

Middle Level Education in Social Studies and Language Arts Major Overview:

The Middle Level Education in Social Studies and Language Arts major prepares students to teach middle school students (grades 4-8) in these two core subject areas. The program focuses on developing effective teaching strategies, curriculum design, and assessment methods, while also emphasizing adolescent development, classroom management, and content knowledge in history, geography, literature, and writing. Graduates are prepared to foster critical thinking, reading, and writing skills in a diverse student population.

Typical Industry Sectors:

1. K-12 Education (Middle Schools)
2. Educational Administration
3. Curriculum Development
4. Educational Publishing
5. Tutoring and After-School Programs

10 Sample Entry-Level Job Titles:

1. Middle School Teacher (Social Studies)
2. Middle School Teacher (Language Arts)
3. Teaching Assistant
4. Literacy Coach
5. Social Studies Curriculum Specialist
6. After-School Program Coordinator
7. Substitute Teacher
8. Educational Aide
9. Academic Tutor
10. Content Developer (Educational Resources)

5 Hard Skills:

1. Curriculum Development
2. Lesson Planning and Delivery
3. Educational Assessment and Evaluation
4. Classroom Technology Integration
5. Research and Writing Skills (for Language Arts)

5 Soft Skills:

1. Communication
2. Patience
3. Classroom Management
4. Problem-solving

5. Collaboration

Additional Training or Certifications:

To begin a career in middle-level education, most states require a teaching certification for middle school, which involves completing a teacher preparation program, passing exams, and obtaining a state-issued license. Additional certifications in specific areas (e.g., ESL, special education) may be required for specialized teaching roles.

Student and National Organizations:

1. [National Council for the Social Studies \(NCSS\)](#)
2. [International Literacy Association \(ILA\)](#)
3. [National Middle School Association \(AMLE\)](#)
4. [National Education Association \(NEA\)](#)
5. [Phi Delta Kappa International \(PDK\)](#)