

## Middle Level Education

Degree: Bachelor of Arts  
Specializations: Teacher Certification  
Educational Studies  
Division: Teacher Education  
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College: Professional Studies  
Semester Hours Required for Degree:  
Teacher Certification: 144-154  
Educational Studies: 120

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The B.A. degree program in Middle Level Education is designed to prepare students who plan to teach in grades 5-9. The Division offers two distinct routes to the degree. With the first route, students participate in one of six NCATE/DOE approved areas through which they earn Florida teacher certification. The second route, Educational Studies, is an NACTE, but not DOE approved specialization. It prepares students to work in private settings or agencies that do not require graduation from an initial certification program. Students graduating with this specialization are not eligible for certification under Florida Department of Education criteria but may subsequently earn certification as they become eligible in one of Florida's school district alternative certification programs.

Each specialization offers opportunities for the student to recognize the child as the central figure in education, to provide for exceptions among learners, and to plan multicultural educational experiences. Each specialization area also includes a sequence of school-based observations and teaching experiences designed to develop skills in planning and managing instruction and working as a member of an overall instructional team. Employment opportunities for middle school graduates continue to prosper in the areas of English, math, science, and social sciences. Mathematics and Science continue to be critical shortage areas and teacher education students may be eligible for the Critical Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program and/or the Critical Teacher Shortage Tuition Reimbursement Program.

Students are assigned to a Middle Level Education Pending major until they meet with an advisor in the College of Professional Studies Student Services Center (PSSC) and complete other requirements. Admission to the Educational Studies specialization requires specific approval by the chairperson.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the B.A. in Middle Level Education must meet the requirements listed below.

Candidates for admission to UWF's NCATE/DOE approved teacher education specialization must meet and complete admission requirements detailed under Admission to Teacher Education. These requirements include, but are not limited to, satisfactory completion of all areas of the College-Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) and the General Knowledge, Professional, and Subject Area portions of the Florida

Teacher Certification Examination (FTCE). 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 Professional Studies Student Center to obtain the most current program requirements.

Consult with your academic advisor for courses which may satisfy both the General Studies requirements and common prerequisites.

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

### **Lower Division Requirements (70-76 sh)**

The State of Florida mandates specified courses for the Middle Level Education program. These common prerequisites, when combined with the University's General Studies program requirements, comprise 64-70 hours of lower division courses. In addition to three specified education courses (EDF 1005, EDG 2701, and EME 2040), 51 hours must be chosen from the following liberal arts and sciences areas: communications; mathematics; natural and/or physical sciences; fine arts and/or humanities; and social sciences. The hours must include at a minimum:

- Nine hours in English to include writing, literature, and speech.
- Nine hours in science to include earth science, life science, and physical science with a minimum of one associated lab.
- Nine hours in mathematics to include college algebra or above and geometry.
- Twelve hours in the social sciences to include American history and general psychology.
- Six hours in the humanities to include philosophy and fine arts.

In addition to EDG 2701, a minimum of 6 hours with an international or diversity focus is required.

### **Additional Certification Area Requirements**

*Choose two areas corresponding to upper division certification areas:*

**English Certification** students must take the following courses in addition to the English/Humanities requirements:

*Choose One:*

ENL	2010	History of English Literature I	3
ENL	2020	History of English Literature II	3

*Choose One:*

AML	2010	American Literature I	3
AML	2020	American Literature II	3

*Choose One:*

•LIT	2110	World Literature I	3
•LIT	2120	World Literature II	3

•Course offered at Florida's Community Colleges

**Mathematics Certification** students must take the following courses:

*Choose one if not previously taken:*

MAC	1105	College Algebra	3
MAC	1140	Precalculus Algebra	3

*Required:*

MAC	1114	Trigonometry	2
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MAC	2311	Analytic Geometry & Calculus I	4
STA	2023	Elements of Statistics	3

**Science Certification** students must take the following courses in addition to the science requirements identified above:

BSC	1010/L	General Biology/Lab	4
CHM	2045/L	General Chemistry/Lab	4
PHY	1020/L	Introduction to Concepts in Physics Lab	4

**Social Science Certification** students must take the following courses in addition to social science requirements:

POS	2041	American Politics	3
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*Choose one not previously taken:*

AMH	2010	United States to 1877	3
AMH	2020	United States since 1877	3

### TEACHER CERTIFICATION SPECIALIZATION

This is an NCATE/DOE approved specialization that leads directly to Florida DOE certification in the subject area.

#### Middle Level Education Core (36 sh)

DEP	4304	Psychology of Adolescence	3
EDF	3234	Applied Foundations of Education	3
EDM	3230	Middle School Organization & Curriculum	2
EDM	3322	Integrated Methods I	3
EDM	3942	ESOL/Reading Professional Practicum II	3
EDM	4310	Instruction, Management, and Assessment	3
EDM	4402	Educational Assessment	3
EDM	4943	ESOL/Reading Professional Practicum III	3
EEX	3070	Methods in Inclusion and Collaboration	3
EME	3410	Integrating Technology Across the Curriculum	1
RED	3324	Teaching Reading in the Middle and Secondary Schools	3
TSL	4080	ESOL Principles & Practices	3
TSL	4081	Empowering Teachers to Teach English to ESOL Students	3

#### Specialization Areas (28-30 sh)

Choose two areas corresponding to additional lower division area requirements.

#### English Certification (14 sh)

ENL	4333	Shakespeare	3
LAE	3324	Teaching Language Arts in the Middle & Secondary Schools	2
LAE	4464	Young Adult Literature	3
LIN	3742	Modern Grammar and Usage	3
		3000/4000 level advisor-approved English course	3

**Mathematics Certification (15 sh)**

MAC	2312	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	4
MAE	4320	Teaching Mathematics in the Middle & Secondary Schools	2
MAE	4657	Mathematics for the 21st Century	3
MTG	3203	Elementary Geometry	3
—	—	Advisor-approved mathematics course	3

**Science Certification (15 sh)**

GEO	3250/L	Weather & Climate	4
—	—	Advisor-approved science with lab	4
—	—	Advisor-approved science	3
—	—	Advisor-approved science elective	2
SCE	4320	Teaching Science in the Middle & Secondary Schools	2

**Social Sciences Certification (14 sh)**

GEO	3421	Cultural Geography	3
SSE	4324	Teaching Social Studies in the Middle & Secondary Schools	2
—	—	Advisor-approved history course	3

*Choose one:*

ECO	3003	Principles of Economic Theory and Public Policy	3
FIN	3140	Personal Financial Planning	3

*Choose one:*

INR	3006	Conflict, Violence and Peace	3
INR	3102	American Foreign Policy	3
POS	3122	Issues in American Government & Politics	3

**Student Teaching (11-12 sh)**

EDG	4936	Senior Seminar	2
EDG	4940	Student Teaching	6-7
		Course offered 3-12 sh per semester	
EDM	4944	Instructional Technology Professional Development Practicum IV	3

**Upper Division Electives (0 sh)****EDUCATIONAL STUDIES IN MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION**

This is an NCATE approved specialization. It does not lead directly to Florida DOE Certification.

**Major (25 sh)**

EDM	3942	ESOL/Reading Professional Practicum II	3
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**Major-Related (35 sh)**

Consult with your advisor or the Professional Studies Student Center office for specific information regarding 35 sh of major-related requirements. Developing the plan for Major-Related courses is essential to ensure that prerequisites for major courses and other requirements are met.

**Upper Division Electives (0 sh)**