

B.S. Social Studies - Secondary Teaching Area

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This is a great degree for students who love history and the related fields of political science and government, geography, and economics, and who are also sure that they want to teach. It combines classes in all of those disciplines with classes in education that focus on pedagogy, classroom management, and class preparation. The various fields of social studies allow room for a great deal of creativity in teaching. *Note: students choosing this degree must also be accepted into the Education Program and will consult with an Education Department advisor as well as a History/Social Science advisor.*

Job Market

You probably won't get rich with this degree, but you probably won't be unemployed either. History and its related fields will always anchor the social studies curricula in both private and public schools. When your principal realizes that you can easily teach geography, government, and economics as well as history, you will become nearly indispensable. Southwestern grads have done very well with this degree in schools, and some have used the degree as the foundation for master's work that will help them get into school administration.

Job Outlook

The Bureau of Labor Statistics notes that growth in this field is 5% through 2031, or as fast as average.

Earnings

Median pay for people in this job is \$61,820/year.



Teacher Certification Program

The following Social Studies major is for teaching certification only. Requirements for certification are listed in the Education section of the *Bulletin*. You must make formal application for admittance to the Teacher Education Program. Applications are available at the Education Department office.

Students will also complete portfolio of their work and a research project.

Content Area + Teaching Certification

Required Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST 111	United States History to 1865	3
HIST 112	United States History from 1865	3
HIST 225	World Civilizations I	3
HIST 226	World Civilizations II	3
HIST 242	Historical and Political Geography	3
HIST 315	Political Thought	3
	Non U.S. History for Social Studies Major	9
	History Electives for SS Secondary Teaching Major	9
	POLS Electives	6
	Economics Electives 6 Hours	6
	Sub-Total Credits	48

Research Methods

Students will choose one course (3 hours) from the following options.

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST 201	Historical Methods; Research and Historiography	3
HIST 303	Geographic Information Systems for Social Science and Criminal Justice	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3