

## Middle Grades Language Arts (6-9) Background Requirements

### 6 key courses

Candidates should have at least a bachelor's degree with a major or minor in English and courses in the competency areas below. Candidates with a major in English will satisfy any background deficiencies through graduate courses which apply to the M.A.T. Candidates with degrees in other fields will complete the minor and make up deficiencies with undergraduate coursework outside the 39-hour graduate program. The GPA for background requirements must be at least a 2.75, and no courses may be presented for licensure with grades lower than a C.

Competency Area	Course requirements and UNC Charlotte examples  There must be at least one course in each cell unless otherwise noted	Candidate's courses	Grades	Plan for satisfying deficiencies
<b>Writing</b>	<i>Any ENGL writing course at 2000 level or above, e.g., ENGL 2100, 2126, 2127, 2128, 3200, 4204, 4205</i>			
<b>Grammar or Linguistics</b>	<i>An ENGL course focused on grammar, e.g., ENGL 3132: Contemporary American English ENGL 4161: Modern English Grammar</i> <b>OR</b> <i>An ENGL linguistics or language structure course, e.g., ENGL 4166: Comparative Lang. Studies for Tchrs. ENGL 4263: Linguistics and Language Learning</i>			
<b>Adolescent Literature</b>	<i>An ENGL course focused on adolescent literature, e.g., ENGL 3104: Literature for Adolescents</i> <b>OR</b> <i>A variety of literature courses which included the study of literature appropriate for young adolescents</i>			
<b>Survey Literature</b>	<i><b>Three</b> literature survey courses at the 2000 level or above, one structural overview course, one in American literature, and one in British literature. One of the literature courses must have multicultural or minority content and one must focus on the study of poetry, fiction, or drama.</i>  <u>Required</u> ENGL 3100: Approaches to Literature  <u>American Literature Recommendations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multicultural: ENGL 3156, 4104, 4145-4148</li> <li>• Poetry/Fiction/Drama: ENGL 3141, 4103, 4150, 4151</li> </ul> <u>British Literature Recommendations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multicultural: ENGL 2301, 4124</li> <li>• Poetry/Fiction/Drama: ENGL 2103, 2105, 2108, 3114, 3128, 4102, 4123</li> </ul>			

**Note: Some deficiency courses may have prerequisites.**

**Requirements for the minor in English:** 18 hours at the 2000 level or above, including ENGL 2100, 3100, and at least 6 hours at the 3000 or 4000 level. For the "A" license, this minor must include two courses in American Literature, one of which focuses on minority literature, and two courses in British Literature, one focusing on works published before the 20<sup>th</sup> century (Shakespeare). Candidates should choose courses that satisfy all competencies above as well as the minor.