

**BEACON PROGRAM CHECKLIST
MIDDLE SCHOOL
LANGUAGE ARTS 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 LANGUAGE ARTS

21 hrs (minimum)

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs
	COMM 203	Understanding Human Communication	3
	COMM 360	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
	EDUC 337	Teaching Language Arts in Middle and Elementary Schools	3
	Choose:	ENGL 311 - Descriptive Grammar of the English Language or ENGL 312 - The History of the English Language	3
	Electives:	Choose 3 courses (9 hrs) from the following: ENGL 210 – Introduction to Fiction, ENGL 211 – Introduction to Poetry, ENGL 231 - English Lit. I, ENGL 232 - English Lit. II, ENGL 241 - American Lit. I, ENGL 242 - American Lit. II, ENGL 350 - Major Literary Figures, ENGL 351 - Readings in Shakespeare, ENGL 360 – Readings in Fiction, ENGL 370 - Major Literary Periods	9

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK

66 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 (formerly EDUC 102/103)	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 270	Literature for Children and Adolescents	3	none
	EDUC 298	Field Experience II*	1	15 hrs

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	EDUC 300	Techniques of Teaching	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 390	Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	none
	EDUC 392	Adolescent Psychology	3	none
Admission to the Teacher Certification Program (See Teacher Certification Program Checklist)				
	EDUC 311	Classroom Management Techniques	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 322	Educational Measurement and Assessment	3	none
	EDUC 326	Middle School Methods	4	none
	EDUC 331	Teaching of Reading	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 337	Teaching Language Arts in Middle and Elementary Schools	3	none
	EDUC 338	Teaching Reading in the Content Areas & Secondary Schools	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 367	Teaching Middle School and Secondary English	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 375	Advanced Content Methods	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 400	Senior Seminar	3	none
Approval for Student Teaching (See Student Teaching checklist)				
	EDUC 424	Student Teaching in the Middle Level Schools**	12	16 weeks
		Total Credit Hours	66	
Approval for DESE Certification recommendation (See DESE Certification checklist)				

*If EDUC 200 and 230 were taken previously with field experience (Aug 2010 – July 2013), EDUC 198 and 298 are not required.

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

NOTE: To take any course listed with a field experience component, student must submit application forms by the deadline (semester BEFORE desired enrollment). See Education Office for deadline information.

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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