MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION, B.A./B.S.

Teach 5th through 8th grade.
Impact the lives of young adolescent learners.

THE PROGRAM

You will gain the knowledge and skills to support the educational and developmental needs of young adolescent learners and become a highly effective teacher in grades 5-8. Your studies will include middle level teaching and management, the governing principles of middle school, and the inclusion of students with mild disabilities. You will have field experiences and internships throughout the program in diverse middle school settings, where you will work alongside award-winning faculty and experienced classroom teachers.

State reciprocity and our national accreditation make it easy to become certified in most states. Our graduates are also well-prepared to enroll in master’s degree programs during their first years of teaching.

CONTENT SPECIALIZATIONS

You will be prepared to teach in two middle level content areas of your choice that may include English, mathematics, science or social studies. Your specializations will determine whether you graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science, and upon graduation you can seek certification in both areas.

Having two specializations will enable you to effectively engage in interdisciplinary teaching and increase your marketability as you begin your teaching career.

ACCREDITATION

All educator preparation programs at the University of South Carolina are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).
2024-2025

TYPICAL PROGRAM FOR

MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION, B.A./B.S.

FRESHMAN

Fall
Reading and Composition
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
Aesthetics and Interpretive Understanding
History
Elective (Typically UNIV 101)

Spring
Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning*
Rhetoric and Composition
Social Science Course
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
Science Course with Lab

SOPHOMORE

Fall
Schools in Communities
Science Course
Additional required Carolina Core Course
Content Specialization (2 courses)

Spring
Learners and the Diversity of Learning
Additional Literature, History or Science course
Content Specialization (3 courses)

JUNIOR

Fall
Foundations in Reading for Young Adolescents
Content Specialization (4 courses)

Spring
Middle Level Content Area Reading and Writing
Middle Level Teaching and Management*
Introduction to Inclusion of Students with Mild Disabilities
Content Specialization (3 courses)

SENIOR

Fall
Integrated Curriculum at the Middle Level*
Middle Level Teaching Methods 1*
Middle Level Teaching Methods 2*
Classroom Assessment
Middle Level Internship A*

Spring
Internship Seminar
Middle Level Internship B*

*Indicates courses with experiences in a middle school setting.

South Carolina Teacher Loan
SC Residents might be eligible for the South Carolina Teacher Loan. Visit www.scstudentloan.org for more information.