

## CERTIFICATION IN SOCIAL STUDIES

<b>Social Studies Requirements:</b>		<b>Credits</b>
HIS 103	The Ancient World	3
HIS 105	Europe Encounters the World	3
HIS 125	United States History to 1865	3
HIS 126	United States History since 1865	3
HIS 202	Historical Geography	3
ECN 105	Principles of Economics	3
PSC 110	American National Government	3
PSC 210	Comparative Politics	3
PSC 245	International Relations or INT 100 (Intro to International Studies)	3
PSC 330	State and Local Government (or Upper Division US PSC)	3
PSY 112	General Psychology II	3
PSY 180	Child Development and Education	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 120	Introduction to Anthropology	3
*ENG 111 Or FYS 100	English Composition	3
*ENG 112	English Composition	3
*ENG 221/2/5/6	English or American Literature	3
*MAS	Math	3
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\*In accordance with Act 354, these classes need to be completed before student teaching.

### **Major Requirement:**

Every student wishing to complete their certification in Social Studies must complete a major.

### **History**

In order to complete a History major, secondary education candidates must take seven additional HIS courses. Two are methods courses (HIS 250 and HIS 499). Two electives must be in non-US history; two at the 300 level, and one additional elective. In order to finish in four years, students should take HIS classes that also meet the General Education requirements for Foreign Studies, Social Diversity or Disciplinary Perspectives.

HIS 2XX or 3XX (Non-US History)	3
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HIS 2XX or 3XX (General Education Social Diversity Studies)	3
HIS 2XX or 3XX (General Education Disciplinary Perspective)	3
HIS 2XX or 3XX (History Elective)	3
HIS 250 (Historians' Craft)	3
HIS 499 (Senior Seminar)	3

### **Political Science**

In order to complete a PSC major, secondary education candidates must take nine additional PSC courses. Students should take PSC classes that also meet the General Education requirements for Foreign Studies and Disciplinary Perspectives.

PSC 100 (Intro to PSC)	3
PSC 345 (Political Philosophy)	3
PSC 370 (Research Methods)	3
PSC 497, 498 or 499 (Senior Seminar)	3
Five PSC electives	15

**Education Courses:**

EDU 110	Foundations of Education	3
EDU 245	Language, Cultural Diversity and Academic Achievement: Grade 7 – Grade 12	3
SED 280	Field Practicum	0
SED 363	Teaching of Social Studies in Secondary Schools	3
SED 430	Practicum and Methods I	3
SED 431	Practicum and Methods II	3
SED 440	Student Teaching	12
SPE 250	Cognitive Development of Diverse Learners	3
SPE 255	Special Education Processes and Procedures	3
SPE 258	Effective Instructional and Behavioral Strategies for Students with Disabilities	3

- Transfer students from other colleges may need to take SPE 258 as well in order to meet ACT 49-2 requirements.
- A field placement (through SED 431 or SED 280) must be completed in the semester immediately preceding student teaching.
- EDU 245 may be taken with SED 440.
- A calculated, cumulative GPA of 2.800 is required for student teacher candidacy status and SED 440. **This does require students to score higher on the Praxis exam.**
- Student teacher candidacy status should be attained no later than the end of the fall semester of the junior year.
- Candidate must complete the Student Teaching Request Form and have the major department chairperson complete the Approval for Student Teaching Form. (Both forms will be given to each candidate by the Director of Field Experiences.)
- Candidates taking SED 440 or EDU 240 with SED 440 are “full time” students.
- SED 363 must be taken before student teaching