Middle Grades Education
B.S.Ed. (Certification Track)

Degree Requirements: 133 Credit Hours

Additional admission requirements must be met to enter the Middle Grades Education B.S.Ed. Certification Track (See B.S.Ed. Teacher Education Admission Requirements). Students seeking teacher certification are first admitted to the Professional Studies Middle Grades Education B.S.Ed. Non-Certification Track. Upon meeting B.S.Ed. teacher education admission requirements at the completion of Area F, students will be admitted to the certification track. Successful completion of all program requirements and all Georgia Professional Standards Commission certification requirements will prepare an individual to gain teacher certification in Georgia.

See Core Curriculum for required courses in Area A1 through Area E.

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### Area F - Courses Appropriate to Major

#### Pre-Professional Block

- **EDUC 2090**: PPB Practicum (0)
- **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

- **MATH 2008**: Foundations of Numbers and Operations (3)

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

#### Language Arts:

- **READ 2230**: Cognition and Language (required for language arts concentrations)
- **WRIT/LING 2430**: Essential Grammar for Successful Writing

#### Math:

- **MATH 1112**: College Trigonometry

#### Social Studies:

- **GEOG 1130** or **HIST 1111**: World Regional Geography or World History I: Development of World Civilization
- **INTS 2130**: Introduction to International Studies

Select 3 credit hours from the following not taken in Area D:

- **BIOL 1230**: Environmental Biology
- **CHEM 1040**: Chemistry and the Environment
- **GEOL 1340**: Environmental Geology
- **PHYS 1135**: How Things Work
- **PHYS 1149**: Environmental Physics

#### Pedagogy for Professional Educators

- **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 4632**: Seminar in Middle Grades Education (3)
- **MGED 5799**: Student Teaching in Middle Grades Education (9)
- **SPED 3332**: Introduction to SPED in Middle and Secondary Grades (3)

#### Major Requirements

- **ESED 5234**: Cultural Issues: ESOL (3)
- **MSED 5333**: Literature and Writing for the Middle and Secondary Schools (3)
- **READ 3330**: Content Literacy (3)

#### Methods Requirements

Select two of the following according to concentration areas

- **MGED 3232**: Methods of Teaching Science in the Middle Grades
- **MGED 3332**: Methods of Teaching Language Arts/Reading in the Middle Grades
- **MGED 3432**: Methods of Teaching Social Studies in the Middle Grades
- **MGED 3532**: Methods of Teaching Mathematics in the Middle Grades

#### Concentrations

Fifteen credit hours required for primary and secondary concentration areas (30)

**Language Arts:**

- **ENGL 5135**: Teaching Literature to Middle and Secondary School Students
- **ENGL 5534**: Literature for Adolescents
- **WRIT 3130** or **WRIT 3140**: Creative Writing Writing for Young Readers
- **WRIT 3131**: Teaching Writing
- **WRIT 3430**: Linguistics and Grammar for Teachers

**Math:**

- **MATH 2010**: Problem Solving for K-8 Teachers
- **MATH 3032**: Foundations of Data Analysis and Geometry
- **MATH 5130**: Statistics and Probability for K-8 Teachers
- **MATH 5135**: Algebraic Connections for K-8 Teachers
- **MATH 5137**: Geometry for K-8 Teachers

**Science:**

- **GEOG 3330**: Weather and Climate
- **GEOL 5230**: Earth Science
- **GEOL 5231**: General Oceanography
- **ISCI 2001**: Life/Earth Science
- **ISCI 2002**: Physical Science

**Social Studies:**

- **HIST 4130**: Georgia History

Select 3 credit hours from the following:

- **GEOG 4232**: Geography of Latin America
- **GEOG 4233**: Geography of Asia
- **GEOG 4330**: Geography of Africa South of the Sahara
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Program Admission Criteria

See B.S.Ed. Teacher Education Admission Requirements.

- Must be admitted into the Teacher Education Program and qualify for a Georgia Preservice Certificate

Other Program Requirements

- Must meet all requirements for retention in the Teacher Education Program and qualify for a Georgia Preservice Certificate
- Must earn a minimum grade of “C” in all courses in Area F of the Core, the teaching field, and professional education; earn an adjusted GPA of 2.75 or higher in the teaching field; and maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher
- Must successfully complete all field experiences
- Must take courses in proper sequence
- Must meet requirements for admission to Student Teaching (See catalog section, Admission to Student Teaching)
- Must successfully complete assessments identified at each program transition point

Honors in Middle Grades Education

To graduate with Honors in Middle Grades Education, a student must:

- be admitted to the University Honors Program;
- successfully complete at least four credit hours of Honors Research Seminar Education (COED 3610) over four semesters;
- successfully complete and present an Honors Thesis or Capstone Project;
- be in good standing in the University Honors Program at the time of graduation.

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.