

MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION: LITERACY, BS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education, Literacy Concentration

The **Middle Grades Education, BS** prepares teachers for grades five through eight. A minimum of 120 semester hours is necessary for graduation.

Students pursuing teacher licensure programs in the College of Education (COE) must meet requirements in a series of sequential gateways. Included in the gateway requirements are successful completion of specified coursework, achievement of appropriate grade point averages, requirements for clinical experiences, and appropriate tests for the licensure area. Meeting all Gateway requirements leads to degree and licensure completion.

Students are admitted to Middle Grades Education as freshmen. In order to be recommended for licensure, candidates are required to maintain University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, cumulative, content area, and professional grade point averages of 2.5 (A=4.0). Candidates should consult their adviser or the Council on Teacher Education for the list of courses used to compute these grade point averages. Candidates in teaching licensure programs must maintain a C- or better in ALL content and professional education coursework. For teacher education licensure applicable to all curricula, see the Council on Teacher Education.

Licensure requirements are subject to change without notice as a result of new mandates from the Illinois State Board of Education or the Illinois General Assembly.

Students in the Middle Grades Education licensure program must complete the Campus General Education Requirements, the courses for one or more concentration (literacy, social sciences, science or math) and the professional education coursework.

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Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Orientation Seminar		
EDUC 101	Education Orientation Seminar	1
Total		1

The following degree requirements also meet general education course requirements and must be selected from the campus general education course list. Some professional education courses and concentration courses can count towards the general education requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
Composition I		
Composition I		4
Total		4

Code	Title	Hours
Advanced Composition		
Advanced Composition		3-4
Total		3-4

Code	Title	Hours
Natural Sciences & Technology		
If seeking the Science concentration, exclusions apply including, but not limited to: Horticulture, Dance and Urban Planning. Must be a science rubric. Consult with adviser for further information.		
Life science		3-4
Physical science		3-4
Total		6-8

Code	Title	Hours
Cultural Studies		
Western/Comparative		3-4
U.S. Minority		3-4
Non-Western		3-4
Total		9-12

Code	Title	Hours
Social & Behavioral Sciences		
Social & Behavioral Sciences		6-8
Total		6-8
Quantitative Reasoning		
Quantitative Reasoning I		3-4
Quantitative Reasoning I or II		3-4
Total		6-8
Humanities & the Arts		
Humanities & the Arts		6
Total		6
Total Hours of General Education Courses		37-46
Language Other Than English		
Three years of one language other than English in high school or completion of the third semester of college level language.		0-12
Electives		
Elective Hours (as needed to complete the 120 graduation requirement)		0-10
Six hours of ROTC upper level courses (300 level or above) can count toward the degree as free electives.		
Concentrations		
Students must complete 24-27 credit hours within one of the following concentrations: 1) Social Science, 2) Science, 3) Mathematics, or 4) Literacy. Subsequent tables outline the required courses to complete requirements in specific concentrations.		24-27
Professional Education		
CI 404	Teaching and Assessing Secondary School Students	3
CI 410	Middle School Instruction, Philosophy and Structures	3
CI 415	Language Varieties, Cultures and Learning	3
CI 467	Principles in Teaching Literature to Children and Youth	3
CI 471	Principles and Practices to Foster Independence in Reading	3
CI 476	Teaching Elementary and Middle Grade Language Arts	3
EDPR 250	School & Community Experiences (Section MG)	4
EDPR 442	Educational Practice in Secondary Education (Section MG)	12
EDUC 201 & EDUC 202	Identity and Difference in Education and Social Justice, School and Society (or program approved equivalent courses)	6
EPSY 201	Educational Psychology	3
EPSY 430	Early Adolescent Development	3
SPED 405	General Educator's Role in Special Education	3
Total Hours		49
Total minimum hours for degree		
		120

Concentration Requirements

Some concentration courses can count towards the general education requirements. Courses in concentrations may not be allowed to count for more than two degree requirements. If you have questions, see your adviser.

Code	Title	Hours
Literacy Concentration		
CI 402	Teaching Diverse Middle Grade Students (Eng Lang Arts Section)	3
Composition I		minimum 3 hours
Advanced course: Select one from the following:		3
BTW 261	Principles Tech Comm	
ENGL 481	Composition Theory and Practice	
ENGL 482	Writing Technologies	
RHET 233	Adv Rhetoric & Composition	
WRIT 303	Writing Across Media	
Literature: Select one literature course at the 100 level and a second literature course at the 200 level. Must be an English or Comparative & World Literature rubric.		6
CI 467	Principles in Teaching Literature to Children and Youth	3
CI 471	Principles and Practices to Foster Independence in Reading	3
CI 476	Teaching Elementary and Middle Grade Language Arts	3
Total		24

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Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. For more information, see the corresponding section on the Degree General and Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
EDUC 101		1 Composition I or General Education course	4
EDUC 201		3 General Education course (PSYC 100 recommended)	4
Language Other Than English (3rd level) or Elective		4 General Education course	3
Composition I or General Education course		4 Elective course	3
General Education course		3	
		15	14

Second Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
EPSY 201		3 EDUC 202	3
ENGL or CWL Literature course (100-level)		3 ENGL or CWL Literature course (200-level)	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
Elective course		3 Elective course	3
		15	15

Third Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
CI 410		3 CI 415	3
CI 467		3 Advanced Literature course (choose from list)	3
CI 471		3 Elective course	3
EPSY 430		3 Elective course	3
Elective course		3 Elective course	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
CI 402		3 CI 404	3
CI 476		3 EDPR 442	12
EDPR 250		4	
SPED 405		3	
Elective course		3	
		16	15

Total Hours 120

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