

**College of Education**

**Department of Middle, Secondary, and Mathematics Education**

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[***http://www.jmu.edu/coe/msme/***](http://www.jmu.edu/coe/msme/)

***Student Information Packet***

**Middle Grades Education Bachelor of Science Major**

**4-year Program**

**Initial Teacher Licensure Program**

**The Middle Grades Education BS Major is designed to prepare teachers of grades 6 through 8.** Please consult the MSME website each semester for updates to this information. This state approved program provides the requisite course offerings and experiences that form the foundation for recommendation for a Virginia teaching license.

To meet requirements for these standards and also meet requirements for JMU’s Middle Grades Education teacher licensure program, middle grade teachers must hold endorsement credentials in one or two of the four core subject areas: **ENGLISH; HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCE; MATHEMATICS; SCIENCE.**

**Add-on licensure areas include: Algebra I, Journalism, Gifted Education, and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).**

Candidates should consult with the Secondary, Middle, and Mathematics Education Department early during their freshman year to obtain information concerning the general education requirements, Middle Grades Education program requirements, and the requirements for admission to Teacher Education.

**Middle Grades Education Advisors:**

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| **Program** | **Advisor** | **Room** | **Phone 540-** | **e-mail address** |
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The MSME Department staffs peer-advisors that are available daily in the MSME office, in Memorial Hall, room 3200. In addition, information sessions are offered monthly throughout the fall and spring semesters. Contact your COE advisor or the MSME office for dates.

Peer advisors are available in the ESC office as well.

Candidates should be aware of important information on the ESC website ([www.jmu.edu/coe/esc](http://www.jmu.edu/coe/esc)) found in the *Professional Education Handbook* and the *Student Teaching Performance Guide* which highlight requirements and expectations for this education major.

**Middle Grades Education Major 4-year Program**

* Candidates must receive grades of “B-” or higher in all Middle Grades Education program course work.
* Minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.7 required.
* Ensure a minimum of 120 *undergraduate* credit hours will be completed to earn an undergraduate bachelor’s degree

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| **Course** | **Course Title** | **Credits** |
| **FRESHMAN YEAR *(offered fall & spring semesters)*** | | |
| **EDUC 300** | **Foundations of American Education** *(grade of “C” or better required for Teacher Education)* | **3** |
| **PSYC 160** | **Life Span Human Development – Cluster 5** *(grade of “C” or better required for Teacher Education)* | **3** |
| **WRTC 103** | **Critical Reading and Writing – Cluster 1** *(grade of “C” or better required for Teacher Education)* | **3** |
| **MATH** | **Any Cluster 3 course with MATH designation (not ISAT)** *(grade of “C” or better required for Teacher Education)* | **3** |
| **General Education** | **Complete five general education courses – see required courses in each cluster** <http://www.jmu.edu/advising/acadreq/gened.shtml>, click on Gen Ed Study Planner | **15-16** |
| **SOPHOMORE YEAR *(offered fall & spring semesters)***  **MSSE 240 is BLOCKED and requires full acceptance into Teacher Education to register**  **LED 312 is recommended for current students but required for students Catalog Year 2020-2021 and on.** | | |
| **EDUC 310** | **Teaching in a Diverse Society** | **3** |
| **LED 312** | **Reading & Writing Across the Curriculum in the Middle Grades** | **3** |
| **EXED 200** | **Foundations of Exceptional Education** | **3** |
| **MSSE 240** | **Foundations of General Education 6-12** | **3** |
| **General Education** | **Complete five general education courses – see required courses in each cluster** <http://www.jmu.edu/advising/acadreq/gened.shtml>, click on Gen Ed Study Planner | **15-16** |
| **Licensure Area** | **Take 2 or more licensure area courses** | **6** |
| **JUNIOR YEAR *(offered fall & spring semesters)***  **Course work below requires successful completion of MSSE 240.**  **Applications for student teaching are due October 31 of junior year.** | | |
| **MSSE 425** | **Assessment in Middle and Secondary Education** | **3** |
| **MSSE 470** | **Teaching Methods, Grades 6-8** *(content specific)***\*\*** (*co-requisite with MSSE 471)* | **3** |
| **MSSE 471** | **Field Experience in Middle School** *( (content specific)***\*** | **1** |
| **LED 440** | **Literacy-Based Learning in Secondary Education** | **3** |
| **Licensure Area** | **Take 6-7 licensure area courses** | **18-21** |

**\*\* Candidates pursuing a SOCIAL STUDIES content area must register for HIST 457: Comparative Empires course this semester.**

**\*** **Candidates must provide dependable transportation for field experience and student teaching and must be aware that student teaching placement location travel may be significant (up to one hour driving distance).**

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| **Course** | **Course Title** | **Credits** |
| **SENIOR YEAR *(fall semester)*** | | |
| **MIED 311** | **Field Experience in Middle Education** | **1** |
| **MSSE 303** | **Classroom Management for Adolescents** | **3** |
| **MSSE 470** | **Content Methods Courses for Middle School** *(content specific)* **\*\* or other approved elective** (*co-requisite with MIED 311)* | **3** |
| **MSSE 460** | **Differentiation for Adolescents** | **3** |
| **Licensure Area** | **Take 2 or more licensure area courses** | **6** |
| **SENIOR YEAR *(spring semester)*** | | |
| **MIED 489** | **Effective Practices in Middle Education** | **3** |
| **MSSE 450** | **Internship Seminar** | **2** |
| **MSSE 475** | | **Internship in Middle and Secondary Education**  ***Register for 2 different blocks within the same semester at 4 credits each block* \*** | **8** |

**\*** **Candidates must student teach local to Harrisonburg, provide dependable transportation for field experience and student teaching and must be aware that student teaching placement location travel may be significant (up to one hour driving distance).**

**Admission to Teacher Education is required before you can enroll in MSSE 240.**

* Candidates should follow the steps to apply that are located on the Education Support Center (ESC) website ([www.jmu.edu/coe/esc](http://www.jmu.edu/coe/esc)) under “Admission.”
* Candidates should be aware that some requirements take time to complete and be processed by the Education Support Center; therefore, candidates must complete admission requirements well in advance of registration for blocked courses.
* Candidates may stop by the ESC or email peer advisors at [teach.jmu@gmail.com](mailto:teach.jmu@gmail.com) for assistance with Teacher Education admission requirements.
* All Teacher Education admission requirements are submitted through the ESC office. Questions about Teacher Education can be sent to [teacher-ed@jmu.edu](mailto:teacher-ed@jmu.edu) and will be forwarded to the most appropriate person for response.
* The Education Support Center office is located in **Memorial Hall, room 7230; 540-568-6274.**

**Assessments are required for Middle Education teacher licensure candidates.**

* This program prepares candidates for licensure in Virginia. Therefore, candidates are required to successfully pass Virginia Required Assessments.
* Two entry assessments, the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) and Praxis Core Mathematics, are required for admission into teacher education.
* In addition, Middle Grades Education Teacher Licensure Candidates will need to take and pass the Praxis Subject Assessment in their content area. If candidate is pursuing licensure in two content areas, they will need to take and pass the Praxis Subject Assessment in both of their content areas. **All tests require advanced pre-registration and scores can take over 5 weeks to be submitted to JMU**.
* Candidates are encouraged to take the tests *early* so that there is ample time to re-take the tests if necessary to achieve passing scores. When candidates register for these tests, they should ensure that scores are sent to JMU **and** candidates must maintain paper copies of scores to submit to the ESC and to the MSME office. Keep copies of ALL score reports for your records.

**Praxis Subject Assessments:** [**www.ets.org/praxis**](http://www.ets.org/praxis)

* It is extremely important that candidates prepare and take this test ***early*** so adequate time is available to retake thetest if necessary. Y***ou must take and pass the Praxis Subject Assessment before beginning your senior year.***
* See the ESC website ([www.jmu.edu/coe/esc](http://www.jmu.edu/coe/esc)) under “Licensure” for registration information and requirements for licensure assessments. Passing scores on your specific Praxis Subject Assessment are required to be submitted to the JMU Education Support Center for licensure and to the MSME Office **prior to candidates beginning their senior fall semester.**
* Test dates, testing windows, and test codes are posted on the ESC and ETS websites\*. Not all Praxis Subject Assessment tests are offered on all test dates.
* Be sure to follow Virginia Praxis test requirements and register for the correct Praxis Subject Assessment test.

**Candidates must apply to student teach.**

* **Applications for student teaching positions are due to the Education Support Center office by October 31st of candidate’s junior year.** Candidates must attend one Student Teaching Information Meeting in September of junior year prior to beginning the application. Instructions for the student teaching application packet is available at [www.jmu.edu/coe/esc](http://www.jmu.edu/coe/esc) under “Field Experience.”
* Students will also attend an Orientation Meeting in the semester prior to student teaching and a Student Teaching Conference during the student teaching semester. Information and a calendar with dates for these meetings can be found on the ESC website.
* Candidates must provide dependable transportation for field experience and student teaching and must be aware that student teaching placement location travel may be significant (up to one hour driving distance).
* **Candidates must meet the following minimum requirements:**

1. Successfully complete Secondary Education major course requirements with grades of “B-” or higher.
2. Have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.7.
3. Ensure a minimum of 120 *undergraduate* credit hours will be completed required to earn an undergraduate bachelor’s degree.
4. Candidates must submit passing Praxis Subject Assessment score in their content area. If candidate is pursuing licensure in two content areas, they will need to submit passing Praxis Subject Assessment scores in both of their content areas.

**ADD-ON ENDORSEMENTS and TESOL**

Students may choose to acquire Add-Ons and Endorsements in three separate fields, Algebra I; Journalism; and Gifted Education. These endorsements are attained by completing the necessary courses for each content area. Go to the COE website for further information on Add-Ons and Endorsements at: <http://www.jmu.edu/coe/msme/secondary-ed/index.shtml>.

If interested in dual licensure in **Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages** (TESOL), please contact Dr. Ekaterina Koubek ([koubekex@jmu.edu](mailto:koubekex@jmu.edu) 540-568-6760, MH 3225B) in the Educational Foundations and Exceptionalities Department in the College of Education.