

TEACHER LICENSURE (5-8)

MCLA requires a concentration or major in Education for students seeking a middle school teaching license. The middle school licensure program prepares students to become educated and competent teachers. The curriculum emphasizes a well-rounded education, early field experiences, and the study of research and knowledge related to effective teaching and learning.

To fulfill the requirements for a middle school licensure program, students must complete a major in the appropriate liberal arts or sciences and a concentration or major in Education. In addition, students must also complete a three-credit developmental psychology course. A total of 40 credits are required for the Education major and licensure program. Students should meet with an education department advisor during their first semester. For more information, students should talk to their Education advisor.

Choice of Liberal Arts/Sciences Major to Accompany Middle School Licensure

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Interdisciplinary Studies (IDST)¹
- Mathematics
- Physics

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A student selecting IDST will pursue a program specific to their license: in general science, math and science, or humanities.

Students must apply for, and be accepted into, the Student Teaching Practicum. Acceptance requires the student to have met all requirements, including passing scores on the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL). Please see the Education Department for all requirements. Students must have departmental approval to enroll in more than 12 credits during the Student Teaching Practicum. Upon completion of the middle school licensure program the student is eligible for Initial licensure (5-8).

Code	Title	Hours
CCSS 269	Education and Society	3
EDUC 336	Reading in the Content Area	3
EDUC 340	Field Placement I	2
EDUC 342	Field Placement II 5-12	2
EDUC 405	Sheltered English Instruction MDSC/SECE	3
EDUC 414	Curriculum and Instruction 5-12	3
EDUC 422	Classroom Management/Teaching Strategies (MDSC/SECE)	3
EDUC 430	Teaching in an Inclusive Classroom	3
EDUC 580	Student Teaching Practicum 5-8 ¹	9
EDUC 581	Student Teaching Seminar 5-12	3
Optional Second Major in Education		
Two Additional Education Related courses		0-6
Total Hours		34-40

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Application, interview, and passing scores on all MTEs for this license are required for admission to the Student Teaching Practicum. All licensure courses (including subject matter knowledge) require a minimum grade of C in order to proceed through the program and be admitted to the Student Teaching Practicum.

Note: Field Placement I requires attendance at the Communication and Literacy MTEL Prep course.

Note: All Subject Matter Knowledge (SMK) courses required for the license must also be completed. A list of all SMK courses is kept and maintained by the Coordinator of Curriculum and the Education Department and is incorporated into each student's degree audit (Degree Works), dependent upon their individual combination of programs.