

# SOCIAL STUDIES GROUP MAJOR FOR SECONDARY TEACHING

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The **Social Studies Group major** (State code: RX) for secondary certification consists of 42 hours selected from four areas of emphasis: Economics, Geography, History, and Political Science. These four areas are congruent with the State of Michigan Social Studies Standards and the Michigan Curriculum Framework, and with the test objectives to qualify for final certification to teach in Michigan.

Teacher candidates for certification in Social Studies at the Secondary level must pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) in Social Studies (Test #084). MTTC content exams should not be taken until 90% of course work in the subject area has been completed. A study guide is available at the MTTC website: ([http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/PDFs/MI\\_field084\\_SG.pdf](http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/PDFs/MI_field084_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
1. Historical Perspective	10%
2. World History	18%
3. U.S. History	18%
4. Geography	18%
5. Political Science	13%
6. Economics	13%
7. Inquiry, Interdisciplinary Perspectives, and Public Discourse	10%

The following chart is intended to provide you a guide for scheduling your semesters and for keeping track of your grade point average.

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

### **ECONOMICS – Required Courses (8 credits)**

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
ECON 211	Principles of Macroeconomics	Both	4		
ECON 212	Principles of Microeconomics (Pre-requisite ECON 211)	Both	4		

### **GEOGRAPHY (8 credits)**

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
EDUC 305	Physical Geography	Fall	2		
EDUC 306	Cultural Geography	Fall	2		
POL 201	Political Geography	Fall	4		

**HISTORY (18 credits)**

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
<b>Required Courses</b>					
HIST 160	U.S. History to 1877	Fall	4		
HIST 161	U.S. History Since 1877	Spring	4		
HIST 175	Michigan History	Both	2		
<b>Choose one of the following pairs to bring the total for this section to 18 credits.</b>					
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)
<b>OR</b>					
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)

**POLITICAL SCIENCE (8 credits)**

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
POL 100	Intro to American Politics	Both	4		
POL 221	State and Local Government	Fall, Odd Yrs	4		

**A METHODS COURSE - REQUIRED (4 credits)**

(The Social Studies methods course is considered pedagogy and will be counted with your education courses for certification.)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
EDUC 321*	Teaching of Social Studies in the Secondary School	Fall	3		
EDUC 322	Teaching of Social Studies in the Secondary School Field Placement	Fall	1		

**This MUST be completed prior to the student teaching semester!**

**\*Effective for students entering Fall 2015, EDUC 321 changed from a 2 credit course to a 3 credit course**