INITIAL EDUCATION MAJORS MIDDLE/SECONDARY EDUCATION



2019 – 2020 Sample Curriculum

The Teacher Education Program at Thomas More University for bachelor majors combines classroom learning with field experience. The elementary (P-5), middle school (5-9), and secondary (8-12) preparation programs comply with the Kentucky Department of Education standards for certification. Candidates in Education are carefully selected and are given every opportunity to develop in the fields for which they have the greatest aptitude. Certification in Kentucky, as well as other states, requires a bachelor's degree from an approved teacher education institution; successful performance of professional tasks and development of a professional portfolio demonstrating fulfillment of Kentucky's and Thomas More University's Teacher Standards; and passing scores on the PLT and Praxis II exams. Information about registration and testing sites is online at www.ets.org/praxis.

Typically, an Initial Education major at Thomas More College will start with EDU101 – Introduction to Education and PSY105 – General Psychology in the fall semester. In the spring semester, students take EDU201 – Human Growth and Development and EDU210 – Breaking Boundaries. The rest of the first schedule will be supplemented by core requirements and courses directly related to the chosen field.

The degree requirements for all Education majors are based on certification requirements from the state. Students are assigned an advisor based on the grade level and content they wish to teach. All information can be found in the Education Department. Students are advised to meet with the Education Department as soon as possible to obtain information about academic requirements and the application process for the Education Program.

Any students that want to teach in a Mathematics or Science category MUST start their teaching specialty sequences immediately.

SAMPLE MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION MAJOR CURRICULUM

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Fall	CR	Spring	CR			
FYS150 First-Year Seminar		EDU201 Human Growth and Development	3			
EDU101 Introduction to Education		ENG320 Rhetorical Grammar	3			
PSY105 General Psychology		HIS102 World Civilization II OR COM105 Intro to Public Speaking	3			
ENG150 Literature, Writing and Research		Teaching Specialty	3			
HIS102 World Civilization II OR COM105 Intro to Public Speaking		Philosophy Core	3			
Teaching Specialty	3	Fine Art Core	3			
Subtotal	17	Subtotal	18			

SAMPLE SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR CURRICULUM

First Year

Fall	CR	Spring	CR
FYS150 First-Year Seminar		EDU201 Human Growth and Development	3
EDU101 Introduction to Education		ENG320 Rhetorical Grammar	3
PSY105 General Psychology		HIS102 World Civilization II OR COM105 Intro to Public Speaking	3
ENG150 Literature, Writing and Research		Teaching Specialty	3
HIS102 World Civilization II OR COM105 Intro to Public Speaking		Philosophy Core	3
Teaching Specialty		Fine Art Core	3
Subtotal	17	Subtotal	18