

Bachelor of Science in Education (4–8 Middle-Level Literacy and Social Studies)

The Bachelor of Science in Education (4–8 Middle-Level Language, Literature, and Social Studies) prepares professional educators to effectively instruct, assess, and manage students in 4-8 classrooms. Through a rigorous foundation of literacy and social studies content knowledge, teaching strategies, and clinical experiences, candidates are prepared to seek an Arkansas middle school teaching license. Upon completion of this degree,

- Completers will demonstrate content knowledge in the areas of literacy and social studies relevant to effective teaching in grades 4-8.
- Completers will utilize effective pedagogical strategies to meet the needs of a diverse community
- Completers will model effective management of student behavior and classroom procedures to establish a positive culture for learning.

General Education Requirements (44 hrs.)

The Biblical World (6 hrs.)

The Biblical Story	3 hrs.
The Christian Worldview	3 hrs.

The Cultural World (15 hrs.)

English Composition I	3 hrs.
English Composition II	3 hrs.
World Literature I <u>or</u> II	3 hrs.
Speech communication	3 hrs.
Humanities elective (choose one) (<i>Any appreciation course or philosophy</i>)	3 hrs.

The Social World (9 hrs.)

U. S. History Before 1865	3 hrs.
World Geography	3 hrs.
General Psychology	3 hrs.

The Natural World (14 hrs.)

Health and Physical Education (<i>one hour must be physical activity</i>)	4 hrs.
Natural science and mathematics (<i>Must include <u>two</u> science courses: chemistry, biological science, or physical science course with <u>one</u> laboratory class, <u>and</u> one mathematics course MT1133 or higher, and excluding MT1123 Intermediate Algebra, MT 3133 Math for Teachers I, MT 4123 Math for Teachers II. MT 1123 Intermediate Algebra may be required if Math ACT score is less than 19.</i>)	10 hrs.

Pre-Professional Requirements (12 hrs.)

Introduction to Teaching	3 hrs.
Introduction to the Exceptional Child	3 hrs.
Educational Technology	3 hrs.
Adolescent Development	3 hrs.

Specialization Requirements (31 hrs.*)

American Government	3 hrs.
Science for Teachers: 4-8	3 hrs.
Social Studies: 4-8	3 hrs.
Math for Teachers II	3 hrs.
Language Arts & Literature: 4-8	3 hrs.
U.S. History Since 1865	3 hrs.
History of Arkansas	3 hrs.
Field Experience I	2 hrs.
Field Experience II	2 hrs.
Emergent Literacy	3 hrs.
Reading Instruction	3 hrs.

Professional Requirements (12 hrs.**)

Study of the School (block course)	3 hrs.
Measurement and Evaluation (block course)	3 hrs.
Integrated Methods & Classroom Management	3 hrs.
Reading in the Content Area	3 hrs.

Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Electives (6–8 hrs.)

Education majors are required to take 6–8 elective hours outside of the department.

Clinical Internship (15 hrs.)

Clinical Internship I	6 hrs.
Clinical Internship II	6 hrs.
Internship Seminar	3 hrs.

Total Required Hours: 120-122 hrs.

*At least 21 of these hours must be taken at WBU. Specialization courses to be transferred must be approved by the department chair. **A grade of C or better is required of all specialization courses.**

**For the admission requirements, retention procedures, dismissal procedures, and exit requirements of the Teacher Education Program, see Department of Education.