

BILINGUAL AUTHORIZATION

Spanish and Hmong

CAREER OPTIONS:

- Teacher in a dual language bilingual education program
- K-12 Education Specialist/Special Ed, Elementary, Secondary Teacher

OTHER BENEFITS:

- Stand out on the job market
- Many school districts offer additional stipend for teachers with a bilingual authorization
- Official demonstration of your bilingual competence, knowledge of bilingual teaching, and understanding of Hmong and Spanish-speaking groups in CA schools.



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OVERVIEW

Do you speak, read, and write Spanish or Hmong? If so, you can earn a bilingual authorization! The bilingual authorization (BiA) may be earned concurrently with a teaching credential. [See reverse side.](#)

What will I gain by earning my Bilingual Authorization at Sac State?

- In-depth preparation to work with bilingual students and families
- Practice and experience teaching content in Spanish or Hmong
- Emphasis on increasing social justice and educational equity
- A network of support from bilingual colleagues, faculty, and supervisors, our *familia bilingüe, tsev neeg ob hom lus*
- More competitive resumé and greater job security

What does the Bilingual Authorization Authorize me to Teach?

1. Content instruction delivered in the language of Hmong or Spanish in the subjects and grade levels authorized by your credential. Necessary to work in a dual language or bilingual program.
2. Instruction for primary language development in the language of Hmong or Spanish in grades twelve and below, including preschool, and in classes organized primarily for adults.

Why is the Bilingual Authorization Important?

- Bilingual education programs are growing rapidly in California
- There is **great demand** for teachers with bilingual authorizations, including Special Ed and Single Subject teachers
- Bilingual Authorization Teachers advocate for bilingual learners and families
- Students in bilingual programs outperform their peers in traditional programs
- Bilingual learners deserve teachers who understand their experiences
- Leverages the unique skills of bilingual teachers
- Celebrates the diversity that is California's strength!
- Supports students to become fully bilingual/biliterate and develop strong
- Develops the future bilingual professionals that California needs

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APPLY

Visit the Teaching Credentials website to learn about application procedures and deadlines: <https://www.csus.edu/college/education/teaching-credentials/apply.html>

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PRE-ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

(completed during undergrad):

The Bilingual Authorization (BiLA) is added to the Single Subject, Multiple Subject, or Education Specialist Credentials.

In addition to the prerequisites of the credential you apply for, you also need:

Note: these pre-reqs can be met individually or as part of the Liberal Studies Area of Emphasis in Bilingual Studies-Spanish OR Ethnic Studies Concentration: Teachers in Bilingual Education.

- **3 units in a course emphasizing the culture of emphasis**
 - Ethnic Studies, Chicana Studies, Latin American History or other course with focus on population of emphasis
- **3 unit course in Bilingual Methodology**
 - EDUC 175 (Spanish) or 172 (Hmong) Pedagogy and Academic Language Skills for Bilingual Educators
 - Coursework will be completed in Spanish or Hmong
 - Includes a course-based language assessment
 - May be taken during the credential program, but we **strongly recommend taking it prior to entering the credential program**
 - **Includes a field component in bilingual school** (may be taken concurrently with EDUC 170 for field component to count for both courses)
- **Recommended: prior experience in bilingual schools**
 - To locate a bilingual school, see our [bilingual school list](#)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

(during the credential program):

- **Field Placement** in a school setting where you will use Spanish or Hmong as the language of instruction.

For more information on the Bilingual Authorization option, contact the College of Education Equity Coordinator, Dr. Karina Figueroa-Ramírez, for an advising appointment and to review your transcripts.