

SOCIAL STUDIES, B.S.ED.

The Social Studies Bachelors of Science in Education (BSE) degree is designed for students seeking state certification to teach social studies in grades 7-12.

Social studies includes anthropology, economics, geography, government, history, psychology, and sociology; and social studies teachers can be asked to teach any of these disciplines at the middle and high school level. To ensure high quality teacher preparation, the Social Studies BSE degree consists of three blocks of requirements: 45 hours of specific courses across six related disciplines; 15 hours of electives from any of seven related disciplines; and 33 hours of education courses. Degree requirements also include an early field experience in a grades 7-12 public school setting and – in the final year of the program - an intensive two-semester field experience in a grades 7-12 social studies classroom.

The curriculum for Social Studies, BSE is the same regardless of the department of advisement. However, students will have to select whether to be advised in the History, Government, Economics or Geography department for advisement in the Social Studies major.

Major in Social Studies History, BSE

Code	Title	Hours
MAJOR REQUIRED CORE FOUNDATION		
ECON 100	Introductory Economics	3
ECON 203	Introduction to World Economy	3
GEOG 120	Human Geography	3
Geography Course - Choose 1 of the following:		3
GEOG 141	World Regional Geography	
GEOG 226	Political Geography	
GEOG 248	Geography of Africa	
GEOG 342	Europe	
GEOG 343	Latin America & the Caribbean	
GEOG 344	North America	
GEOG 281	Maps and GIS	3
GOVT 111	Introduction to American Government	3
GOVT 221	Introduction to Comparative Political Systems	3
GOVT 251	Introduction to Global Politics	3
History Electives - Choose 2 of the following:		6
HIST 101	Europe and the World 1350-1789	
HIST 102	Europe and World 1789-Present	
HIST 206	World Culture & Religion to 1500	
HIST 280	Pre-Colonial Africa	
HIST 105	History Matters	3
HIST 106	Contours of US History	3
HIST 205	The Art & Craft of History	3
PSYC 100	General Psychology	3
SOCY 210	Sociology of the Family	3
Total Hours		45

BSE SST Concentration Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Due to the interdisciplinary nature of the social studies major, please work closely with your advisor to select courses appropriate to your plan. You must take 15 total credits to complete the concentration.		

Geography	0
You may take up to 9 credits of Geography (GEOG) at the 200-level or higher. toward your 15 credit SST Concentration. You have taken 0 credits. Speak to your advisor about course options and click here to access the web schedule.	
Government	0
You may take up to 9 credits of Government (GOVT) at the 200-level or higher. toward your 15 credit SST Concentration. You have taken 0 credits. Speak to your advisor about course options and click here to access the web schedule.	
History	0
You may take up to 9 credits of History (HIST) at the 200-level or higher. toward your 15 credit SST Concentration. You have taken 0 credits. Speak to your advisor about course options and click here to access the web schedule.	
Anthropology	0
You may take up to 6 credits of Anthropology (ANTH) courses toward your 15 credit SST Concentration. You have taken 0 credits. Speak to your advisor about course options and click here to access the web schedule.	
Psychology	0
You may take up to 6 credits of Psychology (PSYC) at the 200-level or higher toward your 15 credit SST Concentration. You have taken 0 credits. Speak to your advisor about course options and click here to access the web schedule.	
Sociology	0
You may take up to 6 credits of Sociology (SOCY) courses toward your 15 credit SST Concentration. You have taken 0 credits. Speak to your advisor about course options and click here to access the web schedule.	
Total Hours	0

Professional Education

Code	Title	Hours
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS		
EDFN 211	Foundations Modern Education	3
EDFN 241	Psychological Foundations of Teaching	3
REQUIRED EDUCATION COURSES		
EDSE 321	Issues in Secondary Education	3
EDFN 330	Instructional Technology, Design & Assessment	3
EDSE 433	Teaching of Secondary Social Studies	3
ACCOMMODATIONS AND ADAPTATIONS		
EDSE 340	Content Area Literacy for Diverse Classrooms	3
SPED 346	Secondary Students w/Disabilities in Inclusive Settings	3
STUDENT TEACHING		
EDSE 471	Student Teaching Seminar	3
Student Teaching		9
EDSS 461	Student Teaching in Soc Sci	
Total Hours		33

Advanced Professional Studies, BSE

Code	Title	Hours
*Clearances are valid for one year from the date that appears in the header of this degree audit in the field 'Clearance Date.' Clearances cannot expire in the middle of a semester.		

APS REQUIREMENTS

English Composition - Choose 1 of the following: 3

ENGL 110 Intro to College Writing

ENGL 110H Hnrs:Intro to College Writing

English Literature - Choose 1 of the following: 3

ENGL 230 Introduction to Literature

ENGL 231 World Literature 1

ENGL 232 World Literature 2

ENGL 233 Early British Literature

ENGL 234 Later British Literature

ENGL 235 American Literary Tradition I

ENGL 236 American Literary Tradition II

ENGL 241H H:Explorations in World Lit

ENGL 242 Reading Our World:

ENGL 292 Science Fiction

ENGL 333 African-American Literature 1

ENGL 333H Hnrs:African American Lit 1

ENGL 334 African American Literature 2

ENGL 334H Hnrs:African American Lit 2

ENGL 336 New Dimensions to World Lit

ENGL 338 Folklore and Literature

ENGL 401 Old Eng Lang and Literature

ENGL 402 Middle Eng Lang and Literature

Mathematics

Two Mathematics courses are required for BSE students. You have taken 0 course(s). It is preferable to take two courses designated as G2. Click here to search for MATH courses on the current web schedule. BIOL 375 will fulfill one Mathematics course for BSE BIOL students.

EDFN 211 Foundations Modern Education 6
& EDFN 241 and Psychological Foundations of Teaching

48 earned (transcript) credit hours are required

APS registration status

You ARE NOT eligible to register for courses requiring APS status.

ACT 126 - Educator Ethics Training

You must submit your Educator Ethics Training.

Pre-Service Testing Required

Pre-Service Testing Status is indicated by one of the following: 1.) PSTA - Pre-Service Testing Accomplished: Verified passing pre-service test scores meet the requirement. 2.) PSTI - Pre-Service Testing Incomplete: Non-passing pre-service test scores were submitted prior to the August 1, 2015 policy change. Passing scores must still be achieved in order to meet the PA certification requirements. 3.) PSTU - Pre-Service Testing Unverified: Unofficial copies of pre-service test scores were submitted. Official scores must be sent from the testing company in order to meet PA certification requirements. 4.) PSTX - Pre-Service Testing Waived: Per PDE - ACT 136, the Pre-Service Testing Requirement has been waived.

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Your GPA is below 3.0 - please see an advisor

If you are given the 2.8 GPA Exception for graduation and you graduate with a GPA lower than 3.0, you must have higher certification test scores in order to meet PA state certification requirements.

No dispositions-related holds

If the requirement above is checked as complete, then there are currently no dispositions-related holds on your APS Status. Registration for APS courses is permitted when all APS requirements have been met. If it is incomplete, you have a hold and APS registration will not be allowed.

Full Admission to APS

When all requirements are met, you must submit application for admission to APS status. Click here for the application.

Total Hours**12**