

**Undergraduate-Level Teacher Certification Checklist
(Undergrad-level Post-Baccalaureate)
MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS (Grades 5-9)**



Education department

**POST BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE TO TAKE COURSES
REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION. NON-CERTIFICATION COURSES ARE NOT COVERED BY FINANCIAL AID.**

CONTENT AREA COURSEWORK FOR LANGUAGE ARTS 24 hrs (minimum)

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs
	COMM 203	Understanding Human Communication	3
	EDUC 270	Literature for Children and Adolescents (or EDUC 518)	3
	ENGL 207	Introduction to Creative Writing - Multigenre	3
	ENGL 311	ENGL 311 - Descriptive Grammar of the English Language	3
	Electives:	Choose 4 courses (12 hrs) from the following: COMM 360 – Oral Interpretation of Literature ENGL 133 – First-Year writing Seminar (<i>or ENGL 112 if taken previously or transferred in</i>) ENGL 210 – Introduction to Fiction ENGL 220W – Writing About Literature ENGL 231 – British Literature I ENGL 232 – British Literature II ENGL 241 – American Literature I ENGL 242 – American Literature II ENGL 263 – World Literature I ENGL 264 – World Literature II ENGL 350 - Major Literary Figures ENGL 351 – Readings in Shakespeare ENGL 360 – Readings in Fiction ENGL 361 – Readings in Poetry ENGL 362 – Readings in Drama ENGL 370 - Major Literary Periods ENGL 371 – Ethnic Traditions in American Literature ENGL 425 – Literary Theory and Criticism <i>(Courses listed above in bold are recommended to aid in passing the MoCA for MS Language Arts)</i>	12

Professional Education Coursework

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 390	Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	none
	Choose option	EDUC 396 – Child and Adolescent Development; or EDUC 391 – Child Psychology and 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	3	none
	EDUC 338	Content Reading and Writing	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 367	Teaching Middle School and Secondary English	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 375	Advanced Content Methods	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 376	Adolescent Literacy	3	None
	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)				

***If EDUC 300 is taken, EDUC 100 is required; if EDUC 505 is taken, EDUC 100 is not required.**

Retention Criteria:

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

Other requirements that must be completed prior to certification:

- Successful completion/passing of appropriate Content Area Assessment – MoCA
- Successful completion of program certification performance assessment – MEES

Other Requirements:

Post Baccalaureate certification students completing the FAFSA to receive financial aid for certification must complete the following questions on the 2023-24 FAFSA accordingly:

Question 26 – “5th year/other undergraduate”

Question 27 – “Teaching credential (nondegree program)”

Question 44 – “No”

You can do this online at: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

Graduate Post-Bacc and the MAT degree

If you are planning to reapply to the college for the Graduate Post-Baccalaureate program (in order to take some of your certification courses at the graduate level), note that you may want to delay some courses until after you’re admitted to the Graduate Post-Bacc program. For example, the graduate equivalent for **SOCI 270 and EDUC 230** (EDUC 555 and EDUC 560) are core courses for the MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching) degree.