

**Department of Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education**  
**Major in Middle Grades Education**  
**(BA Degree: 120-127 hours – General Education Hours vary based on Concentration)**  
**College of Education**  
<http://education.uncc.edu/mdsk>

**Academic Plan of Study**

**Program Summary Information:**

- Declaring the Major: Minimum of 2.5 GPA requirement; Passing scores on all three parts of Praxis I or acceptable alternatives (SAT or ACT scores); Grades on EDUC 2100 and SPED 2100 of C or better. Students must also complete an “Application for Admission to a Teacher Education Program” in the Office of Teacher Education, Advising, and Licensure (TEAL) in the College of Education. This should occur no later than the second semester of the sophomore year.
- Advising (major): Required immediately on admission to the major and at each registration period by the undergraduate education advisor in the Department of Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education. Course permits are required, and they can only be attained through the advisor.
- Advising (General Education): By advisors in the Office of TEAL in the College of Education
- Minimum Grades/GPA: GPA of 2.5 or higher must be maintained; Grades in professional education and concentration coursework must be C or better and the overall GPA in these courses must be a 2.75.
- Teacher Licensure: YES, Middle Grades Education requires concentrations in two of four content areas (Mathematics - 21 hours), (Science – 24 hours), English/Communication Skills – 21 hours), and/or (Social Studies – 21 hours)
- Night Classes Available: YES (major cannot be completed at night)
- Weekend Classes Available: NO (occasionally a course may be offered)
- Other information: A yearlong internship (YLI) is a requirement for completion of the major. This YLI must begin one semester prior to student teaching. An application is required for admission to the YLI and must be completed early in the semester prior to beginning the internship - see Office of Field Experiences website (<http://education.uncc.edu/ofe/>) for YLI application deadlines. Student teaching is required the last semester upon completing all other coursework required for the major. Student teaching requires an additional application, that students meet all GPA requirements, and includes the undergraduate advisor’s recommendation.
- Contact Person: Pre admission to major – contact either Ms. Lisa Morris ([lmorri56@uncc.edu](mailto:lmorri56@uncc.edu)) or Ms. Jackie Owens ([jowens57@uncc.edu](mailto:jowens57@uncc.edu)), Undergraduate Advisors, College of Education Building. Post admission to major – contact Ms. Tarra Ellis, Undergraduate Advisor, 323B College of Education Building, [tdenisee@uncc.edu](mailto:tdenisee@uncc.edu)

**Program Requirements:**

The Middle Grades Education major has a *very structured* curriculum. Freshmen and sophomores who intend to major in Middle Grades Education are classified as Pre-Education majors in Middle Grades Education. During the pre-education phase students are advised by TEAL advisors regarding General Education and Academic Concentration courses to meet the requirements for admission to the Middle Grades Education major.

Upon completion of the education pre-requisite courses, students apply for admission to the MDSK program as majors. Upon admission to full-standing in the program, students are advised through the MDSK Advising Center where they plan the remainder of their program of studies with the undergraduate advisor in that office (typically the junior and senior years).

Minimum criteria for Admission to the MDSK program:

- Completion of EDUC 2100 and SPED 2100, with a minimum grade of a C, by the end of the semester of application.
- An overall GPA (Grade Point Average) of 2.5.
- A passing score on the PRAXIS I exam

### Credit Hours

Professional Education	47 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required courses in the major will satisfy university requirements for writing intensive and oral communications – READ 3255 (W); MDSK 3150 (W); MDLG 4430 (O)</li> </ul>
General Education	31-35 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These course requirements vary with a student's academic concentration. In some concentrations, courses may count for both Gen Ed and the requirements of the concentration.</li> <li>• Does not include required writing intensive and oral communications courses which are included in the major</li> </ul>
Academic Concentration	Varies based on concentrations chosen 42-45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students choose to complete two of four academic concentrations – the combinations may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ math/science; math/English; math/social studies; science/English; science/social studies; or English/social studies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Electives	none	

\* The standard General Education requirements consist of 43 credit hours. However, in virtually all students take courses that are required for the major or related work in the major that *also* fulfill Gen Ed requirements. This block therefore lists Gen Ed hours students will have to take *in addition to* the required courses in the major..

Suggested Plan of Study:

General Education Requirements		
Gen Ed Req.	Course	Credit
Writing Skills	ENGL 1101 or 1103	3
Writing Skills	ENGL 1102 or 1103 (if 1103 is taken, do not need to take 1101 or 1102)	0-3
Math & Logical Reasoning	MATH 1xxx (suggest MATH 1120 for math concentration)	3
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Life Sciences and/or Physical Sciences	Two of the following: one of which must have a lab: Science concentration requires two with labs: Life and/or Physical Sciences: choose from ANTH 2141, BIOL 1110*, BIOL 1115*, CHEM 1111* OR CHEM 1251*, ESCI 1101* GEOL 1200* PHYS 1101* PSYC 1101 (*meets science concentration)	7-8
Social Science	One of the following: ANTH 1101, GEOG 1105, ECON 1101, ECON 2101, POLS 1110*, SOCY 1101 (*required for social studies concentration)	3
Arts & Society	One of the following: LBST 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, or 1105	3
Western Tradition	LBST 2101 (social studies concentration requires history section)	3
Global Understanding	LBST 2102 (social studies concentration requires geography section)	3
Ethical Issues & Cultural Critique	One of the following: LBST 2211, 2212*, 2213, 2214, 2215 (*meets ENGL/Com Skills concentration)	3
Writing in Discipline	See Professional Education Coursework (W) – READ 3255 and MDSK 3150	6
Oral Communication	See Professional Education Coursework (O) – MDLG 4430	15
Pre-Teacher Education Admission Requirements		
	EDUC 2100 Intro to Education & Diversity in Schools (Grade of C or better)	3
	SPED 2100 Intro to Students with Special Needs(Grade of C or better)	3
Add. Requirements	Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Passing scores on all three parts of the Praxis I (Reading, Writing, & Math) or acceptable alternatives (SAT or ACT) scores	
*Professional Education Coursework Sequence		
Junior Year - Fall		
	Course	Credit
	*MDLG 3130 The Early Adolescent Learner	4
	*EXER 2290 First Aid	3
	*MDSK 3151 Instructional Design/Use of Tech/Mid & Sec School Learners	3
	Concentration Courses as needed	
Junior Year - Spring		
	Course	Credit
	*MDLG 3131 The Philosophy & Curriculum of Middle Grades Education	4
	*READ 3255 Integrating Reading and Writing Across Content Areas (W)	3
	*MAED 3232 (Math methods course offered spring only)	3
	Concentration Courses as needed	
Senior Year - Fall		
	Course	Credit
	*EDUC 4290 Modifying Instruction for Learners with Diverse Needs	3
	*MDSK 4251 (Sci), MDSK 4253 (SS), or ENGL 4254 (appropriate methods course based on concentration)	3
	*MDSK 3150 (W)	3
	Concentration Courses as needed	
Senior Year - Spring		
	*MDLG 4430 Student Teaching/Seminar (O)	15

## Academic Concentrations For Middle Grades Education

All grades must be C or higher and the Overall GPA in the concentration must be 2.75 or higher

<b>Mathematics (21 hours)</b>
STAT 1220 or 1222 Statistics* (may be used to satisfy Gen Ed Requirement)
MATH 1120 or 1241 Calculus I* (may be used to satisfy Gen Ed Requirement)
MATH 2340 Number Concepts and Relationships
MATH 2341 Algebra and Algebraic Structures
MATH 2342 Data Analysis and Probability
MATH 2343 Geometry and Measurement
Math elective

<b>Science (24 hours)</b>
BIOL 1110 + Lab * Principles of Biology I/ Lab (may be used to satisfy Gen Ed Requirement)
BIOL 1115* Principles of Biology II (may be used to satisfy Gen Ed Requirement)
CHEM 1111 + Lab Chemistry in Today's Society/ Lab
ESCI 1101 + Lab Earth Sciences-Geography/ Lab
GEOL 1200 + Lab Physical Geology/ Lab
PHYS 1101 + Lab Introductory Physics I/Lab

<b>English/Communication Skills (21 hours)</b>
ENGL 2100 Writing about Literature (W)
ENGL 3104 Literature for Adolescents
ENGL 3132 Contemporary American English
ENGL 4104 Multicultural Literature
ENGL 4204 Expository Writing
Choose two additional courses that deal with British Literature OR American Literature OR Drama OR Poetry. Check with your advisor.

<b>Social Studies (21 hours)</b>
HIST 1121 Europe Since 1660
HIST 2297 North Carolina History
HIST 1160 United States History I
HIST 1161 United States History II
HIST (one course in Latin American history)
HIST (one course in African history)
HIST (one course in Asian history)