

Middle Level Education

Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education and Human Services



Program of Study

Students combine a foundation of general studies with major courses and clinical experiences with children as they complete the middle level education curriculum. A Bachelor of Science in education with a major in middle level education leads to Illinois teacher licensure in grades fifth through eighth grade. Candidates will choose to prepare for licensure in one of four areas of specialization: science, social studies, literacy, or math.

In addition to extensive coursework in the major, students begin observing middle school students early in the program and begin working with them as tutors and classroom aides in their junior year. During the comprehensive pre-student teaching field experience in the first semester of their senior year, students teach lessons in their area of specialization. The program culminates in a 16-week student teaching experience.

Faculty

The professors in the WIU Department of Curriculum and Instruction have a strong interest in helping students develop into skilled, competent and creative professionals. The faculty members hold advanced degrees from notable universities across the United States and are all experienced public school teachers. The faculty engage in a wide variety of scholarly activities that enhance their teaching: collaborating with local education agencies, participating in professional organizations, providing continuing education workshops, delivering professional conference presentations, publishing in education journals, authoring books and book chapters, and writing grants. Several have won teaching, technology and/or research awards.

Scholarships

A number of scholarships are available to academically talented students through curriculum and instruction, the Center for Preparation of Education Professionals (CPEP) advising office and the College of Education and Human Services. Information about these scholarships can be found on the department website at wiu.edu/curriculum.

Honors College

Entering students with high ACT or SAT scores and/or top placement in their high school graduating classes may be eligible for the Centennial Honors College. Transferring students with high GPAs may be eligible as well. General honors seminars in the humanities, sciences and social sciences provide students with the opportunity to explore key academic issues with distinguished faculty members. To find out more, visit wiu.edu/Honors.

Transfer Students

Many students enroll in WIU programs after completing one or two years at a community college. Because curriculum and instruction programs are very specific and courses are sequential, it is imperative that students who are considering transferring into the program contact the CPEP advising office early for assistance with selecting appropriate community college classes to ensure a smooth transition to WIU.

Student Activities

Students can participate in professional groups, such as the WIU Student Education Association, Council for Exceptional Children, Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education, and Society of Educators. Students can also be involved in the PreK-8 Science Update Conference, Assistive Technology Conference, WIU SEA Spring Conference, and KDP Fall Conference. Information on other organizations can be found at wiu.edu/osa.

Special Opportunities

The faculty in the department are committed to meeting the needs of individual students and communicate with them frequently. Middle school education majors complete coursework toward licensure in either science, social studies, literacy or mathematics. The use of technology and techniques to accommodate the needs of individual children are emphasized throughout the program. Students apply the knowledge gained in the classroom as they complete a variety of field experiences and student teaching. The department's Outstanding Pre-service Teaching Award (OPTA) recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in their academic coursework and teaching experiences.

After College

Nationwide studies indicate teacher shortages in some areas and suggest that job opportunities are increasing. All graduates of the middle school education program are qualified to teach in grades fifth through eighth departmentalized classrooms.

For More Information

For more information, contact the CPEP advising center in Horrabin Hall 91 at (309) 298-1438 or the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in Horrabin Hall 40 at (309) 298-1961.

Middle School Education Sequence of Courses that are Common to All Areas of Specialization

ENG 180+ College Writing I (3) HIST 105/106+ American History (3) C&I 110+ Critical Skills (2) UNIV 100 (1) 2 other classes per area of specialization (6-8)	GEOG 110 + World Regional Geography (3) 4 other classes per area of specialization (12-14)	FRESHMAN YEAR
ENG 280+ College Writing II (3) SPED 210+ Exceptional Individual (2) EIS 202+ Multi Cultural/Social Fdn (3) C&I 170+ Class Observation/Seminar (1) 2 other classes per area of specialization (7-8)	EIS 306+ Learning & Dev't in Adolescent (3) C&I 270+ Ed Field Work/Sem II (1) COMM 241+ Intro to Public Speaking (3) 3 other classes per area of specialization (8-10)	SOPHOMORE YEAR
Successfully Pass Test of Academic Proficiency or have ACT or SAT scores used in lieu of TAP		Complete the safety training Complete Technology Competency Assessment
C&I 370 + Field work Seminar I (1) EIS 305+ Measurement & Assessment (2) RDG 384+ Literacy Instruc. Intermediate (3) 3-4 other classes per area of specialization (8-10)	RDG 388+ Disciplinary Lit Instr Mid Grades (3) SPED 390+ Differentiating Instr for Learners (2) 3-4 other classes per area of specialization (9-12)	JUNIOR YEAR
C&I 403+ Middle Level Education (3) C&I 470+ Senior Field work (4) EIS 401+ Education Law & Policy (2) 1-2 other classes per area of specialization (3-6)	*STUDENT TEACHING 462 (12) Successfully pass edTPA	SENIOR YEAR
		Must be fully accepted to Teacher Education Program by end of sophomore year Complete ELL modules
		Submit: • Student Teaching Application • Graduation Application • Mandated Reporter Training Certificate
		Successfully pass Illinois Certification Teaching System Subject Matter Test(s)

+Grade of "C" or higher required

NOTE: This plan is subject to successful completion of pre-requisites and/or availability of courses

Additional Coursework Required for Specific Areas of Specialization

Each area of specialization chosen will include the following classes: Fine Arts+ (3), STAT 171+ (3), POLS 122+ (3), EIS 428+ (3), ECON+ (3), and Human Well Being (2-3). Additional courses required per area of specialization are listed below:

Math	Science	Social Studies	Literacy
BIOL 100 or 101+ (4)	BIOL 181/GEOL 181+ Int Sci I (4)	BIOL 100 or 101+ (4)	BIOL 100 or 101+ (4)
MATH 128+ Precalculus Algebra (3)	GEOL 110+ Intro to the Earth (4)	HIST 115+ World Hist to 1500 (3)	Social Science (3)
MATH 137+ Applied Calculus I (3)	GEOG/PHYS 182+ Integ Sci II (4)	HIST 105/106 Humanities (3)	ENG+ Humanities dir elective (3)
Multicultural (3)	BIOL 101+ Biological World (4)	Physical Science+ (3)	Physical Science+ (3)
Physical Science+ (3)	Multicultural (3)	Earth and Space Science+ (3-4)	ENG 299+ Crit Meth Rdg/Wrtg (3)
Earth and Space Science+ (3-4)	PHYS 114+ Applied Physics (4)	ANTH 110+ Intro Cultural Anth (3)	Earth and Space Science+ (3-4)
MATH 260+ Num Alg Geo T&L (4)	Fine Arts or Humanities elective (3)	HIST 116+ World Hist since 1500 (3)	ENG 433+ Literature Young Child (3)
MATH+ Directed Math course (3)	CHEM 101+ Gen Chemistry (4)	GEOG 100+ Intro Human Geog (3)	RDG 467 or ENG 303+ (3)
MATH 402+ Investig in Schl Geo (2)	Directed Science courses (7-8)	POLS 267+ Comparative Gov/Pol (3)	RDG 433+ Corrective Reading (3)
Fine Arts or Humanities elective (3)	Open electives (2)	U.S. History electives (6)	LLA 367+ Lang Arts Mid Schl (3)
MATH 407+ Num Theory Cncpts (3)	SCED 465+ Mid Sch Sci Methods (3)	World History elective (3)	ENG/RDG directed electives+ (6)
Open electives (5)		SSED 390+ Methods Mid Schl SS (3)	RDG 434+ Literacy Assessments (3)
MATH 367+ Tch Mid Schl Math (3)			

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