



Middle Level Ed— Social Studies

Bachelor of Arts

Information about the Major

The Bachelor of Arts in Middle Level Social Studies provides preparation for teaching grades 6-8 in South Carolina. Through challenging coursework and diverse field experiences, the middle level education curriculum provides multiple opportunities for candidates to obtain the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to meet the academic and social needs of middle level students. The program of Middle Level Social Studies requires students to build a foundation of content mastery in economics, geography, history, and political science, as these four content areas are most commonly taught at the middle level.



The faculty in the School of Education taught me that being a teacher is not just about the content. Teaching is about building meaningful relationships with your students and letting them know that you care! Being a social studies teacher allows us to shape our students into active and informed members of the community.

-Sharon Hughes, Middle Level Social Studies Graduate

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School of Education

Course Requirement	Credit Hours	Semester	Grade	Attribute
ENGL A101* – Composition	3			
ENGL A102* -Composition & Literature	3			
MATH A108* (or higher)-College Algebra	3			
STAT A201-Elementary Statistics	3			
COMM A241* (or A201)-Public Speaking (or Interpersonal)	3			
Foreign Language I*-FREN, GERM, SPAN-check placement	4			
Foreign Language II-2 semesters of the same language required	4			
Biological Science-BIOL	4			
Physical Science-CHEM, GEOL, or PHYS	4			
Introductory Psychology-PSYC A101*	3			
Social/Behavioral Science-SOCY, GEOG, ECON, POLI	3			
Humanities-ARTH, MUSC, THEA, PHIL, RELG, HONS, etc.	3			
Humanities-See above	3			
American History I-HIST A201*	3			
History of Civilization I-HIST A101*	3			
American National Government-POLI A201*	3			

Praxis Core _____ WPP: _____
 Reading: _____ Writing Intensive (WI) _____
 Writing: _____ SCDE CATS App: _____
 Math: _____ Fingerprinting _____

Course Requirements-MLE-Social Studies: 2022-2023
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Pre-Professional Course Requirement*	Cr Hr	Semester	Grade	Attribute
EDUC A245-Technology Integration	2			
EDFN A321-Dynamics of American Public Education	3			
EDPY A334-Adolescent Growth & Dev	3			
EDRD/ENGL A485-Adolescent Literature (Spring)	3			
EDRD A318-Foundations in Reading & Assessment	3			
EDSE A312-Teaching Diverse Populations	3			
Professional Program Course Listing*	Cr Hr	Semester	Grade	Attributes
Spring Professional Program				
EDUC A455-Middle School Curriculum	3			
EDRD A518- Content Area Reading/Writing	3			
EDSE A446-Classroom Management & Assessment	4			
Fall Professional Program				
EDSE A449-Teaching Social Studies In Middle/High	4			
Student Teaching				
EDSE A471-Internship	12			
EDSE A476-Senior Seminar	3			
Subject Area Course Requirement*	Cr Hr	Semester	Grade	Attribute
ECON A221 or A222-Principles of Economics	3			
GEOG A101-World Regional Geography (Western)	3			
GEOG A102-World Regional Geography (Non-Western)	3			
HIST A102-History of Civilization II	3			
HIST A202-American History II	3			
HIST A351 or A451-SC Heritage or SC History	3			
Content Area Elective	3-4			
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*must pass course with "C" or better

Prof. Progr. App: _____

USCA Intern App: _____

SCDE CATS App: _____

Fingerprinting _____

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
	ACADEMICS			
	<p>Work on your General Education courses.</p> <p>Consider taking your first pre-professional Education course such as EDFN A321.</p> <p>Review requirements for your scholarships, grants, and other financial aid such as GPA and credit hour minimums.</p> <p>Become familiar with the Center for Student Achievement resources such as personal tutoring, the Writing Center, and Math Lab.</p> <p>Start going to ICE events.</p>	<p>Still loving your History, Geography, and other subject area courses? Great! This subject area suits you well.</p> <p>Thinking about switching your subject area? Talk with your advisor to easily transition!</p> <p>Continue taking General Education courses and begin loading up on pre-professional Education courses.</p> <p>Keep working on ICE events—you should have at least 8 complete by the end of this year!</p>	<p>Finish remaining General Education and pre-professional Education courses in the first semester.</p> <p>Enroll in the Spring or Fall Professional Program courses for the second semester (depending on your date of entrance to the program) along with some subject area requirements.</p> <p>Turn in the Writing Proficiency Portfolio (WPP) or take ENGL A201 by the end of the year.</p> <p>Finish ICE Events by the end of this year!</p>	<p>In the first semester, finish out your subject area requirements and the other Professional Program semester (Fall/Spring).</p> <p>Enroll in Senior Seminar and Internship in your last semester.</p> <p>Check with your advisor that you have completed all degree requirements before the last semester begins.</p>
	COMMUNITY			
	<p>Attend Get on Board Day at the beginning of the semester to find clubs and organizations that you would be interested in joining—and join one!</p> <p>Join the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)</p> <p>Become familiar with the Counseling Center and Student Health Center resources available to students.</p>	<p>Visit the Student Life Office to find out about Study Abroad opportunities.</p> <p>Consider completing the Leadership Certificate Program through the Student Life Office.</p>	<p>Take part in a research project with a faculty member.</p> <p>Present at a conference and UofSC Aiken Scholar Showcase.</p> <p>Feeling overwhelmed? Visit the Counseling Center in B&E 126 to get support and time management assistance.</p>	<p>Connect with the Alumni Office to stay involved after graduation.</p> <p>Build a network with alumni, faculty, staff, and classmates.</p>
	SCHOOL OF EDUCATION			
	<p>Maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA to prepare for the Professional Program.</p> <p>See if you exempt the Praxis Core with your SAT or ACT score.</p>	<p>Consider applying for the SC Teachers Loan and/or TEACH Grant forgiveness programs.</p> <p>Look into "add-on" options for your teaching certification.</p>	<p>Submit your Professional Program Application through the SoE website.</p> <p>Attend the Professional Program Induction Ceremony to get officially inducted to the program.</p> <p>Apply to Internship with UofSC Aiken and the SC Department of Education one year before your last semester.</p>	<p>Obtain at least a 3.0 GPA by the beginning of your last semester.</p> <p>Complete your contact information form during Senior Seminar.</p> <p>Complete your certification recommendation form during Senior Seminar.</p>
	CAREER			
	<p>Visit Career Services to find Work Study jobs on campus or part time jobs off-campus.</p>	<p>Look out for emails from soe@usca.edu about Summer Counselor and camp jobs.</p>	<p>Make the most of your practicum placements by completing more than the required hours to gain experience in the classroom.</p>	<p>Take the Praxis Subject Assessment and Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exams before certification.</p> <p>After your degree is posted, submit an official transcript to the SC Department of Education.</p>