



Dewey College of Education & Human Services

B.S.Ed. in Middle Grades Education



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Middle grades teachers educate children in the 4th through 8th grade, giving them a solid foundation to continue their studies in high school, instilling them with a love of learning, and helping them gain confidence as they grow into teenagers and young adults.

The Middle Grades Education (MGED) program at Valdosta State University provides experiences that allow pre-service teachers to develop the content knowledge and teaching skills necessary for meeting the diverse needs of their future students. Emphasis is placed on student-centered and reflective approaches for teaching and learning, communicating effectively, integrating technology into teaching, and fostering positive relationships within the larger community.

Middle grades education majors pursuing a bachelor's degree are required to specialize in two subject areas, creating a more versatile, well-rounded educator. Students choose two concentrations from the areas of language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies and engage in an extensive amount of hands-on teaching.

The mission of the Middle Grades Education (MGE) faculty is to prepare and support educators to model the highest standards of professionalism in their field. It is the College of Education and Human Services' policy to find student teacher placement throughout Valdosta and the surrounding areas for all of the students. These placements are ideal tools for student exposure and networking within the field; such opportunities often lead to job placement.

MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Participate in a clinically-based model of teacher education
- Engage in methods courses taught on-site at local middle schools
- Work in classrooms with middle school students while receiving immediate feedback from professors
- Assist with multiple aspects of school processes
- Analyze authentic school data with professors and middle school teachers
- Includes more than 900 hours of field experience in public schools grades 4-8 in diverse settings
- Use of and access to instructional technology
- Accredited by Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).
- Recognized by the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE)

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CREDIT HOURS

PROGRAM OF STUDY



Core Curriculum Areas A-E and Physical Ed. & Health Requirement (48 hours)

Core Curriculum Area F (18 hours)

MGED 2999: Entry to the Education Profession

EDUC 2110: Investigating Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education

EDUC 2120: Exploring Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity

EDUC 2130: Exploring Learning and Teaching

Concentration Area 1:
(6 hours of coursework; included at right in concentration courses)

Concentration Area 2:
(3 hours of coursework; included at right in concentration courses)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Professional Courses (14 hours)

SPEC 3000: Serving Students with Diverse Needs

MGED 3020: Introduction to Standards, Planning and Assessment

MGED 3220: Reading and Writing in the Content Areas

MGED 3990: Development and Education of the Middle Grades Student, Part 1

MGED 3991: Differentiated Classroom for Middle Grades

Senior Block (13 hours)

2 Content Methods Courses: (MGED 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500)

MGED 4000: Development and Education of the Middle Grades Student, Part 2

MGED 3110: Integrating Technology in Middle Grades Education

MGED 4620: Apprenticeship in Middle Grades Teaching

Student Teaching (12 hours)

MGED 4790: Student Teaching in Middle Grades

MGED 4800: Professional Practices Seminar

TEACHING CONCENTRATIONS

Language Arts (12 hours)

AREA F

ENGL 2060: Introduction to Literature

ENGL 2080: Grammar and Style

MAJOR

MGED 3210: Literature for Middle Grades Education

LING 4000: Principles of Language Study

British Lit. (1 Elective)

Amer. Lit. (1 Elective)

Social Studies (12 hours)

AREA F

GEOG, ECON, HIST, SOCI (1-2 Electives)

MAJOR

HIST 4211 or 4212: History of Georgia

GEOG 3410: Cultural Geography

POLS (1 Elective)

HIST, POLS, or ANTH (1 Elective)

Math (12 hours)

AREA F

MATH: 1101, 1111, and/or 1112

MAJOR

MATH 3180: Mathematics for Middle School Teachers

MATH 3190: Algebra and Geometry for Teachers

MATH 4161: Mathematical Reasoning

MATH 2620: Statistical Methods

Science (12 hours)

AREA F

BIOL 1030 & 1040: Intro. to Biology/Lab

ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, GEOG, PHSC, or PHYS (1 Elective)

MAJOR

ISCI 3101: Matter & Energy for MGE

ISCI 3102: Earth & Space Science for MGE

ISCI 3103: Natural History for MGE