

The Department of Education and Counseling

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.

Required Major Credits (43 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 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 (42 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	Investigating U.S. History I	3
HIS 2001	Investigating US History II	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 (Proficiency)	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

Free Elective Requirement (6 credits)

Students with an Education primary major with a concentration in Teaching Social Studies have six (6) required free elective credits.

Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 43 credits
- **Concentration:** 42 credits
- **Core Credits:** 35 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 6 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 126 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.