

# Social Studies Education

## Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**  
[www.ndsu.edu/education/](http://www.ndsu.edu/education/) (<http://www.ndsu.edu/education/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Sample Program Guide:**  
[catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/social-science-education/#planofstudytext](http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/social-science-education/#planofstudytext) (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/social-science-education/#planofstudytext>)

## Major Requirements

### Major: Social Studies Education

**Degree Type:** B.A. or B.S.

**Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate:** 120

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 30 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.
6. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
7. Students presenting transfer credit must meet the NDSU residence credits and the minimum upper level credit. Of the 30 credits earned in residence, a minimum of 15 semester credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 semester credits must be in the student's curricula for their declared major.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

| Code                                                           | Title                           | Credits   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Category C: Communication</b>                               |                                 | <b>12</b> |
| ENGL 110                                                       | College Composition I           |           |
| ENGL 120                                                       | College Composition II          |           |
| COMM 110                                                       | Fundamentals of Public Speaking |           |
| Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>                            |                                 |           |
| <b>Category R: Quantitative Reasoning <sup>†</sup></b>         |                                 | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>Category S: Science and Technology <sup>†</sup></b>         |                                 | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Category A: Humanities and Fine Arts <sup>†</sup></b>       |                                 | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>Category B: Social and Behavioral Sciences <sup>†</sup></b> |                                 | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>Category W: Wellness <sup>†</sup></b>                       |                                 | <b>2</b>  |
| <b>Category D: Cultural Diversity <sup>*†</sup></b>            |                                 |           |
| <b>Category G: Global Perspectives <sup>*†</sup></b>           |                                 |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                                           |                                 | <b>39</b> |

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Courses for category D & G are satisfied by completing D & G designated courses in another general education category.

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General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

## Major Requirements

| Code                                                                                                                                                     | Title                                            | Credits |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Teaching Specialty Requirements</b>                                                                                                                   |                                                  |         |
| HIST 101                                                                                                                                                 | Western Civilization I                           | 3       |
| HIST 102                                                                                                                                                 | Western Civilization II                          | 3       |
| HIST 103                                                                                                                                                 | U.S. to 1877                                     | 3       |
| HIST 104                                                                                                                                                 | U.S. Since 1877                                  | 3       |
| HIST 390                                                                                                                                                 | Historical Research and Writing                  | 3       |
| <b>Area Requirement - Select two of the following areas (A-C):</b>                                                                                       |                                                  |         |
| Students must select two areas to complete for a total of 24 credits.                                                                                    |                                                  | 24      |
| Area A - Political Science (12 credits):                                                                                                                 |                                                  |         |
| POLS 115                                                                                                                                                 | American Government                              |         |
| Select 3 courses from the following:                                                                                                                     |                                                  |         |
| POLS 215                                                                                                                                                 | Problems and Policies In American Government     |         |
| POLS 216                                                                                                                                                 | Campaigns and Elections                          |         |
| POLS 230                                                                                                                                                 | Judicial Process                                 |         |
| POLS 420                                                                                                                                                 | Political Behavior-Executive-Legislative Process |         |
| POLS 421                                                                                                                                                 | Political Behavior-Political Parties             |         |
| POLS 422                                                                                                                                                 | State and Local Politics                         |         |
| POLS 430                                                                                                                                                 | Constitutional Law-Civil Liberties               |         |
| POLS 431                                                                                                                                                 | Constitutional Law-Criminal Justice              |         |
| Area B - Geography (12 credits):                                                                                                                         |                                                  |         |
| GEOG 262                                                                                                                                                 | Geography of North America                       |         |
| GEOL 106                                                                                                                                                 | The Earth Through Time                           |         |
| Geography Electives                                                                                                                                      | Take 6 credits of GEOG Electives                 |         |
| Area C - Economics (12 credits):                                                                                                                         |                                                  |         |
| ECON 201                                                                                                                                                 | Principles of Microeconomics                     |         |
| ECON 202                                                                                                                                                 | Principles of Macroeconomics                     |         |
| Economics Electives                                                                                                                                      | Take 6 credits of ECON Electives                 |         |
| <b>Specialized History Requirements from the following areas (D-G):</b>                                                                                  |                                                  |         |
| Students must complete a total of 21 credits in specialized history courses. Select the minimum number of credits from each of the following categories: |                                                  | 21      |
| D. US History (6 credits)*                                                                                                                               |                                                  |         |
| HIST 328                                                                                                                                                 | War and Society in America                       |         |
| HIST 404                                                                                                                                                 | Digital History                                  |         |
| HIST 415                                                                                                                                                 | Public Memory and Memorialization in America     |         |
| HIST 420                                                                                                                                                 | Colonial American History                        |         |
| HIST 421                                                                                                                                                 | Revolutionary America                            |         |
| HIST 422                                                                                                                                                 | American Civil War and Reconstruction            |         |
| HIST 423                                                                                                                                                 | The Gilded Age and Progressive America           |         |
| HIST 424                                                                                                                                                 | U.S. History 1917-1960                           |         |
| HIST 425                                                                                                                                                 | U.S. History 1917-Present II                     |         |
| HIST 426                                                                                                                                                 | Women in American History                        |         |
| HIST 431                                                                                                                                                 | The North American Plains                        |         |
| HIST 434                                                                                                                                                 | Environmental History                            |         |
| HIST 436                                                                                                                                                 | American Frontier to 1850                        |         |
| RELS 240                                                                                                                                                 | "Cults" and New Religious Movements              |         |
| RELS 345                                                                                                                                                 | Church and State in America                      |         |

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| E. European History* (6 credits):                   |                                                      |   |
| HIST 320                                            | History of Christianity                              |   |
| HIST 450                                            | Ancient History                                      |   |
| HIST 451                                            | Medieval History                                     |   |
| HIST 454                                            | Renaissance And Reformation                          |   |
| HIST 456                                            | Europe 1815-1914                                     |   |
| HIST 457                                            | Europe Since 1914                                    |   |
| HIST 464                                            | Imperial Spain                                       |   |
| HIST 465                                            | Germany since 1750                                   |   |
| HIST 467                                            | History Of Russia II                                 |   |
| F. Widening Horizons* (6 credits):                  |                                                      |   |
| HIST 355                                            | Global Islam                                         |   |
| HIST 381                                            | Australia & New Zealand                              |   |
| HIST 440                                            | The Ottoman Empire                                   |   |
| HIST 473                                            | Colonial Mexico                                      |   |
| HIST 475                                            | The Aztec, Maya, and Inca                            |   |
| HIST 477                                            | Slavery in the Atlantic World                        |   |
| HIST 480                                            | History of Modern China from 1600                    |   |
| HIST 481                                            | History of Japan                                     |   |
| HIST 482                                            | Vietnam: 125 Years of Conflict                       |   |
| HIST 485                                            | Cultural Exchange and the Making of the Modern World |   |
| HIST 486                                            | Plague! Tragedies and Triumphs of Globalization      |   |
| G. Diversity and Inclusion in History* (3 credits): |                                                      |   |
| HIST 135                                            | Race in U.S. History                                 |   |
| HIST 271                                            | Introduction to Latin American History               |   |
| HIST 280                                            | History of East Asia to 1600                         |   |
| HIST 281                                            | History of East Asia from 1600                       |   |
| HIST 320                                            | History of Christianity                              |   |
| HIST 415                                            | Public Memory and Memorialization in America         |   |
| HIST 426                                            | Women in American History                            |   |
| HIST 440                                            | The Ottoman Empire                                   |   |
| HIST 473                                            | Colonial Mexico                                      |   |
| HIST 475                                            | The Aztec, Maya, and Inca                            |   |
| HIST 477                                            | Slavery in the Atlantic World                        |   |
| HIST 480                                            | History of Modern China from 1600                    |   |
| HIST 481                                            | History of Japan                                     |   |
| HIST 482                                            | Vietnam: 125 Years of Conflict                       |   |
| HIST 484                                            | Cultures and Civilizations of the Pre-modern World   |   |
| HIST 485                                            | Cultural Exchange and the Making of the Modern World |   |
| HIST 486                                            | Plague! Tragedies and Triumphs of Globalization      |   |
| <b>Professional Education Requirements</b>          |                                                      |   |
| EDUC 321                                            | Introduction to Teaching                             | 3 |
| EDUC 322                                            | Educational Psychology                               | 3 |
| EDUC 451                                            | Instructional Planning, Methods and Assessment       | 3 |
| EDUC 475                                            | Reading in the Content Area                          | 2 |
| EDUC 481                                            | Classroom Practice Methods of Teaching I: (Soc Sci)  | 3 |
| EDUC 485                                            | Student Teaching Seminar                             | 1 |
| EDUC 486                                            | Classroom Management for Diverse Learners            | 3 |
| EDUC 487                                            | Student Teaching                                     | 9 |
| EDUC 488                                            | Applied Student Teaching                             | 3 |

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| EDUC 489             | Teaching Students of Diverse Backgrounds | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b> |                                          | <b>93</b> |

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None of these courses can be double counted with another history requirement.

### Degree Requirements and Notes

- A grade of 'C' or better is required in all Professional Education Requirement courses.
- To be placed in student teaching, a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 2.75 GPA in professional education coursework is required.
- To exit the program, a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 2.75 GPA in professional education coursework is required as well as completing the Praxis Subject test and the Principles of Learning and Teaching test.
- Course taken *Pass/Fail* will not be used to satisfy any requirements other than total credits.
- See School of Education (<https://www.ndsu.edu/education/>) for admission requirements.