MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION MAJOR

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Teaching and Learning, Policy and Leadership offers undergraduate curricula in Middle School Education that lead to the Bachelor of Science degree and prepare teachers for teaching in middle schools, grades 4-9.

Graduates of the Middle School Math and Science (grades 4-9) program meet the requirements for certification in Maryland and additional states that are affiliated with the Interstate Reciprocity Agreement through the Maryland State Department of Education.

Admission to the Major

Admission to the Teacher Education Professional Program is competitive. Admission procedures and criteria are explained in the College of Education Overview (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/education/).

Placement in Courses

The Middle School program includes both pre-professional and professional education course work. Before undergraduates may enroll in courses identified as part of the professional sequence, they must complete the selective admissions requirements and be fully admitted to the College of Education’s Teacher Education program. Admission procedures and criteria are explained in the College of Education entry. Teacher candidates will not be permitted to enroll in professional sequence courses – including the yearlong internship – prior to completion of the selective admissions requirements and full admission to the College of Education.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Middle School teacher candidates have in-depth knowledge of the subject matter that they teach as described in professional (Association for Middle Level Education – AMLE); state (MSDE); and, institutional standards.
2. Middle School teacher candidates can effectively plan classroom-based instruction or activities for their roles as teachers. Candidates’ knowledge, skills, and dispositions are applied effectively in practice.
3. Middle School teacher candidates practice evidence-based decision-making through the use of assessment as well as the critical interpretation of research and inquiry in order to improve educational practice. They accurately assess and analyze student learning, make appropriate adjustments to instruction, monitor student learning, and have a positive effect on learning for all students.
4. Middle School teacher candidates demonstrate understanding of learners and their social and cultural contexts with a global perspective and intentional sensitivity to other cultures. They are able to work with students, families, and communities in ways that reflect the dispositions expected of professional educators as delineated in professional (AMLE); state (MSDE); and, institutional standards.
5. Middle School teacher candidates competently integrate technology in instruction to support student learning and develop data-driven solutions for instructional and school improvement. They demonstrate proficiency in each of the seven Maryland Teacher Technology Standards.

Requirements

All Teacher Education Programs have designated pre-professional courses and a specified sequence of professional courses. Before undergraduates may enroll in professional education course requirements they must be fully admitted to the College of Education’s Teacher Education Program. An overall grade point average of 2.75 must be maintained after admission to Teacher Education. All teacher candidates are required to obtain satisfactory evaluations on the College of Education Foundational Competencies/Technical Standards and to attain qualifying scores for the State of Maryland on the Praxis I and Praxis II assessments. Praxis I is required for admission, and Praxis II is required for the teaching internship and graduation. The culminating experience of the program is the yearlong internship, which takes place in a Collaborating School (i.e., partner school, PDS - Professional Development School).

Course Title Credits
College Requirements (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/education/ #collerequirementstext)

Pre-Professional/Subject Area Courses

GEOL100 Physical Geology 4
& GEOL110 and Physical Geology Laboratory
PHYS115 Inquiry into Physics 4
or PHYS121 Fundamentals of Physics I
Select one of the following: 4

BSCI103 The World of Biology
BSCI170 Principles of Molecular & Cellular Biology
& BSCI171 and Principles of Molecular & Cellular Biology Laboratory

CHEM131 Chemistry I - Fundamentals of General Chemistry 4
& CHEM132 and General Chemistry I Laboratory
AOSC200 Weather and Climate 4
& AOSC201 and Weather and Climate Laboratory
MATH212 Elements of Numbers and Operations 3
MATH213 Elements of Geometry and Measurement 3
MATH214 Elements of Probability and Statistics 3
MATH312 Mathematical Reasoning and Proof for Pre-Service Middle School Teachers 3
MATH314 Introduction to Probability, Data, Analysis and Statistics for Preservice Middle School Teachers 3
MATH315 Algebra for Preservice Middle School Teachers 3
Select one of the following: 3-4

ASTR100 Introduction to Astronomy
or ASTR101 General Astronomy

ASTR121 Introductory Astrophysics II - Stars and Beyond
BSCI160 Principles of Ecology and Evolution
& BSCI161 and Principles of Ecology and Evolution Lab
& BSCI120 and Insects
BSCI124 Plant Biology for Non-Science Students
& BSCI125 and Plant Biology Laboratory
ENST200 Fundamentals of Soil Science
Middle School Education Major

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Pre-Professional Education Courses

Select one of the following: 3

- TLPL101 & TLPL102 Inquiry Approach to Teaching STEM (Step 1) and Inquiry Teaching of STEM in Middle School

or

- TLPL251 Community, Learners, and Classroom Climate

or TLPL360 Foundations of Education

- TLPL252 Students, Schooling, and Communities

- EDHD413 Adolescent Development

- EDHD436 Cognition and Motivation in Content Area Literacy for Middle-School Students

- TLPL462 Reading in the Secondary School

Professional Education Courses

- TLPL413 Teaching and Learning Middle School Mathematics

- TLPL420 Knowledge, Reasoning, and Learning in Science

- TLPL423 Interdisciplinary Teaching in the Middle Grades I

- TLPL424 Interdisciplinary Teaching in the Middle Grades II

- TLPL475 Equitable Classrooms

- TLPL476 Equity and Pedagogy

- TLPL477 Teaching Academically, Culturally, and Linguistically Diverse Students in Middle School and Secondary Education

- TLPL479 Field Experiences in Education (TLPL479E Field Experience in Middle School Education)

- TLPL489 Internship in Education (TLPL489E Student Teaching: Middle School)

Total Credits 88-89

Other Requirements for the Major

An overall grade point average of 2.75 must be maintained after admission to Teacher Education. All teacher candidates are required to obtain satisfactory evaluations on the College of Education Foundational Competencies/Model Code of Ethics for Educators standards and to attain qualifying scores for the State of Maryland on a test of basic skills (http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/testing_info/praxis1.aspx) and Praxis II assessments. The test of basic skills is required for admission, and Praxis II is required for the teaching internship and graduation. The culminating experience of the program is the yearlong internship, which takes place in a public school PDS setting.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Click here (https://education.umd.edu/student-resources/student-services/coe-undergraduate-studies-student-services-office/major-four/) for roadmaps for four-year plans in the College of Education.

Additional information on developing a four-year academic plan can be found on the following pages:

- http://4yearplans.umd.edu
- the Student Academic Success-Degree Completion Policy (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/registration-academic-requirements-regulations/academic-advising/#success) section of this catalog

OPPORTUNITIES

Teaching and Learning, Policy and Leadership - Middle School (TLPL)

Internships

The yearlong internship, which is the culminating experience in the teacher preparation program, takes place in a public school setting.

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) administers all types of federal, state and institutional financial assistance programs and, in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, visit: http://financialaid.umd.edu.

The College of Education also offers a number of scholarships. For more information, see: http://education.umd.edu/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships/.