

**Mid-Program Candidate Feedback**  
**Pre-Internship Block**  
**Course(s): ED 411/511**  
**Spring 2020**

*f* = frequency of the responses

List those things that you perceive as strengths or aspects of your degree program that are most valuable to you.	<i>f</i>
<p>Classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plethora of opportunities for education expansion.</li> <li>• Math, ELA, Science</li> <li>• The review and in depth study of ELA is awesome and necessary. The ideas and modeling in math and science helps <u>SO</u> much.</li> <li>• Help in the classroom.</li> <li>• Depth in criteria in which were learning in ELA class.</li> <li>• Focus on praxis questions in Science &amp; Math class.</li> <li>• Reading/writing.</li> <li>• Math/Science.</li> <li>• The Teaching Reading, Science, and Math classes have prepared me more in some content areas.</li> <li>• Content, structure – very organized.</li> <li>• Resources.</li> <li>• Class times.</li> <li>• Resources! The resources given out is top.</li> <li>• Classes for the whole are very engaging.</li> <li>• I truly believe that this block was the most organized block we have been in.</li> <li>• AMSTI certification was a great opportunity for us.</li> <li>• Reading/Writing/Math/Science classes made me feel very prepared.</li> <li>• I feel like I have learned a lot in the Literacy/Language, Math &amp; Science.</li> <li>• Great prep for going into the classroom.</li> <li>• The content in the Math, Science, Reading &amp; Writing. The strategies taught in those courses.</li> <li>• In Dr. Smajic’s class, he really pushed me a lot to get out of my shell while presenting.</li> <li>• I <u>LOVE</u> that our assignments from all 5 classes didn’t fall all on the same day.</li> <li>• The strengths of the program I notice are the hands-on practice with guided instruction. It is helpful to get practice doing the things we will do in the classroom.</li> <li>• Learning to use manipulatives to teach Math and the Science projects we did at our tables were helpful.</li> <li>• The reading centers were helpful to learn Literacy activities.</li> <li>• Questions being answered from the start of this program. I’ve been terrified, but this semester I’ve felt more confident!</li> <li>• Extra training.</li> <li>• Our degree provides hands-on learning and great feedback and examples for lesson planning.</li> <li>• I believe our program helps prepare us for the edTPA!</li> <li>• This block does a great job of preparing students and keeping students informed.</li> </ul>	20
<p>Professors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attitudes of ALL of our professors.</li> </ul>	11

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructors.</li> <li>• Gilmore’s love and advice.</li> <li>• Smaj’s helpful strategies.</li> <li>• Professors are great positive people.</li> <li>• There was always help available.</li> <li>• Communication.</li> <li>• Organization.</li> <li>• Engagement.</li> <li>• Good personal connections between teachers and students.</li> <li>• Make me feel safe and comfortable to open up.</li> <li>• Contacts my profs have with educators in the area.</li> <li>• Personal nature included in prof-to-student relationships....professors truly care about students!</li> <li>• The teachers really care about you as a person. They are willing to talk to you about anything.</li> <li>• Organized.</li> <li>• Good communication.</li> <li>• Connections within the local school areas.</li> <li>• Professor and student personal/professional relationships.</li> </ul>	
<p>Labs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field experience.</li> <li>• I love the experience we get out in the classroom.</li> <li>• Experience.</li> </ul>	3
<p>Field Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I loved having the field trip to elementary schools.</li> <li>• I love field trips to different schools.</li> </ul>	3
<p><b>List those things that you perceive as growth areas or specific ways in which your degree program could be improved.</b></p>	<b><i>f</i></b>
<p>Classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Studies</li> <li>• Social Studies needs modeling and real world practices so we can be relevant in the classroom. Social Studies also needs a revamp in lesson planning. I feel very unprepared in this area.</li> <li>• Social Studies class: all of the information still say’s “Jiji Davis” – why I bring this up is because she didn’t seem to know/read over the slides before class.---which continued to lesson plan.</li> <li>• The Social Studies class is quite confusing. I do not really feel like I learned as much as I would have liked to.</li> <li>• The Social Studies course needs improvement.</li> <li>• The Social Studies course is in need of improvement in regards to preparation and delivery.</li> <li>• Social Studies lesson planning – more examples. I understand direction but would like to understand why they go the way they do.</li> <li>• Social Studies class needs to be taught differently with more structure.</li> <li>• Social Studies professor needs to be refreshed on lesson planning.</li> <li>• More time to learn Social Studies lesson planning.</li> <li>• Social Studies could use improvement as a whole. Our class felt very confused and frustrated. She’s a wonderful person but the class instruction itself needs improvement.</li> </ul>	20

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think overall the Social Studies course need great improvement. I do not feel prepared to go into lab.</li> <li>• Social Studies needs more help in (such as) a refresher, more examples, workshops for lessons, etc.</li> <li>• Social Studies needs help in improving content help.</li> <li>• The Social Studies course needs to be reworked. I think that the professor needs help with the structure of the lesson and how to actually teach us how to do lessons.</li> <li>• Social Studies class could be a little more organized. I don't really feel like I got anything from that class.</li> <li>• I wish we had class 3x a week. I would rather have a full load 3 days than drive to Montevallo everyday.</li> <li>• Social Studies needs improvement.</li> <li>• I wish our schedule was more uniform.</li> <li>• I wish we could do a math lesson plan on our own before lab. (I feel good about Math strategies BUT NOT ABOUT LESSON PLANNING.)</li> <li>• Clarity on conduct management....we were told at the beginning of the program that there were "write ups" and "strikes" per-say, but conduct doesn't seem to be monitored until it is brought to someone's attention.</li> <li>• The content area of Social Studies was hard to grasp. It seemed as if there were two different methods being taught – the Piece by Piece method that was taught in Social Studies did not transfer to the lesson plan format in my mind, so it was difficult to know what to do; also, it wasn't explained <u>at all</u>.</li> <li>• Lesson plans for each class seems different. We are told one thing in one class but told we can do something else in another such as discourse and/or syntax. We can use both in Science and Math but not ELA. CONFUSING.</li> <li>• More SPED training.</li> <li>• Could do better with Social Studies!</li> <li>• I wish we went deeper in Math because teaching new Math is hard for us too.</li> <li>• Focus more on Math and Social Studies lesson plans!</li> <li>• Include more special education throughout the entire course of the program, not just during the summer courses.</li> <li>• Discipline-we are told that the College of Education takes discipline very seriously, but there have been multiple instances in this block where people have been rude and unprofessional and nothing happens to help curve that behavior.</li> </ul>	
Professors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers focusing (at times) the favorites of the class.</li> <li>• Professor content knowledge.</li> </ul>	2
Praxis help (like the Math boot camp), but for all tests.	1
<b>Please rate your level of satisfaction with the overall quality of your program.</b>	<b>f</b>
Very Satisfied	8
Satisfied	18
Neutral	1
Unsatisfied	1
Very Unsatisfied	0

*One student marked very satisfied for Math, Reading, Science, & Writing and then marked unsatisfied for Social Studies. Another student marked that they are VERY satisfied about some classes but others just satisfied.*

### **Additional Comments:**

Different instructor for Social Studies?

I love all of the classes and professors, I just wished I had learned more from Social Studies as that is my weakest subject.

Overall – great semester. Loved getting the AMSTI experience. Love all of the instructors this semester. 😊

Love the persons that make up this program.

I love my professors and appreciate how open they are to listen and help us get better.

The Social Studies course needs help.

Math lesson before lab.

How the piece by piece fits in the lesson.

I LOVE all of the teachers in the program. They are very helpful!

I really hate that the idea of my classmates being my competition is set forth on the first day of the program. I think it set up my block for catty behavior, ego issues, and a lack of respect for each other. I love the program, but 3/5 days I dread coming to class because of my classmates.

I felt that the program has been extremely successful. The only class that was a little difficult was the Social Science class. We didn't have as many classes with her so it seemed we had to rush through the content compared to our other classes.

Need more stuff that helps with the praxis. Maybe a praxis boot camp.

Great program with great professors!