

Bachelor of Arts Social Studies

INFORMATION

If you are interested in becoming a Social Studies teacher, you must fulfill the requirements for the Integrated Social Studies License (grades 7-12). An important part of those requirements is that you major in Social Studies which, at Cleveland State University, is offered by the History Department.

According to the National Council for Social Studies, “*Social Studies*” is defined as the integrated study of the social sciences and humanities to promote civic competence with the primary purpose of helping young people develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world.”¹ In other words, a Social Studies teacher is expected to integrate history, geography, economics, political science and other social sciences in order to:

- help students develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions;

¹ National Council for the Social Studies. *Expectations of Excellence: Curriculum Standards for Social Studies*. Washington, D.C.: National Council for the Social Studies, 1994, p. vii.

- help prepare students for their role as citizens in a democratic society;
- teach students about the past in order to understand the present;
- foster students’ ability to act responsibly and become successful problem solvers in an interdependent world of limited resources.²

To prepare students for this challenging task, you will be required to take a number of courses in the various disciplines that form the Social Studies, for a total of between 74 and 78 credit hours. The heart of the program consists of at least 40 hours of history, eight hours of Political Science, six hours of Economics, and three hours each of Anthropology and Sociology. In addition, you will select supplementary courses from either Anthropology, Political Science, or Sociology. Some of these classes also can be used to fulfill University and College General Education requirements.

While most of the courses provide students with content that will be useful in teaching U.S. Studies,

² Adapted from Ohio Department of Education, *Academic Content Standards K-12 Social Studies*, 2002, p. 24.

World Studies, or U.S. Government, students will also take two specialized courses. One, HIS 390 *Introduction to Social Studies*, introduces you to content issues in teaching Social Studies by exploring a theme in which the different disciplines will be brought together. The other, HIS 400 *Local History Seminar*, explores the social, economic, political and cultural history of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. It uses primary materials to generate student research projects so that you can gain experience working as an historian and learn how to incorporate sources and local perspective in your own teaching.

Of course, in order to become licensed, you must also take courses in the College of Education and Human Services, where you will minor in Education.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Social Studies Teacher

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A total number of 128 hours are required for the B.A. in Social Studies. All degree seeking students are required to complete a specific number of General Education (GenEd) courses. Students are responsible for ensuring the appropriate selection of courses to satisfy GenEd requirements and are encouraged to consult with their academic advisor regarding the applicability of selected courses. A comprehensive description of Cleveland State University's General Education Requirements for undergraduate students is available online at <http://www.csuohio.edu/academic/gened/>.

Social Studies Major Requirements

The Core of the Program Consists of the Following Courses:

HIS 101 Western Civilization OR
HIS 102 Western Civilization II
HIS 111 U.S. History to 1877
HIS 112 U.S. History Since 1877
HIS 165 Introduction to Latin American History OR
HIS 175 Introduction to African History
HIS 200 Introduction to Geography
HIS 215 History of African Americans to 1877 OR
HIS 216 History of African Americans Since 1877
HIS 301 American Cultural History OR
HIS 304 U.S. Urban History
HIS 370 World History
HIS 390 Introduction to Social Studies
HIS 400 Local History Seminar
ANT 102 The Study of Culture OR
HIS 323 Recent American History OR
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
ANT/HIS/PSC/ 227 Power, Authority, and Society in
Nonwestern Communities (team-taught course offered
through various departments)
ECN 201 Principles of Macroeconomics
ECN 202 Principles of Microeconomics
PSC 111 American Government
PSC 221 Comparative Politics OR
PSC 231 International Politics

Two of the Following
(8 Credits)
ANT 352 Native South Americans
ANT 353 Cultures of Africa
ANT 354 Cultures of Oceania
ANT 394 Area Studies in Anthropology

Political Science Core

PSC 217 Urban Politics and the African American Experience
OR PSC 305 Cultural Diversity in U.S. Politics
PSC 318 The Presidency and Congress OR
PSC 342 American Political Thought

Two of the Following
(8 Credits)
PSC 310 Constitutional Law
PSC 311 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
PSC 314 State Government and Politics
PSC 315 Public Policy Administration
PSC 327 Peaceful World Change

Sociology Core

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

Two of the Following
(6-8 Credits)
SOC 201 Race, Class and Gender
SOC 203 Sociology of Poverty
SOC 215 Black/White Interaction
SOC 317 Sociology of Gender
SOC 380 Minorities
SOC 342 Sociology of Law OR
SOC 383 Political Sociology

In Addition You Will Select ONE of the Three Areas Below for Your Secondary Core:

Anthropology Core

Two of the Following
(8 Credits)
ANT 270 African American Culture OR
ANT 324 Anthropology of Gender OR
ANT 351 Native North Americans

Distribution: At least one course from Anthropology and Sociology.

* **Note:** with the addition of one 300/400 level course in European History, a Social Studies major following the above list of requirements can add a second major in History, thus acquiring a double major in Social Studies and History. Be sure to declare the second major using the appropriate form (Revised 2/02).

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