

SOCIAL STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS (592)

Program Coordinator

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The Social Studies major program provides a strong, interdisciplinary major both for prospective secondary school teachers and for Liberal Arts students interested in a broad learning experience. The Social Studies curriculum totals 60 hours and requires students to study history (27 hrs), political science (9 hrs), economics (6 hrs), geography (9 hrs), anthropology (3 hrs), psychology (3 hrs), and sociology (3 hrs). Social Studies majors are not required to complete an accompanying program, but nearly all Social Studies students double-major in History (which requires 33 hrs). Most Social Studies majors complete the complementary Secondary Education curriculum in CEBS to become certified to teach social studies, and then take jobs as secondary school teachers in WKU's service area.

Concentrations

- General (No Concentration)
- Teacher Education (TCHR)

Program Requirements (60 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php. (https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php)

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

The major in social studies requires a minimum of 60 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Students completing this major may become eligible for teacher certification in social studies. Students with a major in social studies receive a 12-hour waiver in the upper-division hour requirement in the major field.

Code	Title	Hours
History		
HIST 101	World History I	3
HIST 102	World History II	3
HIST 240	The United States to 1865	3
HIST 241	The United States Since 1865	3
HIST 498	Senior Seminar	3
Select 12 hours of upper-division courses including a course from each of the following areas:		12
United States History		
European History to 1648		
European History since 1648		
Areas other than Europe or the United States		
Political Science		
PS 110	American National Government	3
PS 250	International Politics	3
or PS 260	Introduction to Comparative Politics	

Select an upper-division elective from the following:		3
PS 310	The American Presidency	
PS 316	The Legislative Process	
PS 326	Constitutional Law	
PS 327	Civil Liberties	
PS 328	Criminal Justice Procedures	
PS 357	U S Foreign Policy	
PS 370	American Political Parties and Interest Groups	
PS 373	Minority Politics	
PS 435	American Political Thought	
Economics		
ECON 202	Principles of Economics (Micro)	3
ECON 203	Principles of Economics (Macro)	3
Geography		
GEOG 110	World Regional Geography	3
Select two of the following:		6
GEOG 330	Introduction to Cultural Geography	
GEOG 350	Economic Geography	
GEOG 360	Geography of North America	
GEOG 364	Geography of Europe	
GEOG 378	Food, Culture, and Environment	
GEOG 425	Political Geography	
GEOG 465	Geography of East Asia	
GEOG 466	Geography of Africa	
GEOG 467	Geography of the Middle East	
Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology		
ANTH 120	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
PSY/PSYS 100	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCL 100	Introductory Sociology	3
Total Hours		60

In choosing elective courses, students should keep in mind the number of upper-division courses required for graduation. Students who complete this program will not be required to offer an additional major or minor for their degree and teacher certification.

Students who pursue the social studies major should also bear in mind that at least a minor in a particular discipline is required by many universities for graduate study in that discipline. The equivalent of a history minor is included in the social studies major. The number of additional hours required to meet minor requirements in PS, ECON, GEOG and SOCL is as follows: PS: 15 hours; ECON: 15 hours; GEOG: 12 hours; SOCL: 18 hours. Students seeking to minor in any of these disciplines should consult the appropriate Department Chair for specific requirements.

Teacher Education Requirements

The major in Social Studies with Teacher Certification is intended for those seeking certification to teach in grades 8-12. It requires a minimum of 60 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. No minor or second major is required. (Teacher certification requires an additional 40 hours of education courses specified by the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses applying to certification.) Requirements for the Social Studies major

do not change, but the Education component does. The professional education courses required are (40 hours):

Code	Title	Hours
EDU 250	Discover Teaching: Introduction to Teacher Education	3
PSY 310	Educational Psychology: Development and Learning	3
SEC 350	Clinical Practices in Secondary Teaching I	8
EDU 350	Student Diversity and Differentiation	3
EDU 360	Behavior and Classroom Management in Education	3
SEC 450	Clinical Practices in Secondary Teaching II	1
SEC 481	Teaching Social Studies	3
EDU 260	Classroom Assessment	3
SEC 490	Student Teaching	10
EDU 489	Student Teaching Seminar	3
Total Hours		40

Finish in Four Plan

Without Teacher Certification

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
HIST 101		3 HIST 102	3
ENG 100		3 COMM 145	3
MATH 109 or MATH 116		3 GEOG 110	3
SOCL 100		3 PSY 100 or PSYS 100	3
PS 110		3 PS 250 or PS 260	3
		15	15

Second Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
HIST 240		3 HIST 241	3
Upper Level History Elective (Europe to 1648)		3 Upper-Level History Elective (Europe since 1648)	3
ANTH 120		3 ENG 200	3
Colonnade - Natural & Physical Sciences w/ lab		3 GEOG 330, GEOG 350, GEOG 360, GEOG 364, GEOG 378, GEOG 425, GEOG 465, GEOG 466, or GEOG 467	3
Second Major, Minor, or General Elective Course		3 Colonnade - Arts & Humanities	3
		15	15

Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ECON 202		3 ECON 203	3
Upper Level History Elective		3 Colonnade - Social & Cultural	3
ENG 300		3 PS 310, PS 316, PS 326, PS 327, PS 328, PS 357, PS 370, PS 373, or PS 435	3
HIST (Non-Western)		3 HIST Elective (United States)	3

Colonnade - Natural & Physical Sciences w/ no lab		3 Second Major, Minor, or General Elective Course	3
		15	15
Fourth Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
History Elective		3 HIST 498	3
Colonnade - Local to Global		3 Colonnade - Systems	3
GEOG 330, GEOG 350, GEOG 360, GEOG 364, GEOG 378, GEOG 425, GEOG 465, GEOG 466, or GEOG 467		3 Second Major, Minor, or General Elective Course	3
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Second Major, Minor, or General Elective Course		3 Second Major, Minor, or General Elective Course	3
		15	15

Total Hours 120

Teacher Certification

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
HIST 101		3 HIST 102	3
ENG 100		3 COMM 145	3
MATH 109 or MATH 116		3 GEOG 110	3
SOCL 100		3 PSY 100 or PSYS 100	3
PS 110		3 PS 250 or PS 260	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences w/o Lab	3
		18	18

Second Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
HIST 240		3 HIST 241	3
ANTH 120		3 ENG 200	3
EDU 250		3 ECON 203	3
Upper Level History Elective (Europe to 1648)		3 Upper Level History Elective (Europe since 1648)	3
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences w/ Lab		3 History Elective (Non-Western)	3
History Elective (United States)		3 Upper Level History Elective	3
		18	18

Third Year					
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
SEC 350		8 EDU 350		3 Colonnade: Connections (Systems)*	3
EDU 360		3 EDU 360			3
ECON 202		3 History Elective			3
ENG 300		3 Upper Level Political Science Elective			3

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	Upper Level Geography Elective	3	
	Connections: Colonnade (Social and Cultural)*	3	
	17	18	3

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
SEC 481	3	EDU 489	3
LTCY 421	3	SEC 490	10
SEC 450	1		
HIST 498	3		
Colonnade: Connections (Local to Global)*	3		
Upper Level Geography	3		
	16	13	

Total Hours 139

* Some Colonnade: Connections courses may overlap for upper-level history, geography, or political science electives in the major. Consult with an advisor about these course options.