**MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION, BS**

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education

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This program 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.

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.

A minimum of 120 semester hours is necessary for graduation.

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1. Six hours of ROTC upper level courses (300 level or above) can count toward the degree as free electives.
2. 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.
3. PSYC 100 is a prerequisite for EPSY 201.
4. The total hours required for the degree may be higher for students who have not already completed the language other than English requirement.

**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.

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Life Science: Complete 6 hours with a minimum of 3 hours from the foundations list.

Foundations:
- IB 100 Biology in Today's World
- IB 103 Introduction to Plant Biology
- IB 104 Animal Biology
- IB 150 Organismal & Evolutionary Biol
- MCB 100 Introductory Microbiology
- MCB 150 Molec & Cellular Basis of Life

Applications:
- IB 105 Environmental Biology
- MCB 170 Society and the Brain
- MCB 180 Human Reproduction & Society

Earth and Space Science: Select one from the following Atmospheric Sciences rubric and one from the following Geology rubric:

Atmospheric Sciences rubric:
- ATMS 100 Introduction to Meteorology
- ATMS 120 Severe and Hazardous Weather
- ATMS 201 General Physical Meteorology

Geology rubric:
- GEOL 107 Physical Geology
- GEOL 117 The Oceans
- GEOL 118 Natural Disasters

Science Electives: To complete any remaining required hours, select additional courses from the courses listed above.

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Note: Only CI 402, M (3 hours) counts toward ISBE content

**Math Theory of Numbers:** Select one from the following: | 3-4  |
| MATH 117 | Elementary Mathematics                     | 4     |
| MATH 103 | Theory of Arithmetic                      |       |
| MATH 453 | Number Theory                             |       |

**Geometry:** Select one from the following: | 3-4  |
| MATH 119 | Ideas in Geometry                         |       |
| MATH 402 | Non Euclidean Geometry                   |       |
| MATH 403 | Euclidean Geometry                        |       |

**Statistics:** Select one from the following: | 3-4  |
| STAT 100 | Statistics                               |       |
| STAT 200 | Statistical Analysis                     |       |
| STAT 400 | Statistics and Probability I             |       |
| STAT 410 | Statistics and Probability II            |       |

**Calculus:** Select one from the following: | 4-5  |
| MATH 220 | Calculus                                  |       |
| MATH 221 | Calculus I                                |       |

**Math Applications:** Select one from the following: | 3-4  |
| CS 101   | Intro Computing: Engrg & Sci             |       |
| CS 105   | Intro Computing: Non-Tech                |       |
| CS 125   | Introduction to Computer Science         |       |
| MATH 125 | Elementary Linear Algebra                |       |
| MATH 181 | A Mathematical World                     |       |
| MATH 213 | Basic Discrete Mathematics               |       |
| MATH 231 | Calculus II                              |       |
| MATH 241 | Calculus III                             |       |
| MATH 405 | Teacher's Course                         |       |
| MATH 406 | History of Calculus                      |       |
| MATH 415 | Applied Linear Algebra                   |       |

Total: At least one course in the math content categories must be taken for more than the minimum hours to reach the ISBE requirement of 24 content hours.

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**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     |

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