

Social Studies

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences

Department of Social Studies

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The social studies program is designed to prepare students to teach secondary social studies. This challenging program draws upon faculty from nine areas (anthropology, economics, ethnic studies, geography, history, political science, psychology, sociology and women's studies) and works with the College of Education to promote effective teaching practice for future and in-service teachers.

A non-teaching major in social studies is also offered, and provides the student an opportunity to create a program to meet her or his personal academic needs.

Admission to Major is granted by the program. Minimum university admission requirements are:

- a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours.

- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 (C).

Contact the social studies coordinator for application procedures.

Admission to the Social Studies Program. Students enrolling in SOST 450 must be admitted to the social studies program, a process in addition to admission to the major. Admission to the Social Studies (teaching) program is limited. Preference for admission to the program is given to students who have a 3.0 GPA and who have had significant global, multicultural, civic, and community service experience. Students are encouraged to work closely with their advisor to prepare for admission to the social studies program.

SOCIAL STUDIES BS TEACHING (67 credits)

Required for Major (Core, 52 credits):

ANTH 101 Introduction to Anthropology (3)
 ECON 201 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
 ECON 429 Economic Education (3)
 GEOG 100 Elements of Geography (3)
 GEOG 340 United States (3)
 HIST 190 or 190 W United States to 1877 (4)
 HIST 191 or 191 W United States Since 1877 (4)
 HIST 260 Nature of History (4)
 HIST 301 Readings in United States History (4)
 HIST 302 Readings in World History (4)
 POL 111 United States Government (3)
 POL 381 Citizenship (2, 2)
 POL 382 In-Service: Public Achievement (1, 1)
 PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (4)
 SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)
 SOST 200 Introduction to Social Studies (2)
 SOST 450 Teaching Social Studies in the Secondary School (4)

Choose one of the following courses:

WOST 220 Perspectives on Women and Change (3)

ETHN 410 Foundations of Oppression (3)

Required for Major (Options, 15 credits):

Select one of the following options.

ANTHROPOLOGY OPTION

Select one course from the following:

ANTH 220 ANTH 230 ANTH 240

Select 12 credits of upper-division anthropology electives:

ANTH 300/400 Level

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Contact Winifred Mitchell, Anthropology Department.

ECONOMICS OPTION

Required Courses:

ECON 202 ECON 314 ECON 406

ECON 412 ECON 420

Contact Ashok Chowdhury, Economics Department

GEOGRAPHY OPTION

Required Courses:

GEOG 101 GEOG 103

Choose one Cultural-Systematic from the following:

GEOG 425 GEOG 435 GEOG 437

Choose one Physical-Systematic from the following:

GEOG 313 GEOG 315 GEOG 217

GEOG 410 GEOG 420

Choose one Foreign Regional from the following:

GEOG 445 GEOG 450 GEOG 454

GEOG 456 GEOG 458

Contact Jose Lopez, Department of Geography

HISTORY OPTION

Choose 15 credits of upper division history courses; including at least one course at the 400 level from each of the following areas: Europe, Third World (i.e., Latin America, Middle East, Asia and Africa) and the United States.

Contact Ernie Grieshaber, Department of History.

POLITICAL SCIENCE OPTION

Required Courses:

POL 371 POL 414

POL 431 POL 473

Choose 3 credits of independent study or

Choose one of the following:

POL 341 POL 342 POL 433

POL 441 POL 442 POL 443

Contact Joe Kunkel, Political Science Department

PSYCHOLOGY OPTION

Required Courses:

PSYC 207

Choose 11 credits of upper division psychology courses:

PSYC xxx PSYC xxx PSYC xxx PSYC xxx

Contact Rosemary Krawczyk, Psychology Department

SOCIOLOGY OPTION

Choose one course from each of the five areas:

Sociological Theory:

SOC 456 SOC 457 SOC 458

Methods:

SOC 201 SOC 469 SOC 479

SOC 480

Level of Focus: Micro/Macro:

SOC 351 SOC 352 SOC 401

SOC 407 SOC 423 SOC 461

Family:

SOC 408 SOC 409 SOC 411

SOC 483

Social Issues:

SOC 255 SOC 307 SOC 425

SOC 441 SOC 446 SOC 463

SOC 482

Contact Kim Greer, Sociology Department

Required for Major (Professional Education, 30 credits):

See the SECONDARY EDUCATION section for admission requirements to Professional Education and a list of required professional education courses.

Required Minor: None.

SOCIAL STUDIES BS (50 credits)

Required for Major (Social Studies Concentration, 24 credits):

A minimum of 24 credits (of which 15 need to be upper division) must be taken in one of the following social studies areas: anthropology, economics, ethnic studies, geography, history, political science, psychology, sociology, or women's studies. Students taking the history option are required to take HIST 260 and at least six credits from each of the following areas: Europe, Third World (i.e., Latin America, Middle East, Asia and Africa) and United States.

Required for Major (General Social Studies, 26 credits):

A minimum of 26 credits (of which 16 need to be upper division) must be taken on a widely distributed basis from the social sciences and history outside the area of concentration selected above and/or from the interdisciplinary programs of ethnic studies, urban studies or women's studies. Students are encouraged to take a mixture of courses that reflect a global and multicultural understanding.

Required Minor: None.

Students should enroll in SOST 299, independent study, in the subsequent semester to declaring the social studies non-teaching major. Students in SOST 299 will work with the social studies coordinator to define personal learning goals and objectives and may begin the development of a personal learning portfolio. In the senior year, the student should take SOST 499. Students in SOST 499 will complete their learning portfolio under the guidance of the social studies coordinator and formulate post-graduation plans.

POLICIES/INFORMATION

GPA Policy. A grade of "C" or better is required in all courses in the major.

P/N Grading Policy. No more than 12 credits may be taken P/N.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SOST 199 (1,3) CLEP Social Studies

SOST 200 (2) Introduction to Social Studies

Acquaints students majoring in social studies (teaching) with the social studies major and fundamental ideas that will help students integrate what they are learning in social sciences and history within the context of secondary social studies classroom.

SOST 299 (1-6) Individual Study

SOST 450 (4) Teaching Social Studies Secondary School

Acquaints students majoring in social studies (teaching) with the social studies major and fundamental ideas that will help students integrate what they are learning in social sciences and history within the context of secondary social studies classroom.

Coreq: KSP 410 and 420

SOST 485 (1-6) Topics

Designed to provide students the opportunity to explore a variety of topics related to social studies.

SOST 491 (1-6) In-Service

Designed to provide students the opportunity to integrate academic learning with professional practice.

SOST 499 (1-8) Individual Study