

Middle Grades Endorsement

Unless you have a K-12 Certificate, you must have a Middle Grade Endorsement on either your Elementary or Secondary Certificate in order to teach grades 5-8. To become eligible for this endorsement you must complete the required number of hours in the specific content field(s) and complete courses focused on teaching in the middle grades. At EIU, the undergraduate courses are:

MLE 3110 – Curriculum and Instruction in Middle-Level School (Prerequisite: University approval to take teacher education courses)

MLE 4280 – Teaching Reading in the Middle/Secondary School (Prerequisite: MLE 3110)

MLE 4760 – Student Social-Emotional Development in the Middle Grades (Prerequisite: MLE 3110)

It is highly recommended that you also take the Middle School Practicum (MLE 4000).

Prior planning should be done to incorporate these courses. A minimum of two semesters are required to complete the endorsement as MLE 3110 is a prerequisite to MLE 4280 and MLE 4760

If you do not wish to take these courses immediately you may wait and add the endorsement by taking specific courses (either through EIU or another institution) after graduation. Post-baccalaureate teacher certification candidates or graduate students seeking to add the endorsement at EIU can choose to take MLE 5110 and MLE 5150.

ELE Majors: Additional course work in the area of concentration may also be necessary. Please see the back side of the Middle School Option (pink) checklist. Sample sequences for ELE Majors which incorporate the Block classes are as follows:

| | <i>Option 1</i> | <i>Option 2</i> | <i>Option 3</i> | <i>Option 4</i> | <i>Option 5</i> |
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| <i>Semester 1</i> | ELE Block I * MLE 3110 * | MLE 3110 * | ELE Block I * MLE 3110 * | ELE Block I * MLE 3110 * | ELE Block I * MLE 3110 * |
| <i>Semester 2</i> | ELE Block II MLE 4760 MLE 4280 | ELE Block I * MLE 4760 | MLE 4760 MLE 4280 | ELE Block II | ELE Block II MLE 4760 |
| <i>Semester 3</i> | | ELE Block II MLE 4280 | Block II | MLE 4760 MLE 4280 | MLE 4280 |

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