Program Coordinator: R. Gilmore

The Middle Grades program currently prepares candidates for licensure to teach in Grades 4-8. Specialization in one core subject (math or science) taught in the middle grades is required, with a minimum of 24 semester credit hours of pre-approved coursework in one additional subject area (language arts or social studies). Middle Grades licensure in Tennessee is transitioning from a general license to teach all subjects in grades 4-8 to academic subject-specific endorsements in grades 6-8. The middle grades license is achieved by completing a planned, pre-approved program leading to two academic subject specialties and fieldwork and the clinical experience in appropriate middle grades settings. Consult with the Program Coordinator of Teacher Education for program availability and advisement.

Core Curriculum Requirements
Interdisciplinary Studies majors seeking middle grades education licensure should fulfill specified categories of the King Core Curriculum by taking the courses indicated below. See the “The Core Curriculum” section of the catalog for additional details.

Science with on-ground lab
BIOL 1110
Principles of Biology.................................................................4 s.h.

Quantitative Literacy
MATH 1560
Introduction to Statistics .........................................................4 s.h.

Literature
ENGL 2172
Western Literature II.................................................................4 s.h.

History
HIST 2172
Western Civilization in Global Context II ....................................4 s.h.

US and Global Citizenship
PSCI 2100
United States Government (required for Government competency)......4 s.h.

Interdisciplinary Studies Track: Preparation for Middle Grades licensure completed during the academic year 2014-15
Teacher Education Program Diversity Courses
EDUC 4360
ESL Methods and Materials .......................................................... 2 s.h.

Subject Specialization Courses
Subject specialization courses are pre-approved courses that allow interdisciplinary studies with balanced content majors to complete three content areas of study.

U.S. Government and Diversity Competencies are required.

Language Arts
ENGL 3140*
Children’s Literature ........................................................................ 3 s.h.
ENGL 3170*
Literacy Development and Reading Instruction in the Elementary and Middle Grades ......................................................... 4 s.h.
ENGL 2161 or 2162
American Literature ........................................................................ 4 s.h.
EDUC 3590*
Content Area Reading .................................................................... 3 s.h.

Mathematics
MATH 1230
Pre-Calculus .................................................................................. 4 s.h.
MATH 2200
Mathematics for Elementary Teachers ........................................... 4 s.h.

NOTE: Students will choose three (3) other courses from the Math Listing to fulfill degree requirements. (Math 1110 will not count towards the IDST-Middle Grades degree.)

Social Science
Choose one from the following two courses .................................. 4 s.h.
HIST 2161
The United States to 1877 (4 s.h.)
HIST 2162
The United States 1877 to Present (4 s.h.)
PSCI 2120
Cultural Diversity in America ......................................................... 4 s.h.
PSYC 3310
Child Development ......................................................................... 4 s.h.
PSYC 3320
Adolescent Development ................................................................ 4 s.h.

Science
BIOL 2120
General Biology II with on-ground lab ....................................... 4 s.h.
BIOL 3100  
Plant Biology with on-ground lab ........................................... 4 s.h.
CHEM 1010  
Introduction to Chemistry with on-ground lab .......................... 4 s.h.
GEOG 2010  
Physical Geography .................................................................... 3 s.h.
PHYS 2010  
Physical Science with on-ground lab ....................................... 4 s.h.
PHYS 2030  
Survey of Astronomy with on-ground lab ................................ 4 s.h.

**Professional Education Requirements**
*(Middle Grades Education Minor)*

EDUC 2030  
Introduction to Teaching: K-Grade 12 ...................................... 2 s.h.
EDUC 2031  
Introduction to Teaching Practicum, Grades PreK-12 ............. 1 s.h.
EDUC 2100  
Survey of Exceptional Children .............................................. 4 s.h.
EDUC 2370*  
Reflective Teaching: Planning for Classroom Instruction .......... 3 s.h.
EDUC 2900  
Foundations of Education ....................................................... 3 s.h.
EDUC 2950*  
Technology for Teachers ......................................................... 2 s.h.
EDUC 3530*  
Language Arts & Social Studies Methods ................................. 3 s.h.
EDUC 3540*  
Math and Science Methods ..................................................... 3 s.h.
EDUC 3550*  
Related Arts Curriculum: PreK-Grade 8 .................................. 3 s.h.
EDUC 3600*  
Assessment and Evaluation ..................................................... 3 s.h.
EDUC 4480*  
Student Teaching: Grades 4-8 ................................................. 5 s.h.
EDUC 4490*  
Student Teaching: Grades 7-10 ............................................... 5 s.h.
EDUC 4950*  
Capstone Seminar: K-12 ......................................................... 2 s.h.
EDUC 4990*  
Comprehensive Assessment (passing state-required
Praxis II exams, successful portfolio completion, successful
portfolio defense) .................................................................... 0 s.h.
PSCI 2120  
Cultural Diversity in America .................................................. 0-4 s.h.

* Requires admittance to the Teacher Education Program
Written proof of current First Aid and CPR certification is required for approval for professional clinical experience (student teaching/internship). Certification can be attained via PHED 1620: CPR and PHED 1630: First Aid or through outside training from the American Red Cross or other licensed providers.

All state-mandated Praxis II content knowledge and subject specialty tests must be passed before a candidate’s application to student teach will be approved. Student teaching placements in public schools require that candidates attain passing scores on applicable official Praxis II score reports before mentors can be assigned.

Summary of Total Credits
Core Curriculum Requirements .................................................42 s.h.
Track Requirements .................................................................63 s.h.
Education Requirements/Minor ............................................... 39 s.h.
Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Arts......................................... 144 s.h.