

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Middle Grades Education (6-9) Social Studies

Required courses

MDSK 6162: Planning for K-12 Teaching (3)
READ 5255: Integrating Reading and Writing in the Content Areas (3)
EDUC 5100: Diverse Learners (3)
MDLG 5130: The Middle Grades Experience (3)
MDSK 5253: Middle and Secondary Social Studies Methods

Final course

MDSK 6161: Analysis of K-12 Teaching (3)

This final course is a full time internship requiring employment as a social studies teacher in an approved middle school or a non-paid placement with a licensed social studies teacher in a public middle school. It requires application and approval during the semester prior to the internship.

Additional requirements for licensure

Technology portfolio

Passing scores on Praxis II exams if you have fewer than 24 hours in social studies or if you are/have been a lateral entry teacher

Other specific background courses in social studies, if applicable – See background requirements below

Applying for the teaching license

Application for NC Standard Professional I license to be filed in TEAL Office, with all appropriate forms regarding completion of coursework, technology portfolio, and internship

Looking ahead

You may wish to apply to the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Middle Grades Education at the completion of the Graduate Certificate program: <http://www.uncc.edu/gradmiss/index.asp> . All your coursework for the Graduate Certificate will be applied toward the requirements for that degree. Completion of the master's degree leads to the advanced "M" teaching license and a 10% pay raise.

Middle Grades Social Studies (6-9) Background Requirements

Candidates should have at least a bachelor's degree with a major or equivalent in an area of social studies (e.g., history, geography, political science) and coursework in the competency areas below. Candidates with a major in history will satisfy any specific history deficiencies through graduate courses which may be applied to the M.A.T., but will typically satisfy other social studies deficiencies with undergraduate courses. Candidates with degrees in other fields will build to the equivalent of a 24-hour major in social studies through the undergraduate coursework below which is outside the 39-hour graduate program. The GPA for background requirements must be at least a 2.5, and no courses may be presented for licensure with grades lower than a C.

Competency Area	Coursework required with UNC Charlotte examples <i>There must be at least one course in each cell unless otherwise noted.</i>	Candidate's courses	Grades	Plan for satisfying deficiencies
U.S. History	<p>Any broad-based course in U.S. history, e.g.,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HIST 1160, 1161 <p><i>OR Several topic-specific U.S. history courses showing breadth of study</i></p>			
Government	<p>Any broad-based political science course that includes treatment of American politics and government, e.g.,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ POLS 1110, 1130, or 1150 <p><i>OR Several topic-specific courses in American govt.</i></p>			
Developing Nations	<p>Coursework focused on developing nations, one in each area below. Examples are shown in each area.</p> <p><u>Africa:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HIST 2211: Modern Africa ▪ AAAS 2221: Intro. to Contemporary Africa <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p><u>Asia:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HIST 2201: History of Modern Asia ▪ HIST 2216: The Modern Middle East <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p><u>Latin America:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HIST 2207: Modern Latin America ▪ HIST 3176: History of Mexico 			
Geography	<p>A broad-based course clearly focused on people and geography, e.g.,</p> <p>ESCI 1101: Earth Science – Geography GEOG 1101: World Regional Geography GEOG 1105: Location of Human Activity</p> <p><i>OR Several topic-specific geography courses</i></p>			
World History	<p>Any broad-based course in modern world history, e.g.,</p> <p>HIST 1100, 1121</p> <p><i>OR Several topic-specific world history courses showing breadth of study and including European history</i></p>			

The remaining course to meet the 24-hour expectation: MDSK 5253