

Subject Matter Competency by Degree Major

Previously, to meet the Subject Matter Competency requirement, applicants/candidates must have either received a passing score on the applicable CSET examination or completed a Commission-approved subject matter waiver program. AB 130 expands the available options to allow candidates to meet the Subject Matter Competency requirement through other methods.

The CTC has now approved to meet Subject Matter Competency (SMC) by: Successful completion of an academic major in the subject they will teach. See Academic Major Options

- For Single Subject credentials, the major must be in one of the subjects named in Education Code section 44257(a)-see page 2.
- For Multiple Subject credentials, the major must be in Liberal Studies, Liberal Arts, or Elementary Education. An interdisciplinary major that includes coursework in the content areas identified in subdivision (b) of California Education Code section 44282-requires a coursework evaluation.
- For Education Specialist credentials, the major must align with one of the acceptable majors for the Multiple Subject credential or Single Subject credential.

If applying or enrolled in the program and you want to verify you have met Subject Matter Competency by your degree major you can complete this form and submit with your unofficial degree bearing transcripts to credentials@csueastbay.edu with your \$25 Department Application receipt and write SMC degree major request in the subject line.

Student Information

Name: _____ birthdate _____

Email: _____ cell #: _____

Credential Program Applying for Multiple Subject Single Subject-subject area _____ Ed Specialist

Type of Degree-BA or higher: _____ Degree Major Listed on your transcript: _____

Date Degree Conferred, or planned: _____ Degree Granting Institution: _____

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The degree major meets Subject Matter Competency.

The degree major does not meet Subject Matter Competency. Comments:

Authorized Signer or Credential Analyst Signature Date

Meeting Subject Matter Competency requirement by Degree Major

In order to meet subject matter by degree major, the degree major must correspond to the authorization to be listed on the teaching credential. The current statutory language does not provide flexibility in the acceptance of closely related subjects; **the degree major must be an exact match.**

DEGREE MAJOR	MULTIPLE SUBJECT	SINGLE SUBJECT*	SPECIAL EDUCATION
Liberal Studies, Liberal Arts	X		X
Agriculture		Not available at East Bay	X
Art		X	X
Business		Not available at East Bay	X
Dance		X	X
English		X	X
Health Science		Not available at East Bay	X
Home Economics		Not available at East Bay	X
Industrial and Technology Education		Not available at East Bay	X
Mathematics		X	X
Music		X	X
Physical Education		X	X
Science**		X	X
Social Science		X	X
Theater		X	X
World Language***		X	X

*The degree major listed on your transcript must correspond to the authorization to be listed on a Single Subject credential. For example, a degree major in Mathematics would qualify for a Single Subject credential in Mathematics. For the single subject area of Mathematics, an academic degree major in statistics.

**A candidate who is completing a Single Subject credential program in Science would need to have earned a degree in one of the following areas: Biology, Chemistry, Geoscience, or Physics.

For the single subject area of Science: Biological Science, an academic degree major in biology, biological engineering, or biochemistry.

For the single subject area of Science: Chemistry, an academic degree major in chemical engineering or biochemistry.

For the single subject area of Science: Geoscience, an academic degree major in geology or earth science.

For the single subject area of Science: Physics, an academic degree major in mechanical or structural engineering.

For the single subject area of Science: Foundational-Level Science, an academic degree major in any type of engineering or any degree major offered by a college or university science department.

***A candidate who is completing a Single Subject credential program in World Language will need to have earned a degree in one of the foreign language areas of the credential sought: American Sign Language, French, Hindi, Mandarin, or Spanish, etc. Consult Credential Student Service Center for availability for languages not listed.

Consult Credential Student Service Center for SMC by Degree Major inquiries.