BSEd in Middle School Education

Degree Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Education in Middle School Education prepares students to work with children from fifth through ninth grade in public, private, and alternative school systems. You may consider a degree in education if you enjoy working with children and/or adolescents, want to strengthen the future through education, and want to make a difference in the lives of others. MU Students work closely with mentors, practicing teachers, administrators, and university faculty to develop the knowledge and skills to enhance learning outcomes for children and youth. The coursework through the College of Education focuses on teachers’ roles in facilitating learning at all levels of development and considers the influences of cultural, political, historical, and economic factors on students, teachers, and schools. Practical and rewarding clinical training in schools and agencies begins sophomore year, and continues each semester culminating in a senior-level teaching internship, enhancing teaching skills and confidence. Coursework will help you learn about general teaching and learning strategies as well as those specific to your discipline.

Major Program Requirements

The BSEd in Middle School Education is offered in four emphasis areas: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Students must choose one of the emphasis areas to earn the BSEd. Students must complete all university requirements, general education requirements, and content requirements in addition to the degree requirements. Please meet with a Mizzou Ed Academic Advisor to discuss degree requirements and to create a semester plan.

Teacher Education programs in the College of Education are accredited by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE (https://dese.mo.gov)). Curriculum changes mandated to earn teacher certification may become effective at any point during your academic program. Therefore, it is extremely important that you DO NOT SELF ADVISE.

Major and Career Exploration

The University of Missouri has many resources to assist you in exploring majors and career possibilities. For guidance, visit the Majors and Careers (https://career.missouri.edu/majors-careers) website or view specific resources below.

• If you are considering a change of major or are exploring multiple majors, schedule an appointment with an advisor in Academic Exploration and Advising Services (AEAS) (http://aeas.missouri.edu) by calling (573)884-9700.

• If you would like to learn more about your career interests, abilities, values and talents, visit the MU Career Center (http://career.missouri.edu) in the lower level of the Student Success Center. No appointment is necessary to explore career options with one of our staff members.

• If you would like information about MU majors and degree programs, visit:
  - the Degrees, Majors (Degree Programs), Emphasis Areas, Minors and Certificates (http://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms) page in the catalog,
  - the MU Majors (https://majors.missouri.edu) website.

For additional major and career exploration resources, visit Major & Career Exploration (http://catalog.missouri.edu/majorcareerexploration) in the catalog.

Semester Plan

The BSEd in Middle School Education has emphasis areas in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Please see the emphasis area pages for semester plans specific to the emphasis.

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