

## 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: 136-148  
 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 two of six NCATE/DOE approved areas through which they earn Florida teacher certification. The second route, Educational Studies, is an NCATE, 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 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 department 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 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 an advisor 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 (60 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.

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## TEACHER CERTIFICATION SPECIALIZATION

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

### Middle Level Education Core (30 sh)

DEP 4305	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

### Specialization Requirements for Certification Areas (46-58 sh)

Choose two areas of specialization:

#### Middle Grades English (35 sh)

LAE 3324	Teaching Language Arts in the Middle & Secondary Schools	.....2
TSL 4080	ESOL Principles & Practices	.....3
TSL 4XX4	Applied Linguistics	.....3
TSL 4XX5	Testing and Evaluation	.....3
TSL 4XX6	ESOL Curriculum and Materials Development	.....3
TSL 4XXX	Cross Cultural Communication and Understanding	.....3

18 Hours of English content to include:

LAE 4464	Young Adult Literature	.....3
	Advisor approved course in English composition and grammar beyond freshman English	.....3
	Advisor approved course in speech or oral interpretation	.....3
	Advisor approved course in American literature	.....3
	Advisor approved course in world literature	.....3
	Advisor approved course in English literature	.....3

#### Middle Grades Mathematics (23 sh)

MAE 4320	Teaching Mathematics in the Middle & Secondary Schools	.....2
TSL 4080	ESOL Principles & Practices	.....3

18 Hours of mathematics content to include:

MAC 2311	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	.....4
MAC 2312	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	.....4
MAE 4657	Mathematics for the 21st Century	.....3
	Advisor approved course in Geometry	.....3-4
	Advisor approved course in Probability or statistics	.....3-4

#### Middle Grades Social Science (23 sh)

SSE 4324	Teaching Social Studies in the Middle & Secondary Schools	.....2
TSL 4080	ESOL Principles & Practices	.....3

18 Hours of Social Science content to include:

	Advisor approved courses in United States history	.....6
	Advisor approved course in western civilization or, European, Asian, African, Latin American, or Middle Eastern history	.....3
	Advisor approved course in economics	.....3
	Advisor approved course in United States government	.....3
	Advisor approved course in geography	.....3

#### Middle Grades General Science (23 sh)

SCE 4320	Teaching Science in the Middle & Secondary Schools	.....2
TSL 4080	ESOL Principles & Practices	.....3

18 Hours of Science content to include:

	Advisor approved course in Biological Science	.....3-4
	Advisor approved course in Chemistry	.....3-4
	Advisor approved course in Physics	.....3-4
	Advisor approved course in Space Science	.....3-4
	Advisor approved course in Earth Science	.....3-4
	Advisor approved elective course (if needed to reach 18 hours)	

### 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 (0-3 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
EDM 4310	Instruction, Management & Assessment	.....3
EDM 4402	Educational Assessment	.....3
EDM 4943	ESOL/Reading Professional Practicum III	.....3
EEX 3070	Methods in Inclusion & 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

### 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)

Note: Changes to the ESOL requirements in this program have been proposed by the department and are pending Faculty Senate and University approval. Approval is expected before the beginning of the academic year.