

Pedagogical Knowledge & Pedagogical Content Knowledge Requirements

Courses Required for Teacher Education Admission: Grade of "C" or higher required in each course

Requirement	Course	Course Title	Credits	Pre/Co-Requisites/Notes	Semester Offered
	EDUC 200 ¹	Foundations of Education in the United States	3		FA/SP/SU
	PSYC 160 ¹	Life Span Human Development	3	C5SD	FA/SP/SU
	WRTC 103	Rhetorical Reading and Writing	3	C1W	FA/SP/SU

Secondary Education Major Coursework: Grades of "B-" or higher required in all courses unless otherwise indicated.

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	EDUC 200 ¹	Foundations of Education in the United States	3	Required for Teacher Education admission; grade of "C" or higher	FA/SP/SU
	EDUC 310 ¹²	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3		FA/SP/SU
	EXED 200 ¹	Foundations of Exceptional Education	3		FA/SP/SU
	MSSE 370 ¹³	General Instr. Methods for Grades 6-12	3	P: EDUC 310	FA/SP
Middle School Teaching	MSSE 412 ¹³⁴	Social Studies Teaching Methods, Gr. 6-8	3	C: MSSE 415, HIST 457	SP
Methods and Practicum	MSSE 415 ¹³⁴	Content Area Field Exp. in Middle Schools	3	C: MSSE 412	FA/SP
VDOE: Content Area Lit.	LED 440 ¹³⁴	Disciplinary Literacy in Secondary Education	3	P: EDUC 310	FA/SP
VDOE: Assessment	MSSE 425 ¹³⁴	Assessment in Middle and Secondary Educ.	3		SP
High School Teaching	MSSE 442 ¹³⁴	Social Studies Teaching Methods, Gr. 9-12	3	C: MSSE 447	FA
Methods and Practicum	MSSE 447 ¹³⁴	Social Studies Field Placement, Grades 9-12	1	C: MSSE 442	FA
	MSSE 420 ¹³⁴	Differentiation for Adolescents	3		FA
VDOE: Behav. Manag.	MSSE 403 ¹³⁴	Behavior & Classroom Management	3	take in spring senior year	FA/SP
	MSSE 450 ¹³⁴⁵	Internship Seminar	2	C: MSSE 475	SP
Student Teaching	MSSE 475 ¹³⁴⁵	Internship in Middle and Secondary	8	C: MSSE 450	SP
Pedagogy	MSSE 455	Special Topics in Pedag. Content Knowl.	3	Take with student teaching	SP

¹Secondary Education major declared & approved

⁴ Completion of MSSE 370

⁵ Passing score on Praxis Subject Assessment

² Application to the Teacher Education Program required ³ Admission to the Teacher Education Program required

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This document is provided as an advising resource only. Official curriculum requirements are listed in the JMU Undergraduate Catalog and the JMU Graduate Catalog. In the case of discrepancies, the University Catalog is the official curriculum students must follow. This document was reviewed by the Middle, Secondary, and Mathematics Education Academic Unit Head on June 1, 2023.

Mandatory Tasks:

 \Box Be admitted to the Teacher Education Program before you enroll in MSSE 370.

Attend a Student Teaching Information Meeting in the Fall of your junior year and apply to Student Teaching by October 31 of your junior year.

Attempt your Praxis Subject Assessment no later than March 1 of your junior year and pass it no later than August 15 before your senior year. You will not be permitted to student teach until you have a passing score on your Praxis Subject Assessment.

B.S. Degree Requirements (6 credits)

For guidance on courses to satisfy your degree requirements: https://www.jmu.edu/registrar/ba_and_bs_degree_courses.shtml.

Requirement	Course	Course Name	Credits	Pre/Co-Requisites/Notes	Semester Offered
Scientific Literacy	POSC 225	U.S. Government	4		FA/SP/SU
Quantitative Reasoning			3		FA/SP/SU

Social Studies Content Knowledge Licensure Requirements...

Requirement	Course	Course Title	Credits	Pre/Co-Requisites/Notes	Semester Offered			
Political Science Major Core								
VDOE: US Government	POSC 225	U.S. Government (C4AE)	4		FA/SP/SU			
	POSC 201	Introduction to Western Political Theory	3		FA/SP/SU			
	POSC 295	Research Methods	4	P: MATH 220, POSC 225, POSC 230	FA/SP/SU			
	POSC 230	International Relations	3		FA/SP/SU			
VDOE: Comparative Pol.	POSC 240	Comparative Politics	3	Recommend POSC 335 , consult with POSC advisor	FA/SP			
Senior Capstone	POSC 492	Senior Seminar in Political Science	4	P: senior standing and POSC 295	FA/SP			
Political Science Upper Level Elective Courses – 18 credits See Catalog for course options for each category.								
POSC/VDOE: Comparative Politics	POSC 457	Fates of Empires	3	C: MSSE 412	FA			
POSC: Political Theory			3					
POSC/VDOE: American Government			3	Recommend POSC 351 topic Civic Engagement for Teachers	FA/SP			
POSC: International Relations			3					
POSC elective			3	Recommend another Amer. Gov't.				
POSC elective			3					
		Social Studies Minor Courses						
VDOE/SS: US History	HIST 225	U.S. History (C4AE)	4		FA/SP/SU			
VDOE: US Government	POSC 225	U.S. Government (C4AE)	4		FA/SP/SU			
VDOE: Economics	ECON 200 <i>or</i> ECON 201	Introduction to Macroeconomics (C4GE) or Introduction to Microeconomics	3		FA/SP/SU			
VDOE: Geography	GEOG 200 <i>or</i> GEOG 280	Geography: The Global Dimension (C4GE) or Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape	3		FA/SP/SU			
VDOE: Comparative Pol. ISS: Capstone	HIST 357 <i>or</i> POSC 457	Fates of Empires <i>or</i> Fates of Empires	3	C: MSSE 412	SP FA			

...as they fit with the JMU Political Science major and Social Studies minor.

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VDOE/SS: Thinking Geographically	HIST 333 <i>or</i> geog 300/400L	Maps, Money, Manufacture & World Trade or	3		FA
VDOE/ISS: Early US/VA History	HIST 303 <i>or</i> HIST 350	Virginia's Place in #VastEarlyAmerica <i>or</i> Virginia	3		FA SP
VDOE/SS: African American History	HIST 307 or HIST 322 or HIST 323 or HIST 356	The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade <i>or</i> Jim Crow South <i>or</i> The Old South <i>or</i> African-American History Since 1865	3	Courses may double-count for this requirement and other select requirements; contact advisor for details	
VDOE/SS: Connected History	HIST 307 or HIST 314 or HIST 315 or HIST 318 or HIST 334 or HIST 353 or HIST 365 or HIST 368 or HIST 373	The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade or Plagues, Saints & Empires: The World or Global History of Sport or Our Better Angels?: The World History or A Global History of Nationalism or International and Multicultural History or Topics in Connected History or Blurred Borders: A Cultural History of or History of the Ottoman Empire, 1453-1922	3		

The MSME Department recommends students meet with their Political Science major and Social Studies minor advisors each semester to review program sequencing and determine possible substitute courses to meet program and licensure requirements.

General Education Requirements

Be sure to follow the General Education course suggestions listed below for maximum overlap of the General Education Program with your Secondary Education major, Political Science major and your Social Studies minor.

Requirement	Course	Course Title	Credits	Pre/Co-Requisites/Notes	Semester Offered
		MADISON FOUNDATIONS			
Critical Thinking (C1CT)			3	- Choose any option from the	FA/SP/SU
Human Communication (C1HC)			3	General Education Planner.	FA/SP/SU
Writing	WRTC 103	Rhetorical Reading and Writing	3	Must earn a C or higher.	FA/SP/SU
		ARTS AND HUMANITIES			
Human Questions and Contexts (C2HQC)	HIST 102	World History since 1500	3		FA/SP/SU
Visual and Performing Arts (C2VPA)			3	Choose any option from the General Education Planner.	FA/SP/SU
Literature (C2L)			3	Recommend ENG 260	FA/SP/SU
		THE NATURAL WORLD			
Quantitative Reasoning (C3QR)	MATH 220	Elementary Statistics	3	Pre-requisite for POSC 295	FA/SP/SU
Physical Principles (C3PP)			3	Choose any option from the	FA/SP/SU
Natural Systems (C3NS)			3	General Education Planner.	FA/SP/SU
Lab Experience (C3Lab)			1	Either ISCI 104 (1 credit hour) OR a co-requisite or included lab exp. with a C3PP or C3NS course.	FA/SP/SU

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		AMERICAN AND GLOBAL PERSPECT	VES		
The American Experience (C4AE)	HIST 225 <i>or</i> POSC 225	U.S. History <i>or</i> U.S. Government	4	Choose from one of these options.	FA/SP/SU
The Global Experience (C4GE)	GEOG 200 <i>or</i> ECON 200	Geography: The Global Dimension <i>or</i> Macroeconomics	3	Choose from one of these options.	FA/SP/SU
		SOCIOCULTURAL AND WELLNESS A	REA		
Wellness Domain (C5W)			3	Choose any option from the General Education Planner.	FA/SP/SU
Sociocultural Domain (C5SD)	PSYC 160	Life Span Human Development	3	Must earn a C or higher.	FA/SP/SU