Johnny Walker MAT ’14 teaches 10th and 11th grade Social Science in Los Angeles. He is passionate about making a difference in his students’ lives by guiding them to develop the skills to become confident adults.

The online Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT online) program will equip you with the theories, principles and skills to make a meaningful difference for students in urban K-12 schools. USC Rossier’s rigorous program allows you to simultaneously finish your master’s degree and complete the requirements to be recommended for a preliminary teaching credential. Additionally, you have the option to add a California Education Specialist credential and/or California Bilingual Authorization for Spanish to your degree program with no additional required units (additional exams and student teaching required) or a Gifted Education Certificate with the addition of one course. Our emphasis on high-needs schools will prepare you to leave the program ready to address complex pedagogical and social issues in any educational setting.

Both full-time and part-time options are available.
Through the MAT online program, you will gain:

- Integrated field experience near your geographic location
- Mentorship from a guiding teacher
- Mastery applying theories and instructional methods
- Technological literacy to leverage new media in curriculum design and learning assessment

HANDS-ON TEACHING EXPERIENCE
The MAT online program integrates fieldwork with coursework. You will gain invaluable practical experience applying theories and instructional methods in a local high-needs classroom under the mentorship of an experienced guiding teacher.

CREDENTIAL TRACKS
- Multiple Subjects (Elementary)
- Single-Subject English (Secondary)
- Single-Subject Math (Secondary)
- Single-Subject Science (Secondary)
- Single-Subject Social Science (Secondary)

SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATIONS
- California Education Specialist Credential*
- California Bilingual Authorization in Spanish*
- Gifted Education Certificate**

* additional exams and student teaching required
** 4 additional units required during the summer session

MINIMUM UNITS 28
MONTHS TO COMPLETE (FULL-TIME) 12-15
MONTHS TO COMPLETE (PART-TIME) 18-24

Sample Courses
- Introduction to Curriculum and Pedagogy in Urban Schools
- Contexts for Educational Equity, Access, and Agency
- Integrated Language Development across the Curriculum
- Blended Learning Experiences for Students in Urban Schools
- Identifying and Teaching to Student Differences
- Literacy Development and Instruction
- Applying Knowledge and Strategies for Teaching All Students

TUITION
Tuition for 2020–21 is $1,995 per unit.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT
You will be considered for scholarships ranging from $3,000 to $7,500. There is no need to submit a separate application. Recipients are selected based on demonstrated dedication to advancing educational equity and other distinguishing characteristics.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST
- Online application
- Official transcripts from each postsecondary institution attended
- Résumé /CV
- Personal statement
- One short-answer response
- Two letters of recommendation
- International applicants only: TOEFL or IELTS scores
- Nonrefundable application fee

January and May start applicants only:
- Proof of registration for the CBEST or basic skills exam required for licensure in your state or proof that you have already satisfied the basic skills requirement.
- Proof of registration for at least one subject-specific exam required for licensure in your state or proof that you have already satisfied the subject matter requirement.

August start applicants only:
- Proof of passage for CBEST OR satisfaction of basic skills requirement

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*Early Action applicants will receive an application fee waiver.
**Priority applicants will receive a reduced application fee of $50 to $10.
What sets the USC Rossier MAT online program apart?

ACCELERATED CAREER TRACK: Complete your master’s degree and preliminary teaching credential requirements simultaneously, establishing expertise as a qualified and knowledgeable teacher-leader.

ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS INTEGRATED IN THE CURRICULUM: Gain increased competitiveness by completing the educational requirements for the California Education Specialist and California Bilingual Authorization in Spanish credentials without the addition of any additional units.

UNIQUE ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE: Interact with faculty and peers live in a virtual online classroom.

FLEXIBILITY AND MULTIPLE START DATES: Begin the program on one of three start dates throughout the year and work at your own pace with full-time and part-time options.

EMPHASIS ON HIGH-NEEDS SCHOOLS: Prepare to effectively address complex pedagogical and social issues in any educational setting.

UNPARALLELED NETWORK: Join USC’s renowned Trojan Alumni Network, which includes thousands of MAT graduates from 50 states and 37 countries, as well as superintendents and K-12 administrators.

YOUR MISSION AND OUR MISSION ALIGNED

The USC Rossier School of Education prepares leaders to advance educational equity in urban settings and beyond. Ranked as one of the nation’s premier education schools by U.S. News & World Report, USC Rossier draws on innovative thinking and collaborative research to improve learning opportunities and outcomes, address disparities, challenge inequitable systems of power and solve the most intractable problems in education.

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