EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM MIDDLE SCHOOL CHECKLIST SOCIAL SCIENCE (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

It is recommended that students seeking this certification choose a major that has similar course requirements in the degree. Your academic advisor can help you with your choice of major.

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

			Cr
Grade	Course #	Course Title	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	Making the Modern World	3
	HIST 121	American History to 1877	3
	HIST 122	American History Since 1877	3
	POSC 111	American National Government	3

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK

60 hrs

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs	Field Experience (observation hrs) included
	SOCI 270	Diversity and Society	3	none
	EDUC 100	Introduction to Education	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 200	Law, Ethics, and Education	3	none
	EDUC 220	Methods of Teaching English Learners	3	none
	EDUC 230	Educational Psychology	3	none
	EDUC 300	Techniques of Teaching	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 311	Classroom Management Techniques	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 390	Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	none
	Choose	EDUC 396 – Child and Adolescent Development; or EDUC 391		
	option	– Child Psychology and EDUC 392 – Adolescent Psychology	3	none

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

	Admission to the Teacher Certification Program (See Teacher Certification Program Checklist)						
EDUC 322	Educational Measurement and Assessment	3	none				
EDUC 326	Middle School Methods	3	none				
EDUC 338W	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				
Approval for Student Teaching (See Student Teaching checklist)							
EDUC 425	Undergraduate Student Teaching	12	16 weeks				
	Total Credit Hours	60					
Approval for DESE Certification recommendation (See DESE Certification checklist)							

Retention Criteria:

- Complete at least 6 hours of professional education each year
- Complete Field Experiences and receive favorable evaluations from cooperating teachers and college supervisor
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in professional education courses and GPA of 2.5 or above in content area courses

Other requirements for certification that must be completed prior to graduation:

- Successful completion/passing of appropriate content assessment (must be passed prior to student teaching)
- Successful completion of program certification performance assessment MEES

*This is not a degree checklist Rev. 8/2025