

Education Major with Teaching Social Studies Concentration

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About

The Education and Counseling Department undergraduate offerings include a Major in Secondary Education, two different Minor in Education programs, a Minor in Counseling, and a combined [BA/MA in Education](#). The Secondary Education degree has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to recommend candidates for Level I Certification in order to teach in grades 7 through 12 in Pennsylvania's public schools. Faculty in the department are highly engaged in both theoretical and practical research related to education and counseling.

Program: [Education and Counseling](#)

Type: Bachelor of Arts

PRIMARY MAJOR (123 credits)

To be accepted into the major, students must have a 3.0 GPA, 6 credits in English and 6 credits in math completed prior to the start of their junior year. Candidates for the major should apply as soon as possible and no later than sophomore year

Required Major Credits (46 credits + Concentration)

In addition to demonstrating competence within their chosen academic discipline, as well as fulfilling the College of Arts and Sciences' core curriculum requirements, students participate in a wide variety of classroom field experiences. Such experiences are carefully selected and supervised and always appropriate to both the academic and professional competence of the students.

Program Notes:

- PDE requires all Education Majors to take two Math and two English courses before the end of their sophomore year. This is part of the state certification requirement. One Math and one English is taken in the Core Curriculum.
- Teacher certification is embedded within the B.A. program. [Visit this page to learn more.](#)

Course	Title	Credits
	EDU 2201 or EDU 2202	3
EDU 2300	Research Seminar in Education	3
EDU 3000	Prof. Development in Education	1
EDU 3251	Psych of Teaching & Learning	3
EDU 3263	Diversity and Inclusion	3
EDU 3264	Intro to Disability Studies	3
EDU 4245	Literacy & Eng Lang Learning	3
EDU 4285	Meth Soc Stud Sec School	3
EDU 4290	Philosophy of Education	3
EDU 3011	Pre-Practicum & Seminar 1	1
EDU 3012	Pre-Practicum & Seminar 2	1
EDU 3013	Pre-Practicum & Seminar 3	1
EDU 4291	Student Teaching	9
EDU 4292	Senior Seminar	3
	Advanced English Elective for EDU SS	3
	MAT, STAT or CSC elective for EDU SS	3

Teaching Social Studies Concentration (39 credits)

Concentration Notes:

- Students must be a declared education major to have this concentration.
- Students in the education major with a Social Studies emphasis fulfill their core history and social science with courses taken in the major.

Course	Title	Credits
	ECO 1001 or ECO 1002	3
GEV 1002	Geo. of a Globalizing World	3
	HIS 2000 or HIS 2001	3
PSC 1100	American Government	3
PSC 1200	International Relations	3
PSY 1000	General Psychology	3
	Pre-1750 European History for EDU SS	3
	EDU 2252 or EDU 3258 or EDU 3262	3
	GIS 2000 or CST 2100	3
	SOC 3600 or SOC 1000	3
	Women's History for EDU SS	3
	African American History, EDU B.A. for SS	3
	World History Elective for EDU SS	3

Core Curriculum Requirement (35 credits)

Education Majors with the Teaching Social Studies Concentration meet the following core requirements in the major and therefore are omitted from the summary below:

- History (3 cr)
- Social Sciences (6 cr)
- Either AAH 1002 or 1101 is preferred to meet the Fine Arts Core requirement.

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)	3
	Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)	8
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3
	Upper-Level Theology (1 course)	3
	Language Requirement	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

Free Elective Requirement (3 credits)

Students with an Education primary major with a concentration in Teaching Social Studies have three (3) required free elective credits.

Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 46 credits
- **Concentration:** 39 credits
- **Core Credits:** 35 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 3 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 123 Credits

Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.

Category Descriptions

EDU 2201 or EDU 2202

Credits: 3

Course	Title	Credits
EDU 2201	Social Foundation Educ I	3
EDU 2202	Social Foundation Edu II	3

Advanced English Elective for EDU SS

Credits: 3

- Take one three credit (3 cr) Advanced English elective, ENG 1000:5000, except ENG 1975.

MAT, STAT or CSC elective for EDU SS

Credits: 3

- Take one three credit (3 cr) MAT 1000:9999, STAT 1000:9999, or CSC 1000:9999.

ECO 1001 or ECO 1002

Credits: 3

Select one (3 cr).

HIS 2000 or HIS 2001

Credits: 3

Select one (3 cr).

Course	Title	Credits
HIS 2000	Investigating U.S. History I	3
HIS 2001	Investigating US History II	3

Pre-1750 European History for EDU SS

Credits: 3

Select one class in pre-1750 European History from the following list.

- HIS 3005:3007
- HIS 3011
- HIS 3014:3019
- HIS 3045
- HIS 3101
- HIS 3108
- HIS 3115
- HIS 3118
- HIS 3121
- HIS 3126
- HIS 3142
- HIS 3200
- HIS 3203
- HIS 3214
- HIS 3240
- HIS 3360
- HIS 4031
- HIS 4210
- HIS 4315
- HIS 4405
- HIS 4410

EDU 2252 or EDU 3258 or EDU 3262

Credits: 3

Select 1 course (3 cr).

Course	Title	Credits
EDU 2253	History of American Education	3
EDU 3258	Education & Society in 1960s	3
EDU 3262	Edu Pearl Harbor to Sputnik	3

GIS 2000 or CST 2100

Credits: 3

Select 1 course (3 cr).

SOC 3600 or SOC 1000

Credits: 3

Select one (3 cr).

Women's History for EDU SS

Credits: 3

Select 1 Class from the list.

Course	Title	Credits
HIS 2296	History of American Women	3
HIS 3360	Women in the Pre-Modern West	3
HIS 3361	Women in Modern Eur Soc	3
HIS 4090	Women in the Middle East	3
HIS 4528	Women in Mod Sci & Tech	3

African American History, EDU B.A. for SS

Credits: 3

Select 1 course (3 cr).

Course	Title	Credits
HIS 2291	African Amer His during Slaver	3
HIS 2292	African Amer His since Emancip	3

World History Elective for EDU SS

Credits: 3

Select one class.

- HIS 4031, 4115, 4130, 4315, 4320, 4405, 4420 may also fulfill this requirement.

Course	Title	Credits
HIS 2278	Native American History	3
HIS 2291	African Amer His during Slaver	3
HIS 2292	African Amer His since Emancip	3
HIS 4041	Hist Modern Middle East	3
HIS 4095	Top Middle Eastern Hist	3
HIS 4120	Emergence Modern Africa	3
HIS 4195	Topics African History	3
HIS 4210	Byzantine Civilization	3
HIS 4330	Modern China II, 1912-Present	3
HIS 4335	Modern Japan	3
HIS 4395	Topics in Asian History	3
HIS 4410	Colonial Latin America	3
HIS 4415	Revolutionary Latin America	3
HIS 4495	Topics Latin Amer Hist	3

Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)

Credits: 8

Non-science majors meet the Core Curriculum Natural Science requirement by taking two semesters of Mendel Science Experience (MSE), thematically-based lecture/laboratory courses designed for non-science majors; or two semesters of lecture/laboratory courses designed for science majors.

Science (AST, BIO, BIOC, CHM, CBN, CSC, ENV, MAT, PHY - B.S. only, PSY - B.S. only) majors meet the science requirement through the regular program of study in their major.