



Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd)

with an emphasis in Middle School Education

Middle school education majors explore the unique challenges and rewards of teaching students aged 10-14. This program is a small, personalized program that combines the child-centered philosophy of elementary certification with a content specialization more typical of secondary certification. You will have the opportunity to earn specific credentials, as needed, and to pursue academic minors related to your individual career goals.

Career Outlook

UMSL's middle school education degree program is highly regarded in the surrounding community and, due to the limited number of students choosing this major, employment prospects are good. Middle school majors earn certification in one or more content areas for grades 5-9: math, science, communication arts, or social studies. Students gain skills and insights that can be applied as innovative educators, managers and directors, program planners, and curriculum developers. This program requires the selection and completion of coursework and includes field/practicum experiences in middle school settings, culminating in Missouri teacher certification.

Future Career Options

- Middle School/Junior High Teacher

Skills Developed By Degree Completion

- Improve and enhance student learning
- Integrate technology to create meaningful student learning
- Create authentic and deep learning experiences
- Use learning science principles to design, implement, and evaluate curriculum
- Foster effective working relationships
- Use equitable frameworks and inclusive practices to create a variety of instructional and assessment opportunities adapted to diverse learners to encourage all students' critical thinking, problem-solving, and performance skills

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

IT STARTS RIGHT NOW

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. This map is not a substitute for academic advisement. Contact your advisor when making final selections.



YEAR ONE REQUIREMENT

Required for all first-year students and those with fewer than 24 credit hours.



MILESTONE COURSES

Milestone courses should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.



SUMMER AND INTERSESSION COURSES

Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!

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2024-2025 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

Year

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FALL SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)
HIST 1001: American Civilization to 1865 (3) or HIST 1002: American Civilization 1865 to the Present (3)
MATH 1030: College Algebra (3)
TCH ED 1000: Building Community, Culture, and Learning in Education (1)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

COMM 1040: Introduction to Public Speaking (3)
TCH ED 1001: Early Clinical Experience: Community Agency (1)
TCH ED 2000: Becoming a Professional Educator (1)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)



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Year

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FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ED TECH 2230: Information Literacy (3)
TCH ED 2001: Early Clinical Experience: Schools (1)
TCH ED 2209: Foundations of Teaching in American Schools (2)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)
Specialty Elective* (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15-16 credit hours)

ED PSY 2212: Child and Adolescent Development (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)
Specialty Elective* (3)
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FALL SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing (3)
MID ED 4315: The Middle-Level School (3)
SPEC ED 3318: Inclusive Classrooms (3)
TCH ED 3001: Mid-Level Clinical Experience: Diverse Learners (1)
TCH ED 3312: Psychology of Learning, Instruction, and Assessment (3)
Specialty Elective* (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (18 credit hours)

MID ED XXXX: Methods Courses—see your advisor (3)
TCH ED 3310: Introduction to Methods of Teaching (3)
TCH ED 3212: Sociolinguistics and Communication in the Classroom (3)
Specialty Elective* (3)
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FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

MID ED 4989: Practicum I: Middle-Level Education Site-Based Experience (3)
SEC ED 4880: Writing for Teachers (3)
SPEC ED 4323: Classroom Management/Positive Behavioral Supports in Inclusive Educational Settings (3)
TCH ED 4391: Literacy for Adolescent Learners in Content Areas (3)
Specialty Elective* (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (12 credit hours)

MID ED 4990: Practicum II: Middle-Level Education Site-Based Experience (12)



*Specialty Elective course hours vary based on content area per DESE. See your advisor for more information.