

**EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM  
MIDDLE SCHOOL CHECKLIST  
LANGUAGE ARTS (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 LANGUAGE ARTS**

**24 hrs (minimum)**

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs
	COMM 203	Understanding Human Communication	3
	EDUC 270	Literature for Children and Adolescents	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 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 (or ENGL 351,352,353,354) ENGL 351 – Readings in Shakespeare ENGL 360 – Readings in Fiction ENGL 361 – Readings in Poetry ENGL 362 – Readings in Drama ENGL 363 – Contemporary American Poetry ENGL 364 – History of Drama: Staging the Family ENGL 370 - Major Literary Periods (or ENGL 372, 373, 374, 375, 376) ENGL 371 – Ethnic Traditions in American Literature ENGL 425 – Literary Theory and Criticism	12

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**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK****60 hours**

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 option	EDUC 396 – Child and Adolescent Development; <b>or</b> EDUC 391 – Child Psychology <b>and</b> EDUC 392 – Adolescent Psychology	3	none
<b><i>Admission to the Teacher Certification Program (See Teacher Certification Program Checklist)</i></b>				
	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	
	EDUC 400	Senior Seminar	3	none
<b><i>Approval for Student Teaching (See Student Teaching checklist)</i></b>				
	EDUC 425	Undergraduate Student Teaching	12	16 weeks
		Total Credit Hours	60	
<b><i>Approval for DESE Certification recommendation (See DESE Certification checklist)</i></b>				

**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 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  
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