

# MIDDLE GRADES SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION

The Middle Grades Social Studies Education major prepares students to teach history and social studies to middle level students in grade 5 - 8. Content preparation gives the student breadth for teaching social studies, including courses in history, government, economics and geography. The required professional education courses prepare the candidate to be successful in the classroom. Candidates who successfully complete the major are eligible to receive an Illinois Professional Educator License that is valid for teaching at the middle grades level (grades 5 - 8). Students who desire to teach at the high school level should major in History/Social Science with secondary education licensure. Candidates who wish to be prepared to teach history in all secondary grades (e.g. middle school and high school) should complete the History/Social Science with secondary education licensure major.

Important note: Students may not double major in History/Social Science with Secondary Education Licensure and Middle Grades Social Studies Education. The majors are too similar to constitute a double major.

## Program Outcomes:

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in *Middle Grades Science Education* will be able to:

- teach in their respective fields
- plan, deliver and assess effective instructional experiences that align with learning standards, educational theory, and knowledge of student development
- exhibit appropriate professional dispositions that reflect the personal, professional, and practical components of teaching
- evidence Christian values in their personal and professional practice, while respecting the exercise of individual moral decisions.
- address the differing needs of a diverse student population with professional competence, respect and fairness.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Professional Education Courses</b>		
ED 101	Introduction to Teaching	2
ED 103	Professional Skills for Teachers	1
ED 240	Foundations of Education	2
ED 260X	Educational Psychology/Human Development	3
ED 306	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum	3
ED 310	General Teaching Methods	2
ED 311	General Teaching Methods Pre-Clinical Experience	1
ED 330	Introduction to Special Education	3
ED 363	Teaching History Secondary School	3
ED 368	Secondary Methods Pre-clinical Experience	2
ED 380	Diversity in Education	1
ED 381	Diversity Pre-clinical Experience	1
ED 413	Clinical Practice in the Secondary School	12
ED 421	Classroom Management	1
ED 422	Advanced Seminar in Education	2
ED 430	Educational Research and Assessment	2
PSY 337	Psychology of Adolescence	3

## Required History/Social Science Courses

HI 105	Understanding History	3
HI 121	United States History Through the Civil War	3
HI 122	United States History Since the Civil War	3
HI 201	World Civilizations to 1600	3
HI 202	World Civilizations Since 1600	3
HI upper division elective		3
BUS 103	Introduction to Economics	3
	or BUS 208 Macroeconomics	
GEO 100	World Geography	3
POL 250	American Government	3
Total Hours		71