

**Department of Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education**  
**Minor in Secondary Education (32 hours) College of**  
**Education <http://education.uncc.edu/mdsk>**

**Academic Plan of Study**

**Program Summary Information:**

- Declaring the Minor: Minimum of 2.7 GPA requirement, passing scores on all three parts of Praxis Core or acceptable alternatives (SAT or ACT scores), grade in MDSK 2100 of C or better. Students must also complete an “Application for Admission to a Teacher Education Program” in the Office of Teacher Education, Advising, and Licensure (TEAL) in the College of Education. This should occur no later than the second semester of the sophomore year.
- Advising (minor): Required immediately on admission to the major and at each registration period by the undergraduate education advisor in the Department of Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education. Course permits are required, and they can only be attained through the advisor.
- Advising (General Education): By advisors in the student’s major department in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- Minimum Grades/GPA: Minimum GPA of 2.7 to declare; a GPA of 2.5 or higher must be maintained. Grades in professional education coursework must be C or better and the overall GPA in these courses and in the student’s major must be a 2.75.
- Teacher Licensure: YES; Secondary Education requires a major in one of the following: mathematics, English, science (biology, chemistry, earth science, or physics), history, or geography.
- Night Classes Available: YES (major cannot be completed at night)
- Weekend Classes Available: at the discretion of the instructor
- Other information: A yearlong internship (YLI) is a requirement for completion of the major. This YLI must begin one semester prior to student teaching. An application is required for admission to the YLI and must be completed early in the semester prior to beginning the internship - see Office of School and Community Partnerships website ([OSACP](#)) for YLI application deadlines. Student teaching is required the last semester upon completing all other coursework required for the major. Student teaching requires an additional application, that students meet all GPA requirements, and includes the undergraduate advisor’s recommendation.
- Contact Person: Pre-admission to minor – contact Undergraduate Pre-Education Advisors at [TEAL@uncc.edu](mailto:TEAL@uncc.edu) or come to the Office of Teacher Education Advising, Licensure and Recruitment (COED 119), College of Education Building. Post admission to minor – contact Dr. Adam Myers, MDSK Advisor, 323B College of Education Building, [amyers35@uncc.edu](mailto:amyers35@uncc.edu).

**Program Requirements:**

The Secondary Education minor has a *very structured* curriculum. Freshmen and sophomores who intend to minor in Secondary Education are classified as majors in disciplines identified above and are pre-secondary education candidates. During the pre-education phase students are advised by TEAL advisors regarding pre-education admission requirements and by the advisor in the respective major. Upon admission to full-standing in the program, students are advised

through the MDSK Advising Center where they plan the remainder of their secondary education program of studies with the undergraduate advisor in that office (typically the junior and senior years).

### Credit Hours

General Education		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These course requirements vary with a student's major.</li> </ul>
Professional Education	32 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required courses in the major will satisfy university requirements for writing intensive and oral communications – SECD 4440</li> </ul>
Academic Major	Varies based on major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students choose to major in one of the following disciplines:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mathematics</li> <li>○ English</li> <li>○ Science (biology, chemistry, earth science, or physics)</li> <li>○ History (social studies licensure)</li> <li>○ Geography (social studies licensure)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Electives	Varies based on major	

### Testing Requirements

Licensure Area	Prior to admission to the College of Education	For Licensure (Praxis tests are taking the place of EE2)	Test Code	Required Score
Biology	Praxis Core or SAT/ACT exemption	Pass both Praxis tests	0235/5235	150
			0624/5624	157
Chemistry	Praxis Core or SAT/ACT exemption	Pass both Praxis tests	0245/5245	152
			0624/5624	157
Earth Science	Praxis Core or SAT/ACT exemption	Pass Praxis II	0571/5571	136
English	Praxis Core or SAT/ACT exemption	Pass both Praxis tests	5038	167
			0624/5624	157
Mathematics	Praxis Core or SAT/ACT exemption	Pass both Praxis tests	5161	160
			0624/5624	157
Physics	Praxis Core or SAT/ACT exemption	Pass Praxis II	0265/5265	133
Science (Comprehensive)	Praxis Core or SAT/ACT exemption	Pass both Praxis tests	0435/5435	151
			0624/5624	157
Social Studies (Comprehensive)	Praxis Core or SAT/ACT exemption	Pass both Praxis tests	0081/5081	158
			0624/5624	157

Suggested Plan of Study:

<b>Pre-Teacher Education Admission Requirements</b>		
	<b>Course</b>	<b>Grade</b>
	<b>MDSK 2100: Foundations of Education in Secondary Schools (3)</b>	
Additional Requirements	Cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher. Passing scores on all three parts of the Praxis Core (Reading, Writing, & Math) or acceptable alternatives (SAT or ACT scores). Seeking a Major in one of the approved disciplines identified above.	
<b>*Professional Education Coursework Sequence</b>		
<b>Junior Year – Fall</b>		
	<b>MDSK 3100: Inclusive Classrooms (3)</b>	
<b>Junior Year - Spring</b>		
	<b>SECD 4140: The Adolescent in Secondary Schools (3)</b>	
	<b>MDSK 3151: Instructional Design/Use of Tech/Mid &amp; Sec School Learners (3)</b>	
	<b>MDSK 4210: Classroom Leadership (2)</b>	
<b>Senior Year - Fall</b>		
	<i>One of the following methods courses (based on Major)</i> <b>MDSK 4251: Teaching Science to Middle and Secondary School Learners (3)</b> <b>MAED 4252: Teaching Mathematics to Secondary School Learners (3)</b> <b>MDSK 4253: Teaching Social Studies to Middle and Secondary School Learners (3)</b> <b>ENGL 4254: Teaching English/Communication Skills to Middle and Secondary School Learners (3)</b>	
	<i>One of the following assessment courses (based on Major)</i> <b>MDSK 4101: Assessment of Middle Grades and Secondary School Learners in Science (2)</b> <b>MDSK 4102: Assessment of Secondary School Learners in Mathematics (2)</b> <b>MDSK 4103: Assessment in Teaching Middle and Secondary Social Studies (2)</b> <b>MDSK 4104: Assessment in Teaching K-12 English (2)</b>	
	<b>MDSK 4100L: Lab in Content Pedagogy (1)</b>	
<b>Senior Year - Spring</b>		
	<b>SECD 4440: Student Teaching (12)</b>	

**ADVISING RESOURCES:**

- <http://ucol.uncc.edu/general-education> is the definitive source for general education requirements for ALL students
- <http://advising.uncc.edu/> is the central University source of information on advising
- <http://catalog.uncc.edu/undergraduate-catalogs/current/course-descriptions> is the official Undergraduate Catalog
- <http://mdsk.uncc.edu/> is the advising web page for the MDSK department
- <http://advisingcenter.uncc.edu/> is the web page for the University Advising Center