

## MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

Degree: Master of Education  
Division: Teacher Education  
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College: Professional Studies

The division offers a master's degree specialization in Middle Level Education within the M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction program.

These master's degree programs are designed to prepare broadly educated teachers who will assume varied instructional leadership roles in the profession.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this catalog.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to meeting the minimum University standards for admission to graduate studies, students must comply with the requirements for admission to Teacher Education. These requirements are listed in the graduate programs section of the catalog under Teacher Education. Students are selected for admission on the basis of the undergraduate GPA, graduate course GPA, and GRE scores.

A limited number of students not meeting the minimum requirements may be granted conditional admission.

When the student does not have an undergraduate degree or the equivalent in middle school education, prerequisite course work will be required and planned for the candidate by the student's academic advisor.

When evidence indicates weakness in academic or professional skills, the candidate may be recommended for non-credit personal improvement work in these areas.

### Other Considerations

**Transfer credit:** Students may be permitted to transfer up to 6 semester hours of graduate credit with the approval of the academic advisor and chairperson.

**Use of undergraduate credit:** With prior approval of the student's academic advisor and the department chairperson, a maximum of 6 semester hours of 3000- or 4000-level course work may be applied toward the master's degree.

**Use of workshop credit:** No more than 6 semester hours of credit in workshop courses may be applied toward the master's degree.

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general University requirements candidates for degrees must meet the following requirements:

- Degree program must include at least 36 semester hours of approved course work.
- At least one-half of the credit hours included in the degree program must be taken in the specialization area.

- At least one-half of the credit hours included in the degree program must be in courses numbered 6000 or above.
- Degree candidates must complete an approved degree project. The degree project will take one of three forms:
  - A written comprehensive examination is required of all degree candidates who do not select the action research or the thesis option.
  - The action research option requires the design, implementation, and scholarly report of an action research project.
  - The thesis option requires the production of a scholarly report of an investigation resulting from a study based on a careful review of related literature.

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### MIDDLE LEVEL SPECIALIZATION (students with teacher certification)

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This Middle Level Specialization prepares in-service middle school teachers through a master's degree. The specialization focuses on a balance between content, pedagogy, and the nature of the early adolescent learner. Middle Level Specializations include mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies. A comprehensive exam and culminating experience are required.

#### **Professional Education Common Core (9 sh)**

*(taken in sequence)*

EDF 6602	Trends and Issues in Education: Social, Multicultural, Historical, & Philosophical Analysis .....	3
EDF 6218	Current Issues in Student Development and Learning .....	3
EDM 6912	Research Practicum .....	3

#### **Major Courses (18 sh)**

EDG 6344C	Instructional Management & Technology .....	3
EDM 6235	Integrated Curriculum .....	3
EDM 6405	School Involvement & Community Relations ...	3
EDM 6410	Classroom Management for Middle Level Environments .....	3
EDM 6911	Action Research .....	3
	Course offered as 1-6 sh per semester	
EEX 6051	Exceptionalities .....	3

#### **Electives (9 sh)**

Determined by students in consultation with their advisor.

#### **Degree Project/Comprehensive Examination (0 sh)**

A research project or action research and a comprehensive examination are required for graduation.

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### MIDDLE LEVEL SPECIALIZATION (students without teacher certification)

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This Middle Level Specialization prepares prospective middle school teachers by completing a master's degree. The specialization focuses on a balance between content, pedagogy, the nature of the early adolescent learner, and includes student teaching. Middle Level Specializations include mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies. Comprehensive exam and culminating experience are required.

Requirements for teacher education programs may change due to legislative mandates. Therefore, the actual program requirements may differ from those listed in the catalog. Candidates must inquire with the Chair of the Division of Teacher Education or with Teacher Education Student Services to obtain the most current program requirements.

**Professional Education Common Core (9 sh)**

Same as Middle Level Certification.

**Major Courses (30 sh)**

EDG 5940	Graduate Student Teaching .....	6
	Course offered as 1-6 sh per semester	
EDG 6344C	Instructional Management & Technology .....	3
EDM 6235	Integrated Curriculum .....	3
EDM 6245	Curriculum, Instruction, & Organization: Middle Level Education .....	3
EDM 6405	School Involvement & Community Relations .....	3
EDM 6410	Classroom Management for Middle Level Environments .....	3
EDM 6911	Action Research .....	3
	Course offered as 1-6 sh per semester	
EDM 6944	Graduate Methods/ESOL/Reading Practicum: Middle Level .....	3
EEX 6051	Exceptionalities .....	3

**Specialization Elective (3 sh)**

*Choose one:*

MAE 6361	Teaching Mathematics in Middle Level and Secondary Education .....	3
LAE 6325	Language Arts Instruction in Middle & Secondary School Settings .....	3
SCE 6625	Science Instruction in the Middle and Secondary School .....	3
SSE 6326	Teaching Social Studies in Middle and Secondary Level Education .....	3

**Electives (3 sh)**

Determined by students in consultation with their advisor.

**Degree Project/Comprehensive Examination (0 sh)**

A research project or action research and a comprehensive examination are required for graduation.