

MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION, B.S.Ed., 135 HOURS

See Core Curriculum for required courses in Area A through Area E.

Area A - Essential Skills	9 Hours
Area B - Institutional Options	4 Hours
Area C - Humanities and Fine Arts	6 Hours
Area D - Science, Mathematics, and Technology	11 Hours
Area E - Social Science	12 Hours
Area F - Courses Appropriate to Major	18 Hours

Pre-Professional Block

- EDUC 2110 - Investigating Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education (3)
- EDUC 2120 - Exploring Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity in Educational Contexts (3)
- EDUC 2130 - Exploring Learning and Teaching (3)

Other courses for the major:

Select 6 hours in the primary concentration area (language arts, math, science or social studies) and 3 hours in the secondary concentration area (language arts, math reading, science , or social studies)

Language Arts:

- ENGL 2111 - World Literature I (3) **OR** ENGL 2112 - World Literature II (3)
- READ 2230 - Cognition and Language (3) (required for reading & language arts concentrations)
- If language arts is the primary concentration and reading is the secondary concentration, select one of the following courses:
- ENGL 1230- Reading Fiction (3)
- ENGL 1231 - Reading Drama (3)
- ENGL 2131 - Introduction to Literary Studies (3)
- COMM 1110 - Principles of Public Speaking (3)
- THEA 1100 - Theatre Appreciation (3)
- THEA 2333 - Fundamentals of Acting (3)

Math:

- Math 1112 - Trigonometry (3)
- MATH 2010 - Problem Solving for K-8 Teachers (3)

Reading (secondary concentration only):

- READ 2230 - Cognition and Language (3)

Social Studies:

- GEOG 1130 - World Regional Geography (3)
- HIST 1111 - World History I (3)

Science:

- ISCI 2001 - Life/Earth Science (3)
- ISCI 2002 - Physical Science (3)

Health and Physical Education Activities	4 Hours
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- HLTH 1520 - Healthful Living (2)
- Physical Education Activities (2)

Orientation	2 Hours
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- FYE 1220 - First Year Seminar (2)

Pedagogy for Professional Educators	24 Hours
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- ITEC 3530 - Instructional Technology for Middle Grades Education (3)
- MGED 3131 - Nature and Curriculum Needs of the Middle Grades Learner (3)
- MGED 3731 - Middle School Practicum I (3)
- MGED 3732 - Middle School Practicum II (3)
- MGED 5799 - Student Teaching in Middle Grades Education (9)
- SPED 3332 - Introduction to Special Education in the Middle Grades (3)

Major Requirements	18 Hours
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- MATH 2008 - Foundations of Numbers and Operations (3)
- MGED 3232 - Methods of Teaching Science in the Middle Grades (3)
- MGED 3332 - Methods of Teaching Language Arts/Reading in the Middle Grades (3)
- MGED 3432 - Methods of Teaching Social Studies in the Middle Grades (3)
- MGED 3532 - Methods of Teaching Mathematics in the Middle Grades (3)
- MSED 5333 - Literature and Writing for Middle and Secondary Schools (3)

Concentrations Selected From Two of the Following Areas	24 Hours
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Language Arts:

- ENGL 5135 - Teaching Literature to Middle and Secondary School Students (3) **OR** ENGL 5534 - Literature for Adolescents (3)
- LING/WRIT 3430 - Linguistics and Grammar for Teachers (3)
- READ 3330 - Content Literacy (3)
- WRIT 3131 - The Teaching of Writing (3)

Math:

- MATH 3032 - Foundations of Data Analysis and Geometry (3)
- MATH 5130 - Statistics and Probability for K-8 Teachers (3)
- MATH 5135 - Algebraic Connections for K-8 Teachers (3)
- MATH 5137 - Geometry for K-8 Teachers (3)

Reading:

- ENGL 5135 - Teaching Literature to Middle and Secondary School Students (3), ENGL 5534 - Literature for Adolescents (3),
OR LING/WRIT 3430 - Linguistics and Grammar for Teachers (3)
- READ 3330 - Content Literacy (3)
- READ 4131 - The Teaching of Reading (3)
- READ 4233 - Literacy: Assessment and Instruction (3)

Science:

- Select 12 hours from the following:
- GEOG 3130 - Conservation (3) (only if GEOG 1530 has been completed)
- GEOG 3330 - Weather & Climate (3)
- GEOL 5230 - Earth Science (3)
- *GEOL 5540 - Oceanography (4)
- GEOL 5741 - Sea Turtle Conservation (3)
- OR 3000 level courses approved by the program
- *GEOL 5540 - Only 3 hours apply to requirement for concentration

Social Studies:

- HIST 4130 - Georgia History (3)
- ANTH 3331 - Cultural Anthropology (3), GEOG 3530 - Cultural Geography (3), **OR** INTS 3130 - Contemporary World Culture (3)
- GEOG 3130 - Conservation (3), INTS 3230 - Global Issues (3), **OR** INTS 4730 - Model United Nations (3), **OR** POLS 4137 - Industrializing Nations (3)
- HIST 4132 - Recent America-U.S. History Since 1945 (3), HIST 4133 - US Diplomacy: The Cold War (3), HIST 4134 - Civil Rights Movement (3), HIST 4135 - US in the 1960s (3), HIST 5335 - World War II (3), **OR** POLS 3333 - Southern Politics (3)

Elective3 Hours

ADVISEMENT: Each student in Middle Grades Education is assigned to an advisor in the College of Education Student Success Center for program planning and course scheduling. Telephone: (912) 478-0698. E-Mail: cjthomp@georgiasouthern.edu

PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA: See B.S.Ed. Degree Requirement

- Must be admitted into the Teacher Education Program

OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Must meet all requirements for retention in the Teacher Education Program
- Must earn a minimum grade of “C” in all courses in the teaching field and professional education, a total institution GPA of 2.75 or better in this course work, and maintenance of overall cumulative GPA of 2.50 or better
- Must successfully complete all field experiences
- Must take courses in proper sequence
- Must meet requirements for admission to Student Teaching including taking the Georgia teacher certification test, GACE Content Assessment
- Must successfully complete assessments identified at each program transition point