

**BEACON PROGRAM CHECKLIST  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SOCIAL STUDIES CERTIFICATION (Grades 5-9)**



**Education department**

**GENERAL EDUCATION**

**38 – 47 hrs**

The general education component is to be completed according to Columbia College degree requirements. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

**LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE DEGREE**

**40 – 60 hrs**

Middle Level Education majors may choose from the following recommended degree areas.

- BA – Biology
- BS – Biology
- BA – Chemistry
- BA – English
- BS – Environmental Science
- BA – History
- BS – Mathematics
- BA - Sociology

Students must complete the degree requirements as set forth by Columbia College. Hours required for completion will vary depending on area chosen. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

**CONTENT AREA COURSEWORK FOR SOCIAL STUDIES**

**27 hrs minimum**

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs
	ANTH/GEOG 101	Introduction to Geography	3
	ANTH 112	Anthropology	3
	ECON 293 or 294	Macroeconomics or Microeconomics	3
	HIST 353	Missouri History (or U.S. History elective)	3
	HIST 111	World History to 1500	3
	HIST 112	World History Since 1500	3
	HIST 121	American History to 1877	3
	HIST 122	American History Since 1877	3
	POSC 111	American National Government	3

**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK**

**59 hrs**

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs	Field Experience (observation hrs) included
	SOCI 270	Minority Cultures and Relations	3	none
	EDUC 100	Introduction to Education	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 198	Field Experience I	1	15 hrs
	EDUC 200	Law, Ethics, and Education	3	none
	EDUC 230	Educational Psychology	3	none
	EDUC 298	Field Experience II	1	15 hrs
	EDUC 300	Techniques of Teaching	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 390	Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	none

[The College reserves the right to alter at any time requirements to meet state certification regulations.]

	EDUC ____	Child and Adolescent Development ( <i>New Course</i> ); or EDUC 391 – Child Psychology and EDUC 392 – Adolescent Psychology	3	none
<b>Admission to the Teacher Certification Program (See Teacher Certification Program Checklist)</b>				
	EDUC 311	Classroom Management Techniques	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 322	Educational Measurement and Assessment	3	none
	EDUC 326	Middle School Methods	3	none
	EDUC 338	Content Reading and Writing	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 362	Teaching Middle and Secondary Social Studies	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 375	Advanced Content Methods	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 376	Adolescent Literacy	3	
	EDUC 400	Senior Seminar	3	none
<b>Approval for Student Teaching (See Student Teaching checklist)</b>				
	EDUC 424	Student Teaching in the Middle Level Schools**	12	16 weeks
		Total Credit Hours	59	
<b>Approval for DESE Certification recommendation (See DESE Certification checklist)</b>				

\*\*Evening Campus students must transfer to the Day Program in order to enroll in student teaching.

**Retention Criteria:**

- Complete at least 6 hours of professional education each year
- Complete Field Experiences and receive favorable evaluations from cooperating teachers and faculty supervisors
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above after acceptance to the program
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in professional education courses and content area courses

\*This is not a degree checklist  
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