

# MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION IN SOCIAL STUDIES AND LANGUAGE ARTS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (5001)

## Program Coordinator

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The Middle Level Education in Social Studies and Language Arts program leads to the Bachelor of Science degree and certification for grades 5-9 in Social Studies, Language Arts / Communication, or both.

The program requires completion of:

- 44-47 semester hours of professional education courses: EDU 250, EDU 260, PSY 310, EDU 350, PSY 422, EDU 360, and LME 448. MGE 395, MGE 396, plus a 3-hour MGE methods course for each area of certification, MGE 490, and EDU 489; and
- The indicated content-area coursework for dual area or single area teacher certification in one of the three concentrations.

## Concentrations

- Social Studies and Language Arts/Communication - dual certification (MESD)
- Social Studies - single certification (MESS)
- Language Arts/Communication - single certification (MELA)

## Program Requirements (77-102 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at [www.wku.edu/registrar/degree\\_certification.php](http://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php). ([https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree\\_certification.php](https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php))

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

## Core Courses

Code	Title	Hours
EDU 250	Discover Teaching: Introduction to Teacher Education	3
EDU 260	Classroom Assessment	3
PSY 310	Educational Psychology: Development and Learning	3
EDU 350	Student Diversity and Differentiation	3
PSY 422	Adolescent Psychology	3
EDU 360	Behavior and Classroom Management in Education	3
MGE 395	Clinical Practices in Middle School Teaching I	6
MGE 396	Clinical Practices in Middle School Teaching II	1

LTCY 497	Literacy Competencies for Middle and High School Classroom Teachers	0
MGE 490	Student Teaching	10
LME 448	Technology Applications in Education (This course also meets the Colonnade requirement for Local to Global.)	3
EDU 489	Student Teaching Seminar	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>41</b>

## Concentration 1: Dual Area Certification in Middle Level Social Studies and Language Arts/Communication

Code	Title	Hours
Methods Courses		
MGE 475	Teaching Language Arts	3
MGE 481	Clinical Practices in Secondary Teaching II: Social Studies	4
Social Studies (dual area certification, 27-30 hours)		
HIST 101	World History I	3
HIST 102	World History II	3
HIST 240	The United States to 1865	3
HIST 241	The United States Since 1865	3
GEOG 110	World Regional Geography	3
or GEOG 330	Introduction to Cultural Geography	
PS 110	American National Government	3
Select one of the following:		3-6
ECON 150	Introduction to Economics	3
ECON 202 & ECON 203	Principles of Economics (Micro) and Principles of Economics (Macro)	
Select a 3-hour elective examining ancient to early modern history		
HIST 304	Ancient Identities	3
HIST 305	Ancient Greece	
HIST 306	Ancient Rome	
HIST 307	The Middle Ages	
HIST 308	Conflict, Culture and Commerce in the Medieval Mediterranean	3
HIST 310	Comparative Slavery	
HIST 317	Renaissance Europe	
HIST 318	Age of the Reformation	
HIST 323	The British Isles to 1688	3
HIST 330	History of Africa Before 1500	
HIST 364	Colonial Latin America, 1400-1825	
HIST 398	War and Society to 1500	
HIST 404	History of Ancient Egypt	3
HIST 407	The Crusades: West Meets East	
HIST 419	Tudor-Stuart England	
HIST 440	Colonial North America to 1763	
HIST 460	Traditional East Asia	3
HIST 463	The Atlantic World	
Select a 3-hour elective examining U.S. history to 1877		3

HIST 325	Blacks in the Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 353	Native American History to 1865	
HIST 358	Blacks in American History to 1877	
HIST 390	Blacks in the American South	
HIST 441	The American Revolution and Early Republic, 1763-1815	
HIST 442	The Age of Jackson, 1815-1850	
HIST 443	Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877	
HIST 445	American Legal History to 1865	
HIST 457	Old South	
HIST 481	The Rise and Fall of the Confederacy	

#### Language Arts/Communication (dual area certification, 24 hours)

ENG 100	Introduction to College Writing	3
ENG 300	Writing in the Disciplines	3
ENG 302	Language and Communication	3
ENG 391 or ENG 392	Survey of American Literature I Survey of American Literature II	3
COMM 145	Fundamentals of Public Speaking and Communication	3
LME 318	Children's Literature	3
Select two of the following: ENG 301 and 410 recommended		6
ENG 301	Argument and Analysis in Written Discourse (Recommended course)	
ENG 401	Advanced Composition (an option, but ENG 301 and 410 are preferable)	
ENG 410	Composition Theory and Practice in Writing Instruction (Recommended course)	

**Total Hours** **58-61**

### Concentration 2: Single Area Teacher Certification in Middle Level Social Studies

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Professional Education Coursework</b>		
MGE 481	Clinical Practices in Secondary Teaching II: Social Studies	4
<b>Social Studies (single area teacher certification, 36-39 hours)</b>		
HIST 101	World History I	3
HIST 102	World History II	3
HIST 240	The United States to 1865	3
HIST 241	The United States Since 1865	3
GEOG 110 or GEOG 330	World Regional Geography Introduction to Cultural Geography	3
PS 110	American National Government	3
Select one of the following:		3-6
ECON 150	Introduction to Economics	
ECON 202 & ECON 203	Principles of Economics (Micro) and Principles of Economics (Macro)	

Select 15 hours of electives of the following: <sup>1</sup> 15

HIST 304	Ancient Identities
HIST 305	Ancient Greece
HIST 306	Ancient Rome
HIST 307	The Middle Ages
HIST 308	Conflict, Culture and Commerce in the Medieval Mediterranean
HIST 310	Comparative Slavery
HIST 311	History Teaching Methods
HIST 317	Renaissance Europe
HIST 318	Age of the Reformation
HIST 323	The British Isles to 1688
HIST 325	Blacks in the Civil War and Reconstruction
HIST 330	History of Africa Before 1500
HIST 353	Native American History to 1865
HIST 358	Blacks in American History to 1877
HIST 364	Colonial Latin America, 1400-1825
HIST 375	Spatial History
HIST 390	Blacks in the American South
HIST 398	War and Society to 1500
HIST 402	Pirates in World History
HIST 404	History of Ancient Egypt
HIST 407	The Crusades: West Meets East
HIST 419	Tudor-Stuart England
HIST 440	Colonial North America to 1763
HIST 441	The American Revolution and Early Republic, 1763-1815
HIST 442	The Age of Jackson, 1815-1850
HIST 443	Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877
HIST 445	American Legal History to 1865
HIST 453	American Women's History
HIST 454	History of Religion in America
HIST 457	Old South
HIST 460	Traditional East Asia
HIST 463	The Atlantic World
HIST 481	The Rise and Fall of the Confederacy
GEOG 330	Introduction to Cultural Geography
GEOG 352	Geography of Kentucky
PS 310	The American Presidency
PS 326	Constitutional Law
PS 435	American Political Thought

**Total Hours** **40-43**

<sup>1</sup> At least twelve hours must be in History, three of which must examine histories outside of the United States. At least one of these courses must be a non U.S., non-European history course.

### Concentration 3: Single Area Teacher Certification in Middle Level Language Arts/Communication

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Professional Education Coursework</b>		
MGE 475	Teaching Language Arts	3
<b>Language Arts/Communication (single area teacher certification)</b>		
ENG 100	Introduction to College Writing	3
ENG 204	English Language	3
ENG 300	Writing in the Disciplines	3
ENG 301	Argument and Analysis in Written Discourse	3
ENG 302	Language and Communication	3
ENG 391 or ENG 392	Survey of American Literature I Survey of American Literature II	3
ENG 401	Advanced Composition	3
ENG 410	Composition Theory and Practice in Writing Instruction	3
Select any ENG upper-division course		3
COMM 145	Fundamentals of Public Speaking and Communication	3
LME 318	Children's Literature	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

In order to meet the prerequisites for admission to student teaching, students must complete all professional education and content courses with grades of "C" or higher; attain at least a 2.75 GPA overall, in professional education courses, and in each content area; and achieve specified ratings on dispositional and critical performance assessments. For details on the prerequisites for student teaching, see [http://www.wku.edu/teacherservices/student\\_teaching/index.php](http://www.wku.edu/teacherservices/student_teaching/index.php) ([http://www.wku.edu/teacherservices/student\\_teaching/](http://www.wku.edu/teacherservices/student_teaching/)).

Students in the Middle Level Education in Social Studies and Language Arts program receive advising in the School of Teacher Education, GRH 1005, (270) 745-5414. Refer to the School of Teacher Education website (<http://www.wku.edu/ste> (<http://www.wku.edu/ste/>)) for additional information. Students with a major in Middle Level Education in Social Studies and Language Arts receive a 12-hour waiver in the upper-division hour requirement in the major field.

### Finish in Four Plans

#### Middle Level Education Social Studies and Language Arts/Communication dual certification

<b>First Year</b>			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EDU 250		3 HIST 101 or HIST 102	3
MATH 109 or MATH 116		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences w/ lab	4
ENG 100		3 PS 110	3
COMM 145		3 ECON 150, ECON 202, or ECON 203	3
GEOG 110		3 LME 318	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Second Year</b>			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 200		3 HIST 241	3

Colonnade: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3	GEOG 360	3
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science	3	EDU 260	3
HIST 240	3	PSY 310	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities	3	SOCL 100 or ANTH 120	3
	ENG 300		3
	15		18
Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EDU 350		3 MGE 395	6
ENG 301		3 ENG 391 or ENG 392	3
ENG 302		3 PSY 422	3
EDU 360		3 LME 448 (This course also meets the Colonnade requirement for Local to Global.)	3
Colonnade: Connections (Social & Cultural)	3		
	15		15
Fourth Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
MGE 396		1 EDU 489	3
MGE 481		4 MGE 490	10
MGE 475		3	
Colonnade: Connections (Systems)	3		
ENG 410 (FALL ONLY)	3		
LTCY 497	0		
	14		13

**Total Hours 121**

#### Middle Level Education Language Arts/Communication single area certification

<b>First Year</b>			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EDU 250		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences w/ lab	4
MATH 109 or MATH 116		3 ENG 200	3
ENG 100		3 World Language, if needed OR General Elective	3
COMM 145		3 Elective Course	3
Elective Course		3	
		<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Second Year</b>			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 300		3 ENG 204	3
Colonnade: Social & Behavioral Sciences		3 ENG 301	3
HIST 101 or HIST 102		3 PSY 310	3
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science		3 EDU 260	3
ENG 302		3	
		<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Third Year</b>			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EDU 350		3 MGE 395	6

ENG 391 or ENG 392	3 LME 448 (This also meets the Colonnade requirement for: Connections (Local to Global))	3	Elective Course	3
EDU 360	3 ENG 401	3	MGE 396	1
ENG Elective (any upper level ENG course)	3 COLONNADE: CONNECT (Connections (Local to Global))	3	MGE 481	4
ENG 410	3		LTCY 497	0
			Colonnade: Connections (Systems)	3
				17
				13
			<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>121</b>

**Fourth Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
MGE 396		1 EDU 489	3
PSY 422	3	MGE 490	10
MGE 475	3		
Colonnade: Connections (Systems)	3		
LME 318	3		
LTCY 497	0		
Elective Course	3		
	16		13

**Total Hours 114****Middle Level Education Social Studies single area certification****First Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EDU 250		3 HIST 101 or HIST 102	3
MATH 109 or MATH 116		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences w/ lab	4
ENG 100		3 PS 110	3
COMM 145		3 CIS 141	3
GEOG 110		3 ECON 150, ECON 202, or ECON 203	3
	15		16

**Second Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 200		3 EDU 260	3
Colonnade: Social & Behavioral Sciences		3 GEOG 360	3
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science		3 SOCL 100 or ANTH 120	3
HIST 240		3 ENG 300	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities		3 PSY 310	3
	15		15

**Third Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EDU 350		3 MGE 395	6
HIST 241		3 PSY 422	3
EDU 360		3 HIST or GEOG Elective	3
HIST or GEOG Elective		3 LME 448 (This course also meets the requirement for Colonnade: Local to Global)	3
Colonnade: Connections (Social & Cultural)	3		
	15		15

**Fourth Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
HIST or GEOG Elective		3 EDU 489	3
HIST or GEOG Elective		3 MGE 490	10