 credits in their first teaching subject and at least 3.0 credits in their second teaching subject (note: both French as a Second Language and Science require at least 6.0 credits in university courses even when they are a second teaching subject).

Students applying to the Junior/Intermediate (J/I) teaching division of the MT must have completed at least 3.0 credits for one teaching subject (note: French as a Second Language requires at least 5.0 credits in university courses).

Each of the programs listed below includes a minimum of 6.0 credits in courses that can be applied towards the completion of the prerequisites for the identified OISE teaching subject(s).

Please note that not all teaching subjects for I/S are available for J/I.

UTSC Programs Fit with OISE MT Teaching Subjects for the Intermediate/Senior (I/S) Division:

UTSC Program	MT Teaching Subjects - Required Number of Courses/Credits Completed
- Specialist/ Specialist Co-op in Medicinal and Biological Chemistry	Science - Chemistry, or Science - Biology, or Science - General
- Specialist/Specialist Co-op in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	Science - Biology, or Science - General
- Major/Major Co-op in Biochemistry - Major in Biology - Specialist in Conservation and Biodiversity - Major in Conservation and Biodiversity - Specialist in Human Biology - Major in Human Biology - Specialist in Integrative Biology - Major in Molecular Biology, Immunology and Disease - Major in Plant Biology - Specialist/Specialist Co-op in Global Environmental Change	Science - Biology
- Specialist/Specialist Co-op in Chemistry - Major/Major Co-op in Chemistry - Specialist/Specialist Co-op in Environmental Chemistry	Science - Chemistry
- Specialist/Specialist Co-op in Environmental Physics - Specialist in Physics and Astrophysics	Science - Physics

UTSC Program	MT Teaching Subjects - Required Number of Courses/Credits Completed
- Major in Physics and Astrophysics - Specialist in Physical and Mathematical Sciences	
- Specialist/Specialist Co-op in Mathematics - Major/Major Co-op in Mathematics	Mathematics
- Specialist in Evolutionary Anthropology - Major in Evolutionary Anthropology - Specialist in Socio-Cultural Anthropology - Major in Socio-Cultural Anthropology - Specialist in Sociology - Major in Sociology	Social Science - General
- Major in Theatre and Performance	Dramatic Arts
- Specialist/Specialist Co-op in English - Major/Major Co-op in English	English
- Specialist/Specialist Co-op in French - Major/Major Co-op in French	French (Second Language)
- Specialist in History - Major in History	History
- Specialist in Human Geography - Major in Human Geography	Geography
- Major in Music	Music - Instrumental, or Music - Vocal

UTSC Programs Fit with OISE MT Teaching Subjects for the Junior/Intermediate (J/I) Division:

UTSC Program	MT Teaching Subjects
• Biology (Major) • Conservation and Biodiversity (Specialist) • Conservation and Biodiversity (Major) • Human Biology (Specialist), • Human Biology (Major) • Integrative Biology (Specialist), • Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (Specialist), Honours Bachelor of Science/ • Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (Specialist Co-op), • Molecular Biology, Immunology and Disease (Major) • Plant Biology (Major) • Medicinal and Biological Chemistry (Specialist),	Science - General

• Medicinal and Biological Chemistry (Specialist Co-op), • Biochemistry (Major), • Biochemistry (Major Co-op) • Chemistry (Specialist) • Chemistry (Specialist Co-op) • Chemistry (Major) • Chemistry (Major Co-op) • Global Environmental Change (Specialist) • Global Environmental Change (Specialist Co-op) • Environmental Chemistry (Specialist) • Environmental Chemistry (Specialist Co-op) • Environmental Physics (Specialist) • Environmental Physics (Specialist Co-op) • Physics and Astrophysics (Specialist) • Physics and Astrophysics (Major) • Physical and Mathematical Sciences (Specialist)	
• Mathematics (Specialist) • Mathematics (Specialist Co-op) • Mathematics (Major) • Mathematics (Major Co-op)	Mathematics
• English (Specialist) • English (Specialist Co-op) • English (Major) • English (Major Co-op)	English
• French (Specialist) • French (Specialist Co-op) • French (Major) • French (Major Co-op)	French
• History (Specialist) • History (Major)	History
• Human Geography (Specialist) • Human Geography (Major)	Geography
• Music (Major)	Music - Instrumental
• Music (Major)	Music - Vocal
• Theatre and Performance (Major)	Dramatic Arts

Application Process:

- Applicants must apply to the Honours Bachelor of Arts (HBA)/Honours Bachelor of Science (HBSc) program, the MT program and the CDP.
- Qualified students in Year 3 of their HBA/HBSc degree program apply to the MT program; those accepted will receive a conditional offer to start the MT program upon completion of their HBA/HBSc program and degree requirements.

Minimum Admission Requirements:

To be considered for **conditional admission to the MT program and the selected CDP**, applicants must meet the following admission requirements:

- Be admitted to the HBA/HBSc degree and at least one of the above-listed undergraduate programs at UTSC.
- Meet the admission requirements of the School of Graduate Studies and the MT program.
- Be enrolled full-time and in good standing in one of the above listed HBA/HBSc program(s):
 - Be registered in Year 3 of the HBA/HBSc program.
- Have a mid-B average or higher in Year 2 (fall, winter, and summer).
- If applying to the Intermediate/Senior (I/S) teaching division, have completed at least half of the teaching subjects' prerequisite courses — i.e., 3.0 credits in the first teaching subject and at least 1.5 credits in the second teaching subject (or 3.0 credits if the second teaching subject is French as a Second Language or Science) — by the end of Year 3. If applying to the Junior/Intermediate (J/I) division, have completed at least half of the prerequisite courses in ONE teaching subject (i.e., 1.5 credits in one teaching subject, or 2.5 credits if French as a Second Language is the teaching subject), which is normally accomplished within the major program the applicant is registered in.
- Provide at least two letters of reference (1 professional and 1 academic) (for more details see: <https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/ctl/masters-degrees/master-teaching>).
- When completing an online application, applicants should indicate their preferred teaching division (i.e., Primary/Junior, Junior/Intermediate, or Intermediate/Senior) and provide responses to the faculty questions as outlined on the Master of Teaching Combined Degree Programs webpage: <https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/ctl/masters-degrees/mt-combined>. Applicants must also include their resume and describe (in chart form) three significant teaching and/or teaching-related experiences they have had, especially with groups of children as per the instructions on the MT Combined Degree Programs website.
- Meet other qualifications as specified by the MT program (a police record check, relevant teaching experiences, academic and professional references, and satisfying teaching subject prerequisites). Note: only if applying to the Intermediate/Senior division, prerequisite courses in **two** teaching subjects are required; or if applying to the Junior/Intermediate division, prerequisite courses in **one** teaching subject are required. For applicants applying to the Primary/Junior (P/J) division, there are no additional admission requirements.

To be given **full, unconditional admission to the MT program**, applicants must meet the following admission requirements:

- Maintain a mid-B (3.0) average or higher in their final year of study in the HBA/HBSc program, or over upper-level (C- and D-level) courses.
- Achieve at least a B average in 1.0 credit in graduate courses taken in Year 4.
- For Intermediate/Senior candidates: have completed prerequisite courses for the first and second teaching subjects; for Junior/Intermediate candidates: have completed prerequisite courses for one teaching subject; students are encouraged to consult often with their HBA/HBSc Program Supervisor, as well as the Combined Degree Programs Coordinator.
- Be conferred with the HBA/HBSc degree.

Program Requirements and Path to Completion:

- Year 1 to 4: HBA/HBSc degree requirements:
 - students must complete all of the HBA/HBSc program and degree requirements;
 - students are expected to carry a full course load of 5.0 credits over the three academic sessions (Fall, Winter, Summer) of each year;
 - in Year 3, qualified students may apply to the MT and the CDP and may be offered conditional admission to the MT;

- if applying to the Intermediate/Senior (I/S) teaching division, by the end of Year 3, students must complete at least 3.0 credits required for the first teaching subject, and at least 1.5 credits for the second teaching subject (or 3.0 credits if the second teaching subject is French as a Second Language or Science). For more information, see: [MT Intermediate/Senior Teaching Subjects Prerequisites](#);
- if applying to the Junior/Intermediate (J/I) teaching division, by the end of Year 3, students must be on the course to complete the prerequisite courses for ONE teaching subject (a minimum of 3.0 credits is required for J/I applicants). Note: 5.0 credits are required for the French as a Second Language teaching subject. For more information, see: [MT Junior/Intermediate Teaching Subjects Prerequisites](#);
- in Year 4, students who receive a conditional offer of admission to the CDP must complete any two of the MT elective half courses recommended by OISE for CDP students; these courses (1.0 credit) are counted towards the completion of both the HBA/HBSc degree and the MT program and degree; CDP students are graded as graduate students in these courses and are required to meet graduate expectations;
- for Intermediate/Senior candidates: by the end of Year 4, students must complete all HBA/HBSc program requirements and degree requirements, including at least 6.0 credits required for the first teaching subject, and at least 3.0 credits for the second teaching subject (or 6.0 credits if the second teaching subject is French as a Second Language or Science);
- for Junior/Intermediate candidates: by the end of Year 4, students must complete all HBA/HBSc program requirements and degree requirements, including at least 3.0 credits required for one teaching subject (or 5.0 credits if French as a Second Language is their teaching subject).
- Year 5 and 6: Remaining MT program and degree requirements:
 - students must complete 10.0 additional credits as identified by OISE during Year 1 and Year 2 of the MT program.