

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).

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	SEM. OFFERED	CR. HRS.	SEM. TAKEN	SUBSTITUTION
ECON 211	Principles of Macroeconomics	Both	4		
ECON 212	Principles of Microeconomics (Pre-requisite ECON 211)	Both	4		

GEOGRAPHY (8 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	SEM. OFFERED	CR. HRS.	SEM. TAKEN	SUBSTITUTION
EDUC 305	Physical Geography	Fall	2		
EDUC 306	Cultural Geography	Fall	2		
POL 201	Political Geography	Fall	4		

HISTORY (18 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	SEM. OFFERED	CR. HRS.	SEM. TAKEN	SUBSTITUTION
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	Both	4		
	World Civilizations since 1500	Spring	4		
Note: CH1 & CH2 (when taken w/IDS 171, 172, 175 or 176)					
OR					
HIST 131 and HIST 207	Intro to Modern European Civilization	Both	4		
	World Civilizations to 1500	Fall	4		
Note: 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	SEM. OFFERED	CR. HRS.	SEM. TAKEN	SUBSTITUTION
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	SEM. OFFERED	CR. HRS.	SEM. TAKEN	SUBSTITUTION
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**