

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your inquiry concerning study in the field of Middle School Education. The University of Georgia Department of Elementary and Social Studies Education is one of the top departments in the country offering courses of study in Middle School Education.

Materials are enclosed concerning admission requirements for the Middle School Education Program. If you wish to be considered for the bachelor's program or certification only program you must apply to the University of Georgia at www.admissions.uga.edu and to the Middle School Admissions Committee following the enclosed admissions requirements. If you wish to be considered for the master's/certification program you must apply to the University of Georgia Graduate School at www.gradsch.uga.edu and to the Middle School Admissions Committee following the enclosed admissions requirements. If you have questions relating to the bachelor's program, certification program or master's/certification program, please contact Joyce Brown, Academic Advisor, Middle School Education at jcbrown@uga.edu or (706) 542-4275.

For information on early experience opportunities please visit the Middle School Education Preprofessional Experience website at <http://www.coe.uga.edu/esse/middleschool/earlyexp/what.html>

Sincerely,

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The University of Georgia

There are more students who wish to enter the Middle School Education Program/Cohorts than there are available spaces in the program. Therefore, the faculty will select 50 students from the applications submitted who meet minimum requirements for entry into the program/cohorts. The policy described below will be in effect for admission to the next fall semesters cohorts.

Minimum requirements for application include the following:

1. 2.75 GPA cumulative and overall
2. Submission of Essay and Resume
3. Completed or currently enrolled in EFND 2110 or equivalent course.
4. Passing score on GACE Basic Skills Assessment or exemption of GACE Basic Skills. Candidates are exempt from this requirement if they have earned a qualifying score on any of these tests:
 - SAT minimum required score – 1000 (Verbal and Math)
 - GRE minimum required score – 1030 (English and Math)
 - ACT minimum required score – 43 (Verbal and Quantitative)

Upon entrance to the program/cohorts:

1. No more than 9 semester hours of core courses remaining.
2. Completion of 100 hours of documented Preprofessional Experience with submission of Preprofessional Experience Portfolio. Please visit the Middle School Education Preprofessional Experience website for information, requirements and submission forms at <http://www.coe.uga.edu/esse/middleschool/earlyexp/what.html>
The due date for the Preprofessional Experience Portfolio is July 1. If the preprofessional experience portfolio is not turned in by the deadline you will not be allowed to begin the program.
3. Completion of the following core requirements and prerequisites in Specializations I and II must be completed:
 - Specialization I or II Science - CHEM 1110 & 1110L or equivalent
 - Specialization I or II Mathematics - MATH 2200 & 2200L or equivalent
 - Specialization I or II Language Arts - 3 hour ENGL elective (2000 or above level course).
 - Specialization I or II Social Science - 3 hour elective from GEOG 1101 or 1125, ECON, HIST elective (2000 or above level course).
4. Completion of criminal background check.

1. By the end of summer session prior to the fall semester, students must have an overall grade point average of at least 2.75 and have completed EFND 2110 or equivalent with a minimum grade of C.
2. Effective Fall Semester 1999 the University of Georgia requires a criminal background check on all students enrolled in teacher education programs. The Georgia Professional Standards Commission also has the authority to undertake background checks on teacher certification applicants.
3. Students may have no more than 3 core courses remaining (i.e., courses required in Areas A, B, C, D, E and F). Students must have a minimum grade of C in all AREA F core courses. Students who do not meet these requirements will be withdrawn from their cohort.
4. Students must have a minimum grade of C in all cohort courses each semester in order to take the next semester of cohort courses. Students who do not satisfy this requirement will be withdrawn from their cohort.
5. Students withdrawn from the program must file a written appeal to the Middle School Faculty for readmission. Every effort will be made to accommodate students who must withdraw from their cohort for emergency reasons. Re-entry into a specific cohort, however, can not be guaranteed.
6. All course work must be completed prior to student teaching.
7. By the end of fall semester prior to student teaching students must have a cumulative and overall grade point average of at least 2.75. Students who do not meet this requirement will be withdrawn from their student teaching cohort.
8. Preprofessional Experience
 - a. Completion of 100 hours of documented Preprofessional Experience.
(We recommend students complete this requirement in May of the school year prior to the semester of entry to the program.)
 - b. Submission of Preprofessional Experience Portfolio
 - c. The due date for the Preprofessional Experience portfolio is July 1. If the Preprofessional Experience portfolio is not turned in by deadline you will not be allowed to begin the program.

I have read and understand the above requirements to enroll in and continue in the Middle School Education Cohort Program. Please sign and return with your application to the Middle School Program.

Signature

Date