

SOCIAL STUDIES GROUP MAJOR FOR SECONDARY TEACHING

Updated January 2020

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).

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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 pairs 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) | |

**Only offered Fall of 2020/2021 school year

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 |
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| EDUC 321 | Teaching of Social Studies in the Secondary School | Spring* | 3 | | |
| EDUC 322 | Teaching of Social Studies in the Secondary School Field Placement | Spring* | 1 | | |

This MUST be completed prior to the student teaching semester!

***Offered in Fall 2020 and then Only Spring going forward**