

SOCIAL STUDIES GROUP MAJOR FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHING (K – 8)

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The **Social Studies Group major** (State Code: RX) for Elementary Certification consists of 42 credits selected from four areas of emphasis: Economics, Geography, History, and Political Science.

Teacher candidates for certification must pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) Elementary Exam (Test #103). Teacher candidates are strongly recommended to also take the Elementary Social Studies exam (Test #105) for marketability purposes. MTTC content exams should not be taken until 90% of course work in the subject area has been completed. Study guides are available at the MTTC website: (Elementary: http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/PDFs/MI_field103_SG.pdf and Elementary Social Studies: http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/PDFs/MI_field105_SG.pdf).

The courses below meet State standards and have been selected so that teacher candidates will be well prepared for the test. Knowledge must be demonstrated in the following categories in order to successfully pass the MTTC subject area exam:

	Subarea	Approximate % of Questions on Test
1.	World History	14%
2.	U.S. and Michigan History	18%
3.	Geography	27%
4.	Political Science	14%
5.	Economics	13%
6.	Inquiry, Interdisciplinary Perspectives, and Public Discourse	13%

PLEASE REFER TO YOUR DEGREE EVALUATION IN KNOWHOPE PLUS IN ADDITION TO THIS DOCUMENT TO DETERMINE FULFILLMENT OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete an Elementary Social Studies Group major:

Teacher candidates will need to take five courses in History (18 credits), two courses in Economics (8 credits), three courses in Geography (8 credits), and two courses in Political Science (8 credits).

HISTORY (18 Credits) Required

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDITS	FULFILLS PORTION OF GENERAL EDUCATION
Required Courses:				
HIST 160	U.S. History to 1877	Fall	4	
HIST 161	U.S. History Since 1877	Spring	4	
HIST 175	Michigan History	Both	2	
Choose one of the following courses to bring the total for this section to 18 credits.				
HIST 130 and HIST 208	Intro to Ancient Civilization World Civilizations since 1500	Both Spring	4 4	CH1 & CH2 (when taken w/IDS 171, 172, 175, or 176)
OR				
HIST 131 and HIST 207	Intro to Modern European Civilization World Civilizations to 1500	Both Fall	4 4	CH1 & CH2 (when taken w/IDS 171, 172, 175, or 176)

ECONOMICS (8 Credits) – Required

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDITS	FULFILLS PORTION OF GENERAL EDUCATION
ECON 211	Principles of Macroeconomics	Both	4	SS
ECON 212	Principles of Microeconomics (Pre-requisite ECON 211)	Both	4	

GEOGRAPHY (8 Credits) – Required

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDITS	FULFILLS PORTION OF GENERAL EDUCATION
EDUC 305	Physical Geography	Fall	2	
EDUC 306	Cultural Geography	Fall	2	
POL 201	Political Geography	Fall	4	

POLITICAL SCIENCE (8 Credits) Required

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDITS	FULFILLS PORTION OF GENERAL EDUCATION
POL 100	Intro to American Institutions	Both	4	SS
POL 221	State and Local Government	Fall, Odd Yrs	4	

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE COURSE REQUIREMENTS – YOU MUST TAKE THE FOLLOWING PLANNED PROGRAM MINOR:**MINOR FOR SOCIAL STUDIES GROUP MAJORS (26 credits) – Required**

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDITS	FULFILLS PORTION OF GENERAL EDUCATION
BIO/GES 104	Organisms and Environments	Both	4	Taking BOTH will earn NSL
CHEM/ PHYS104	Matter and Energy	Both	4	
IDS 160	Arts for the Elementary and Middle School	Fall	4	FA1
IDS 200 OR AES 210	Encounter with Cultures Introduction to Ethnic Studies	Both	4	GLD
KIN 140	Health Dynamics	Both, May and June	2	HD
KIN 252	Health & Physical Education for the Elementary and Middle School Teacher	Both	2	
MATH 205	Math for Elementary and Middle School Teachers I	Fall	4	MA2
Prerequisite for MATH 205: EDUC 220/221				
MATH 206	Math for Elementary and Middle School Teacher II	Spring	2	MA2

**“SAMPLE” 4-YEAR PLAN
ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE BELOW**

SAMPLE
Social Studies Group Major
 4 year plan

Note:

1. In order to student teach a minimum G.P.A. of 2.75 is required in your major, minor, education classes, and overall.
2. Students earning an Elementary Major must complete field placements in elementary and middle school.
3. Students earning an Elementary Major must complete field placements in racially/ethnically and socio-economically diverse classrooms.

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	FALL			SPRING			SUMMER		
	CLASS	CR	ATTRIBUTES	CLASS	CR	ATTRIBUTES	CLASS	CR	ATTRIBUTES
FRESHMAN	FYS	2	GE	POL 100	4	M & GE			
	ENG 113	4	GE	HIST 208 (or					
	KIN 140	2	GE & PP	131)*	4	CH & M			
	IDS 171, 172, 175 or 176	4	GE	BIO/GES 104	4	PP & GE (NSL)			
	IDS 200 or AES 210	4	GE & PP & GLD	EDUC 220/221	4	ED			
	Total	16			16				
SOPHMORE	MATH 205	4	GE & PP	IDS 160	4	GE & PP	REL 2	4	GE
	HIST 160	4	M	MATH 206	2	GE & PP			
	REL 1	2	GE	POL SCI 201	4	M			
	ED 305	2	M	ED 270	2	ED			
	For Lang 2	4	GE	ED 225/226	4	ED			
	Total	16		Total	16				
JUNIOR	ED 280/281	4	ED	ED 282/283	4	ED			
	ECON 211	4	M & GE	HIST 161	4	M			
	FA 2	2	GE	HIST 175	2	M			
	ED 306	2	M	KIN 252	2	PP			
	HIST 130 (or 207)*	4	GE & M	CHEM/ PHYS 104	4	PP & GE			
	Total	16		Total	16				
SENIOR	ED 310/311	6	ED	ED 500	1	ED			
	ED 312	2	ED	ED 470	10	ED			
	POL 221**	4	M	ED 455	1	ED			
	ECON 212	4	M	IDS 452	4	GE			
	Total	16		Total	16				

Note: G.L.I. (global learning international) possibilities – check degree evaluation, FYS, Eng 113, IDS 171, Rel2, and select History and Literature courses

Key:

GE – general education class
 M – major
 ED – education
 PP – planned program

- * - History 207 must be paired with History 131
- History 208 must be paired with History 130
- Students must take one pair

**Fall semester, odd years only

1. Please see an education faculty member for personal advising. This sample is simply *one* way to plan your schedule.
2. Please consult the Hope College Catalogue for semesters when courses are offered, as these may vary.