

MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION: SOCIAL SCIENCE, BS

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

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.

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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
Social Science Concentration		
CI 402	Teaching Diverse Middle Grade Students (Social Sciences Section)	3
American History: Select one from the following:		3-4
HIST 170	US History to 1877-ACP	
HIST 171	US History to 1877	
HIST 172	US History Since 1877	
HIST 173	US History Since 1877-ACP	
HIST 270	United States History to 1815	
HIST 271	Nineteenth Century America	
HIST 272	Twentieth Century America	
Global or World History: Select one from the following:		3-4
HIST 100	Global History	
HIST 140	Western Worlds: Ancient and Medieval Societies from the Mediterranean to N. Europe (ACP)	
HIST 141	Western Worlds: Ancient and Medieval Societies from the Mediterranean to Northern Europe	
HIST 142	Modern Europe and the World	
HIST 143	Modern Europe and the World - ACP	
Select from one of the following Geography courses:		3-4
GGIS 101	Global Development & Environment	
GGIS 104	Social and Cultural Geography	
GGIS 106	Geographies of Globalization	
GGIS 210	Social & Environmental Issues	
GGIS 221	Geographies of Global Conflict	
PS 101	Intro to US Gov & Pol	3
ECON 102	Microeconomic Principles	3
Social Science Electives: To complete any remaining hours, select additional courses from the courses above or in sociology.		3-5
Total		24

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