

Social Studies

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences

Social Studies Program

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The social studies program is designed to prepare students to teach social studies in secondary schools. This challenging program draws upon faculty from nine areas (anthropology, economics, ethnic studies, gender and women's studies, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology) 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.

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.

SOCIAL STUDIES BS TEACHING

Degree completion = 120 credits

ANTHROPOLOGY OPTION

Required General Education

ANTH	101	Introduction to Anthropology (4)
GEOG	100	Elements of Geography (3)
POL	111	United States Government (3)
PSYC	101	Introduction to Psychological Science (4)

U.S. History to 1877 (choose 4 credits)

HIST 190 United States to 1877 (4)

HIST 190W United States to 1877 (4)

U.S. History Since 1877 (choose 4 credits)

HIST 191 United States Since 1877 (4)

HIST 191W United States Since 1877 (4)

Major Common Core

ECON	201	Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
ECON	202	Principles of Microeconomics (3)
GEOG	340	United States (3)
HIST	302	World History: An Overview (4)
POL	321	Democracy and Citizenship (3)
SOC	101	Introduction to Sociology (3)
SOST	200	Introduction to Social Studies Teaching (2)
SOST	450	Teaching Social Studies Secondary School (4)

Major Restricted Electives

Expansion Course (choose 3 credits)

ETHN	410	Foundations of Oppression (3)
GWS	220	Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4)
GWS	220W	Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4)

Major Emphasis: Anthropology (15 credits)

(choose 4 credits)

ANTH	220	Human Origins (4)
ANTH	230	Peoples and Cultures of the World (4)
ANTH	240	Languages and Cultures (4)

(choose 11 credits of 300-400 level anthropology courses)

ANTH 300 - ANTH 400

Other Graduation Requirements

Professional Education, 30 credits

(choose 30 credits)

See the SECONDARY EDUCATION section for admission requirements to Professional Education and a list of required professional education. NOTE: Students must also meet a drug and alcohol education requirement (1-3 credits)

KSP 200- KSP 499

Alcohol & Drug Education (choose 1 credit)

PSYC 490 Workshop (1-3)

ECONOMICS OPTION

Required General Education

ANTH	101	Introduction to Anthropology (4)
GEOG	100	Elements of Geography (3)
POL	111	United States Government (3)
PSYC	101	Introduction to Psychological Science (4)

U.S. History to 1877

(choose 4 credits from the following)

HIST 190 United States to 1877 (4)

HIST 190W United States to 1877 (4)

U.S. History Since 1877

(choose 4 credits from the following)

HIST 191 United States Since 1877 (4)

HIST 191W United States Since 1877 (4)

Major Common Core

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Major Restricted Electives

Expansion Course

(choose 3 credits of the following)

ETHN	410	Foundations of Oppression (3)
GWS	220	Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4)
GWS	220W	Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4)

Major Emphasis: Economics (15 credits)

(Select one of the following options)

ECON	314W	Current Economic Issues (3)
ECON	403	Labor Economics (3)
ECON	412	Resources and Environmental Economics (3)
ECON	416	Sport Economics (3)
ECON	420	International Economics (3)

Other Graduation Requirements

Professional Education, 30 credits

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GEOGRAPHY OPTION

Required General Education

ANTH	101	Introduction to Anthropology (4)
GEOG	100	Elements of Geography (3)
POL	111	United States Government (3)
PSYC	101	Introduction to Psychological Science (4)

U.S. History to 1877

(choose 4 credits from the following)

HIST	190	United States to 1877 (4)
HIST	190W	United States to 1877 (4)

U.S. History Since 1877

(choose 4 credits from the following)

HIST	191	United States Since 1877 (4)
HIST	191W	United States Since 1877 (4)

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Expansion Course

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ETHN	410	Foundations of Oppression (3)
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GWS	220W	Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4)

Major Emphasis: Geography (15 credits)

GEOG	101	Introductory Physical Geography (3)
GEOG	103	Introductory Cultural Geography (3)

Physical Geography

(choose 3 credits from the following)

GEOG	313	Natural Disasters (3)
GEOG	315	Geomorphology (3)
GEOG	410	Climatic Environments (3)
GEOG	420	Conservation of Natural Resources (3)

Regional Geography Course

(choose 3 credits)

GEOG	445	Latin America (3)
GEOG	450	Europe (3)
GEOG	454	Russian Realm (3)
GEOG	456	Africa (3)
GEOG	458	Geography of East Asia (3)

Culture Geography

(choose 3 credits)

GEOG	425	Economic Geography (3)
GEOG	435	Urban Geography (3)
GEOG	436	Rural Geography (3)
GEOG	438	Social Geography (3)

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Professional Education, 30 credits

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Alcohol & Drug Education

(choose 1 credit)

PSYC	490	Workshop (1-3)
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HISTORY OPTION

Required General Education

ANTH	101	Introduction to Anthropology (4)
GEOG	100	Elements of Geography (3)
POL	111	United States Government (3)
PSYC	101	Introduction to Psychological Science (4)

U.S. History to 1877

(choose 4 credits from the following)

HIST	190	United States to 1877 (4)
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HIST	191	United States Since 1877 (4)
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Major Restricted Electives

Expansion Course

(choose 3 credits of the following)

ETHN	410	Foundations of Oppression (3)
GWS	220	Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4)
GWS	220W	Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4)

Major Emphasis: History (15 credits)

Select (15 credits) of 300-400 level courses, including at least one 400 level course from each of the following areas: Europe, Third World, and the U.S.

HIST 300- HIST 499

Other Graduation Requirements

Professional Education, 30 credits

See the SECONDARY EDUCATION section for admission requirements to Professional Education and a list of required professional education courses. NOTE: Students must also meet a drug and alcohol education requirement (1-3 credits)

KSP 200 - KSP 499

Alcohol & Drug Education (choose 1 Credit)

PSYC	490	Workshop (1-3)
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POLITICAL SCIENCE OPTION

Required General Education

ANTH	101	Introduction to Anthropology (4)
GEOG	100	Elements of Geography (3)
POL	111	United States Government (3)
PSYC	101	Introduction to Psychological Science (4)

U.S. History to 1877

(choose 4 credits)

HIST	190	United States to 1877 (4)
HIST	190W	United States to 1877 (4)

U.S. History Since 1877

(choose 4 credits)

HIST	191	United States Since 1877 (4)
HIST	191W	United States Since 1877 (4)

SOCIAL STUDIES

Major Common Core

ECON	201	Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
ECON	202	Principles of Microeconomics (3)
GEOG	340	United States (3)
HIST	302	World History: An Overview (4)
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Major Restricted Electives

Expansion Course

(choose 3 credits)

ETHN	410	Foundations of Oppression (3)
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GWS	220W	Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4)

Major Emphasis: Political Science (15 credits)

POL	371	State & Local Government (3)
POL	414	Early United States Political Thought (3)
POL	473	Legislative Process (3)

(choose 3 credits)

POL	231	World Politics (3)
POL	241	Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)

(choose 3 credits)

POL	422	Campaigns & Elections (3)
POL	423	Political Parties (3)
POL	454	Civil Liberties (3)
POL	474	Executive Process (3)

Other Graduation Requirements

Professional Education, 30 credits

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KSP 200- KSP 499

PSYCHOLOGY OPTION

Required General Education

ANTH	101	Introduction to Anthropology (4)
GEOG	100	Elements of Geography (3)
POL	111	United States Government (3)
PSYC	101	Introduction to Psychological Science (4)

U.S. History to 1877

(choose 4 credits)

HIST	190	United States to 1877 (4)
HIST	190W	United States to 1877 (4)

U.S. History Since 1877

(choose 4 credits)

HIST	191	United States Since 1877 (4)
HIST	191W	United States Since 1877 (4)

Major Common Core

ECON	201	Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
ECON	202	Principles of Microeconomics (3)
GEOG	340	United States (3)
HIST	302	World History: An Overview (4)
POL	321	Democracy and Citizenship (3)
SOC	101	Introduction to Sociology (3)
SOST	200	Introduction to Social Studies Teaching (2)
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Major Restricted Electives

Expansion Course

(choose 3 credits)

ETHN	410	Foundations of Oppression (3)
GWS	220	Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4)

GWS	220W	Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4)
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Major Emphasis: Psychology

PSYC	201	Statistics for Psychology (4)
PSYC	211	Research Methods and Design (4)

(choose 4 credits)

PSYC	407	Advanced Behavior Analysis (4)
PSYC	413	Sensation & Perception (4)
PSYC	421	Biopsychology (4)

(choose 3 credits)

PSYC	340	Social Psychology (4)
PSYC	433	Child Psychology (4)
PSYC	436	Adolescent Psychology (4)
PSYC	455	Abnormal Psychology (4)
PSYC	456	Personality Theories (3)

Other Graduation Requirements

Professional Education, 30 credits

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KSP 200- KSP 499

Alcohol & Drug Education (choose 1 credit)

PSYC	490	Workshop (1-3)
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ECON	202	Principles of Microeconomics (3)
ECON	429	Economic Education (3)
GEOG	340	United States (3)
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Expansion Course

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GWS	220W	Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4)

Major Emphasis: Sociology (15 credits)

Theory

SOC	458	Sociological Theory (3)
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Issues

(choose 3 credits from the following)

SOC	255	Juvenile Delinquency (3)
SOC	307	Sex & Gender in Contemporary Society (3)

SOC	425	Social Movements (3)
SOC	441	Social Deviance (3)
SOC	446	Race, Culture & Ethnicity (3)
SOC	463	Social Stratification (3)
SOC	482	Social Change (3)

Methods

(choose 3 credits from the following)

SOC	201	Social Research I (3)
SOC	469	Survey Research (3)
SOC	479	Sociological Ethnography (3)
SOC	480	Qualitative Methods (3)

Family

SOC	408	Family Life Dynamics (3)
SOC	409	Family Violence (3)
SOC	483	The Family and Society (3)

Macro

SOC	351	Social Psychology (3)
SOC	407	Population Dynamics (3)
SOC	423	Complex Organizations (3)
SOC	461	Urban Sociology (3)

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KSP 200- KSP 499

Alcohol & Drug Education (choose 1 credit)
PSYC 490 Workshop (1-3)

SOCIAL STUDIES BS

Degree completion = 120 credits

Major Restricted Electives

A minimum of 27 credits (of which 17 need to be upper division) must be taken on a widely distributed basis from the social sciences and history OUTSIDE the area of concentration and/or from the interdisciplinary programs of: Ethnic Studies, Gender & Women Studies and Urban Studies.
(choose 26 credits)

Students are encouraged to take a mixture of courses that reflect a global and multicultural understanding.

ANTH 100 - ANTH 499
ECON 100 - ECON 499
ETHN 100 - ETHN 499
GEOG 100 - GEOG 499
GWS 100 - GWS 499
HIST 100 - HIST 499
POL 100 - POL 499
PSYC 100 - PSYC 499
SOC 100 - SOC 499
URBS 100 - URBS 499

Students should enroll in SOST 299, Individual Study in the subsequent semester to declaring the social studies non-teaching major. Students will work with the social studies coordinator to define personal learning goals and objectives and begin the development of a personal learning portfolio. In the senior year, the student will take SOST 499, Individual Study.

(choose 1-14 credits)

SOST 299 Individual Study (1-6)
SOST 499 Individual Study (1-8)

Major Emphasis: Area of Concentration

A minimum of 24 credits must be taken in ONE of the following areas (15 credits of the 24 credits must be upper division courses). Areas include: Anthropology, Economics, Ethnic Studies, Gender & Women Studies, Geography, History,

Political Science, Psychology, Sociology.
(choose 24 credits)

Students taking the history option are required to take 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

ANTH 100 - ANTH 499
ECON 100 - ECON 499
ETHN 100 - ETHN 499
GEOG 100 - GEOG 499
GWS 100 - GWS 499
HIST 100 - HIST 499
POL 100 - POL 499
PSYC 100 - PSYC 499
SOC 100 - SOC 499

Required Minor: None.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SOST 200 (2) Introduction to Social Studies Teaching

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.

Fall, Spring

SOST 222 (1-4) Selected Topics

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

Fall, Spring

SOST 299 (1-6) Individual Study

SOST 450 (4) Teaching Social Studies Secondary School

Organization and presentation of social studies in secondary schools. Preparation of units for teaching purposes, examination of materials useful to the social studies teacher. Application of national and state standards to teaching social studies.

Pre: Concurrently with KSP 440

Fall, Spring

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