

Middle Level Education Major

Students in this program plan to become teachers in 4th through 8th grade, ultimately gaining the ability to teach either as classroom generalist teaching all subjects, or as a classroom specialist in one or more concentration areas. Students receive a broad-based education in the basics of teaching children in this age-range, including basics of young adolescent development, inclusive practices, and in creating age-appropriate curriculum in all subject areas.

Students will complete 21 credits in educating Middle Level students, and have the opportunity to complete additional credit requirements in the concentration area of their choice. Concentration areas may include Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and/or Science. After receiving an Associate of Arts Degree in Middle Level Education, the student expects to transfer and continue work toward the Bachelor's Degree in Middle Level Education with a concentration in one or more areas.

Fieldwork is a required element of the many of the courses in Middle Level Education major, requiring students to spend time outside of the college classroom in settings ranging from private to charter to public middle schools. Student must possess the following clearances prior to the start of fieldwork in the first semester of the freshman year: Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance, Pennsylvania Criminal Background Check, and FBI Background Check.

Suggested Course Sequence

First Semester	Credits
PS 101 Introduction to Psychology	3
EN 101 Fundamentals of Composition I	3
Religion Elective	3
Computer Science Core (Required: CS 105 or CS 106)	3
ED 107 Foundations of Middle Level Education	3
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Second Semester	
EN 102 Fundamentals of Composition II	3
PL 100 Philosophy and the Human Condition	3
Mathematics Elective	3
ED 208 The Inclusive Classroom	3
ED 112 Early Adolescent Development	3
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Third Semester	
Science Elective	3/4
ED 221 Teaching Language Arts 4th – 8th	3
ED 231 Teaching Math 4th-8th	3
Major Concentration Elective	3/4
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	15 – 18
Fourth Semester	
History Elective (HS 103 or 104 recommended)	3
ED 241 Teaching Social Studies 4th – 8th	3
ED 251 Teaching Science 4th-8th	3
Major Concentration Elective	3/4
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	15 – 17
Total Credits	60 – 65