Secondary Social Studies 5-9, 7-12
Social Studies with History Concentration
Social Studies with Political Science Concentration
Social Studies with Economics Concentration
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This advising sheet lays out a basic 4-year plan with all of the components necessary to graduate and become certified in Social Studies 5-9, 7-12. A candidate's actual 4-year plan should be worked out with an education advisor.

Anchor Plan (38-39 credits)

The Anchor Plan is required for all Hope College students and represents the general education liberal arts program. The following chart explains these requirements.

Requirement	Rule	Attribute
First Year Seminar	One IDS 100 -3 credits	FYS
Expository Writing	ENGL 113 -3 credits	EW
Health Dynamics	KIN 140 -2 credits	HD
Math and Natural Sciences	One math course -3/4 credits One NSL course -4 credits Any math or science course to reach 10 credits total	MA NSL MNS
Religion	One REL 100 course -3 credits One REL 200 course -3 credits *one course must have Christian Tenets	RL1 RL2 *TEN
Social Sciences	**Both Social Sciences courses will be satisfied by students taking EDUC 200/1 and EDUC 457. No additional coursework required.**	~~SS1~~ ~~SS2~~
Arts and Humanities ***satisfied by major-no additional courses required** *One Perspectives course must be at the 100-level and two courses must be at the 200-level.*	One Arts in Practice -2/3 credits One Human Creative Perspectives -3 credits One Philosophical Perspectives -3 credits **One Historical Perspectives -3 credits*** +Prerequisite for 200-level Perspectives courses: ENGL 113	ART HCP PHL ~~HST~~
Human Diversities ***GLP courses can also count in another area**	Global Language -3 credits of <u>second level</u> fluency One US Diversities course **(satisfied by EDUC 200/1)** **One Global Perspectives course -3 credits* (usually satisfied by HIST 120 and/or HIST 121)**	GL2 ~~USD~~ ~~GLP~~
Senior Seminar	One IDS 400 level -3 credits	SRS

Secondary Education Major (41 credits)
5-9/7-12 grade bands

The professional sequence for all secondary education majors is listed below and is separated by level. Level 1 courses are designed to help candidates decide if education is the right career path. Once completed, candidates must choose their primary grade band, either 5-9 or 7-12. The other grade band becomes their secondary grade band. Level 2 courses are designed to have candidates learn the art of teaching. During Level 2 coursework, candidates must have 50 hours of clinical experience in their secondary grade band. Level 3 courses are taken during the student teaching semester and placement should be in a candidate's primary grade band.

Course #	Course Title	Credits
Level 1		
EDUC 200/1	Diversity Equity and Inclusion/Clinical Experience	3+1
EDUC 225/6	The Exceptional Child and Adolescent/Clinical Experience	3+1
EDUC 270	Foundations of Education	3
Level 2	**All candidates should apply for admission to the department during the semester that all three level 1 courses have been satisfied.**	
EDUC 275	Intro to Secondary Education and Instructional Design	3
EDUC 285/6	Literacy in the Content Area/Clinical Experience	3+1
EDUC 287	Classroom Management	3
EDUC 321/2	Teaching Secondary School Social Studies/Clinical Experience	3+1
EDUC 360/1	Secondary Principals/Clinical Experience	3+1
Level 3	**All candidates should attend an informational meeting and apply to student teach two semesters before the semester they wish to student teach in.**	
EDUC 457	Student Teaching Seminar	2
EDUC 481 EDUC 483	Student Teaching 5-9 OR Student Teaching 7-12	10

Social Studies Education Major 5-9, 7-12 (36 Credits)

The Social Studies major for Secondary teaching certificate in grades 5-9 and 7-12 consists of 36 credits. Teacher candidates may, if they with, add a concentration in either History, Political Science, or Economics for an additional 12 credits of coursework. This is highly recommended for candidates planning on teaching at the high school level.

(Additional 36 Credits)

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Semesters Taught
HIST 120	World History Survey (pre-1500)	3	Both
HIST 121	World History Survey (post-1500)	3	Both
HIST 160	US History (pre-1877)	3	Fall
HIST 161	US History (post-1877)	3	Spring
HIST 2XX-3XX	Elective (US-based)	3	Both
EDUC 294	Teaching History in Secondary Schools	3	Fall
EDUC 307	Physical and Cultural Geography	3	Fall
ECON 211	Macroeconomics	3	Both
ECON 212	Microeconomics	3	Both
POL 100	Intro to American Politics	3	Both
POL 201	Political Geography	3	Fall
POL 221	State and Local Government	3	Fall

History Concentration
(Additional 12 Credits)

Genre	Course Number and Title	Credits
Methods	HIST 140: History Workshop	3
US History 200 or 300 Level	HIST 2XX or 3XX: Elective (US-based)	3
Non-US History 200 or 300 Level	HIST 2XX or 3XX: Elective (non-US-based)	3
300 Level	HIST 3XX Elective	3

Political Science Concentration
(Additional 12 Credits)

Genre	Course Number and Title	Credits
Global	POL 151: Intro to Global Politics	3
American Politics	POL 212: Congress and the Presidency; POL 232: Race and American Politics; POL 332: Parties, Interest Groups, and Elections; OR POL 348: Public Policy and Administration	3
International Relations	POL 251: International Relations OR POL 378: US Foreign Policy	3
Comparative/Regional Politics	POL 262: Latin American; POL 303: Asian; OR POL 305: African	3

Economics Concentration
(Additional 12 Credits)

Genre	Course Number and Title	Credits
Economics 300 or 400 Level	ECON 302: Monetary Economics; ECON 304: Economic Growth and Development; ECON 306: Econometrics; ECON 307: Quantitative Methods; ECON 309: Environmental Economics and Sustainability; ECON 311: Intermediate Macroeconomics; ECON 312: Intermediate Microeconomics; ECON 318: International Economics; ECON 320: Financial Economics; ECON 358: Management in the British Economy; ECON 390: Internships in Vocation; ECON 395: Advanced Studies in Economics; ECON 401: History of Economic Thought; ECON 402: Industrial Organization/Economics of Strategy; ECON 403: Labor Economics; ECON 410: Economics of the Public Sector; ECON 480: Senior Research Project; ECON 490: Independent Studies in Economics; ECON 495: Advanced Studies in Economics	12

4-year plan Secondary Social Studies 5-9, 7-12

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	Fall – Year 1		Spring – Year 1		Summer – Year 1	
	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Educ Courses **Content Courses** **Anchor Plan** **Elective Courses**	**EDUC 200/201**	4	**EDUC 225/226**	4		
	HIST 160	3	**HIST 161**	3		
	ENGL 113 (EW)	3	**POL 100**	3		
	IDS 100 (FYS)	3	**Lang (GL1)**	3		
	KIN 140 (HD)	2	**MATH**	3		
		15		**16**		
	Fall – Year 2		Spring – Year 2		Summer – Year 2	
	EDUC 270	3	**EDUC 275**	3		
	ECON 211	3	**ECON 212**	3		
	HIST 120	3	**HIST 121**	3		
	POL 201	3	**NSL**	4		
	Lang (GL2)	3	**REL 100**	3		
		15		**16**		
	Fall – Year 3		Spring – Year 3		Summer – Year 3	
	EDUC 285/286	4	**EDUC 287**	3		
	EDUC 294	3	**EDUC 321/2**	4		
	POL 221	3	**ART**	3		
	MNS	3	**HCP**	3		
	REL 200	3	**PHIL**	3		
		16		**16**		
	Fall – Year 4		Spring – Year 4		Summer – Year 4	
*__IDS 492__ can also be taken during student teaching	**EDUC 360/361**	4	**EDUC 457**	2		
	EDUC 307	3	**EDUC 481 or 483**	10		
	HIST 2XX/3XX	3		**12**		
	IDS 492 (SRS)*	3				
	Elective	3				
		16				

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	HIST 160	3	**HIST 140**	3		
	ENGL 113 (EW)	3	**HIST 161**	3		
	IDS 100 (FYS)	3	**POL 100**	3		
	Lang (GL1)	3	**Lang (GL2)**	3		
		16	**KIN 140**	2		
				18		
	Fall – Year 2		Spring – Year 2		Summer – Year 2	
	EDUC 270	3	**EDUC 275**	3		
	ECON 211	3	**ECON 212**	3		
	HIST 120	3	**HIST 121**	3		
	HIST 2XX/3XX	3	**NSL**	4		
	POL 201	3	**REL 100**	3		
	MATH	3		**16**		
		18				
	Fall – Year 3		Spring – Year 3		Summer – Year 3	
	EDUC 285/286	4	**EDUC 287**	3		
	EDUC 294	3	**EDUC 321/2**	4		
	POL 221	3	**HIST 2XX/3XX**	3		
	MNS	3	**HIST 2XX/3XX**	3		
	REL 200	3	**ART**	3		
		16		**16**		
	Fall – Year 4		Spring – Year 4		Summer – Year 4	
	EDUC 360/361	4	**EDUC 457**	2		
	EDUC 307	3	**EDUC 481 or 483**	10		
	HIST 3XX	3	**IDS 492 (SRS)**	3		
	HCP	3		**15**		
	PHIL	3				
		16				

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	POL 100	3	**POL 151**	3		
	ENGL 113 (EW)	3	**KIN 140**	2		
	IDS 100 (FYS)	3	**Lang (GL1)**	3		
		16	**MATH**	3		
				18		
	Fall – Year 2		Spring – Year 2		Summer – Year 2	
	EDUC 270	3	**EDUC 275**	3		
	ECON 211	3	**ECON 212**	3		
	HIST 120	3	**HIST 121**	3		
	POL 201	3	**Int'l Rel. POL**	3		
	American POL	3	**NSL**	4		
	Lang (GL2)	3		**16**		
		18				
	Fall – Year 3		Spring – Year 3		Summer – Year 3	
	EDUC 285/286	4	**EDUC 287**	3		
	EDUC 294	3	**EDUC 321/2**	4		
	POL 221	3	**HIST 2XX/3XX**	3		
	Cmprtv POL	3	**ART**	3		
	REL 100	3	**MNS**	3		
		16		**16**		
	Fall – Year 4		Spring – Year 4		Summer – Year 4	
	EDUC 360/361	4	**EDUC 457**	2		
	EDUC 307	3	**EDUC 481 or 483**	10		
	HCP	3	**IDS 492 (SRS)**	3		
	PHIL	3		**15**		
	REL 200	3				
		16				

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	ENGL 113 (EW)	3	**POL 100**	3		
	IDS 100 (FYS)	3	**KIN 140**	2		
	MATH 100	3	**Lang (GL1)**	3		
		16	**MNS**	3		
				18		
	Fall – Year 2		Spring – Year 2		Summer – Year 2	
	EDUC 270	3	**EDUC 275**	3		
	ECON 3XX/4XX	3	**ECON 3XX/4XX**	3		
	HIST 120	3	**HIST 161**	3		
	HIST 160	3	**HIST 121**	3		
	POL 201	3	**NSL**	4		
	Lang (GL2)	3		**16**		
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	ECON 3XX/4XX	3	**EDUC 321/2**	4		
	EDUC 294	3	**ART**	3		
	POL 221	3	**HCP**	3		
	REL 100	3	**PHIL**	3		
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	EDUC 360/361	4	**EDUC 457**	2		
	ECON 3XX/4XX	3	**EDUC 481 or 483**	10		
	EDUC 307	3	**IDS 492 (SRS)**	3		
	HIST 2XX/3XX	3		**15**		
	REL 200	3				
		16				