



MAJOR CHOSEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION

Language Arts/Social Studies (5th-8th Grade)

I. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MAJOR

The Middle School Education—Language Arts/Social Studies (5th-8th Grade) major provides preparation and practical experience for teaching language arts and social studies curriculum in the elementary and middle schools. It focuses on producing concerned and clear-thinking teachers. It also develops the ability to generate fresh, original lessons without undue dependence on structured teacher's manuals.

II. COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the courses you will find especially profitable:

Instructional Technology This course has been evaluated by our graduates as one of the most **practical** they have taken at BJU. You will compare and evaluate various methods and teaching techniques for the middle school grades. This course also affords you opportunities to learn how to prepare lesson plans, teach lessons, and be videotaped and evaluated by an experienced instructor. You will also get "hands on" experience in the University's well-equipped media center, where you will learn how to operate and use state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment.

Methods and Content Courses —*Teaching English* and *Teaching Social Studies* are two methods courses that help you learn how to prepare lessons and what activities you should use to teach middle school students. These methods courses combined with dozens of content courses will give you all the basics you will need for teaching in the middle school. You will take courses like *Adolescent Literature*, *Advanced Composition and Rhetoric*, *National Government*, and *Principles of Microeconomics*. These courses will provide you with the academic content needed to be a successful middle school teacher.

Middle School Curriculum/Organization This course gives you an overview of the entire middle school including cooperative learning techniques, how to work collaboratively with other teachers, classroom management, and counseling.

Directed Teaching Here you will have a chance to "try your wings" by teaching under the supervision of an experienced teacher. You will begin gradually and work into handling a teacher's normal load.



III. A TYPICAL YEARLY COURSE SEQUENCE

This is a suggested program of study for you. Other refinements to your program can be made when you consult your faculty advisor at the time of your enrollment.

You will notice that some courses are listed as electives. These electives give you the opportunity to tailor your program by selecting courses you would like to take for your own personal enjoyment.

Freshman

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| Orientation | 1 | Orientation | 1 |
| Composition & Rhetoric | 3 | Composition & Literature | 3 |
| Biological Science | 4 | Physical Science | 4 |
| History of Civilization | 3 | History of Civilization | 3 |
| Old Testament Messages | 1 | New Testament Messages | 1 |
| Fundamentals of Speech | 3 | Introduction to Education | <u>2</u> |
| Mathematics | <u>3</u> | Total | 14 |
| Total | 18 | | |

Sophomore

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| American Literature | 3 | British Literature | 3 |
| Advanced Composition & Rhetoric | 3 | United States History | 3 |
| Computer Applications I | 3 | Fundamentals of Geography | 3 |
| United States History | 3 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| Classroom Communication..... | 2 | Adolescent Psychology | 3 |
| Educational Psychology | 3 | Sophomore Bible Elective..... | <u>1</u> |
| Sophomore Bible Elective | <u>1</u> | Total | 16 |
| Total | 18 | | |

Junior

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| Principles of Microeconomics | 3 | Teaching Reading: Content Areas | 3 |
| Christian Family Forum..... | 1 | National Government | 3 |
| Bible Doctrines | 3 | Bible Doctrines..... | 3 |
| Instructional Technology | 3 | Teaching English (5-8)..... | 3 |
| Middle School Curriculum & Organization | 3 | Teaching Social Studies(5-8) | 3 |
| Teaching Techniques (5-8) | <u>1</u> | Practicum: Grades 5-8 | <u>2</u> |
| Total | 14 | Total | 17 |

Senior

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| Adolescent Literature | 3 | Trends & Issues in Society | 3 |
| Structure of Modern English | 3 | Teaching Bible Principles | 2 |
| Appreciation of Art | 2 | Assessment (5-12) | 2 |
| Appreciation of Music | 2 | Directed Teaching | <u>9</u> |
| Introduction to Exceptional Learners | 3 | Total | 16 |
| Upper-Level Bible Elective | <u>2</u> | | |
| Total | 15 | | |



IV. FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OPPORTUNITIES

You will be studying under some of the authors who researched and wrote the *Textbooks for Christian Schools* published by Bob Jones University.

Chapel is a central feature of Bob Jones University. This 35-minute service is held every morning, Monday through Thursday. These services are a source of great inspiration to students. Four days a week the Chapel message is brought by the President or by selected speakers. Each Friday the Chapel period is devoted to the meetings of various literary societies.

The Association of Christian Teachers is an integral part of the School of Education. Films, programs, and activities are correlated very closely to the emphasis of the individual classes. This organization will provide you with opportunities for leadership and training and professional contact. Each of the 12 professional education departments elects representatives to serve as officers. Prospective teachers are urged to become members of the A.C.T. The A.C.T. awards a medal annually to the best elementary, the best middle school, and the best secondary student teacher. By doing your best while you are a student here, you might be able to win this award.

The Media Center contains all the audiovisual equipment you are likely to use in teaching, including equipment for preparing transparencies, videotapes, laminated bulletin board figures, slide presentations, signs, and duplicating equipment. You will learn how to use these various machines under the guidance of our trained and dedicated staff. The Media Center is also equipped with various curriculum materials, textbooks, and teaching materials for all grade levels and subjects.

Completely equipped computer laboratories are available for your use. There are many academic computer labs conveniently located all over campus. They consist of various types of PCs, Apple PowerMacs, and laser printers and are all interconnected via a Novell computer network.

You will have the opportunity to observe experienced Christian teachers right on our campus in the beautiful buildings of Bob Jones Beginnings Center (kindergarten and first grade), Elementary School, Junior High, and Academy.

The School of Education maintains a Reading Laboratory which provides you with training in diagnostic and remedial reading procedures. You can also learn how to improve your own reading skills and become acquainted with the latest and the best reading equipment.

Because of our care and concern for the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the people in our part of the country, students are encouraged to be involved in outreach ministries in our area. While you are here you will have the opportunity to participate in as many of these ministries as you can fit into your schedule. These opportunities vary from work in nursing homes, jails, detention centers, and churches, to visitation, Bible clubs, providing special music, and martial arts teams.

Davis Field House, with over 87,000 square feet and seating for 3,000 people, contains 4 full-sized courts; auxiliary courts; indoor and outdoor tracks; swimming pool; café; and a fitness center with fully-equipped exercise room, aerobic room, sauna, and whirlpool.



The Mack Library, with 90,000 square feet of floor space and seating for over 1,300 students, gives you access to 294,000 volumes, 1,100 current periodical subscriptions, and more than 17,000 music, speech, and language recordings. Mack Library offers access to over 65 electronic databases on the library web site. An interlibrary loan program is available through OCLC, a national database, for books not held in our library. Other prominent features include the Jerusalem Chamber, a replica of the room in Westminster Abbey in London in which work was done on the 1611 King James Bible, and the University Archives Room which displays materials about the Founder and history of the University.

If you are planning to live on campus, you will be glad to know that all of our residence halls are air-conditioned, have wall-to-wall carpeting, and have a phone in each room. You will be able to make long-distance calls directly from your room and have them automatically placed on your school bill. Computer network connectivity is available in all residence halls, as well.

All of our classrooms are air-conditioned, and there are awnings over the sidewalks to keep you dry when it is raining. The Dining Common serves 8,500 delicious meals a day, and the Snack Shop and Bookstore in the Student Center carry just about anything you'll need.

You will find the finest Christian young people in the country are your fellow students, and without trying too hard, you may end up making a life-long friend!

V. ABOUT THE FACULTY

Dr. James Deuink, Dean of the School of Education, has made a significant impact on the modern Christian school movement as a former school administrator, leader in his state Christian school association, a member of the faculty in the School of Education, author of seven books on Christian education, and editor of *Balance*, the monthly Christian education publication of the University. He is a frequent speaker at Christian school conventions.

Miss Lesa Seibert recently joined the Secondary Education faculty. Prior to this, she taught for over 20 years at pre-college and college levels. A speaker at various professional seminars, she has also published several education journal articles, been a contributing author for BJU Press' *Writing and Grammar* textbooks, and created a DVD/video, *Study Skills for Teens*.

All together, the faculty teaching in the middle school education program have over 300 combined years of experience teaching. You will not find a better, more experienced faculty in the country.

VI. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PLACEMENT

You could have as many as three good teaching opportunities to choose from as you look for a place to teach. We receive over three times as many requests for teachers as we have teachers to fill those requests. And, in the future, the number of teaching opportunities will increase as we, as a nation, face a national teacher shortage. You will be qualified to help meet this need and train young people both in the states and abroad.



A major in middle school education is also unique preparation for parenting. The middle school years are a time of change and maturity; with this training, you can help your own child through this exciting time of life. If you choose to teach your child at home, you will be very thoroughly prepared to be the teacher of your home school. Middle school education will also train you for teaching either your own or other children on the mission field.

The Career Development and Placement Office helps students by holding seminars on resume preparation and interview techniques.

A Principals' Recruitment Conference is sponsored by the Career Development and Placement Office each February. Approximately 140 administrators and principals from many states and some foreign countries gather to interview and hire new teachers for their schools. This conference will give you many opportunities to find a place of service after you graduate. In addition, the Career Office maintains a file of miscellaneous information about various Christian schools across the country. This file, too, may provide you with a contact that could lead to many years of active service for the Lord.

VII. BJU: AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Enclosed is an expense sheet detailing the cost of attending Bob Jones University. When you compare our charges to those of other private colleges, we think you will be pleasantly surprised. We believe we offer a student more value for his dollar than anyone else in America. And to help you see how affordable "the Opportunity Place" can be for you, we have enclosed a financial aid brochure that you can use to evaluate your own situation. Your Admissions Counselor or the Director of Student Financial Aid would be happy to discuss this with you if you have any questions.

HOW TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP . . .

If you can see yourself in the career described in the profile, then a great opportunity awaits you at Bob Jones University. It is the opportunity for the premier Christian college experience in all the world. It is the opportunity for learning, for fun, and for developing new friendships. It is the opportunity to prepare for a lifetime of service for the Lord . . .

The Opportunity Place . . . God's Special Place for You.