

Social Studies Education Major

Major Requirements

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.
Minimum Credits Required: 120

University Degree Requirements

For complete details on these and other university degree requirements, refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section in the University Catalog.

1. Minimum of 120 semester credits (some programs may exceed this minimum).
2. Complete the University General Education requirements.
3. Minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
4. Minimum of 30 credits in resident at NDSU.
5. Minimum of 36 upper level credits (courses numbered 300 or higher).
6. Students with transfer credit must meet the NDSU 30 credits in residence (#4). Of these 30 credits in residence, a minimum of 15 credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 credits must be in the student's declared major curricula.

University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses along with the administrative policies governing the requirement and the categories is available here (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Category C: Communication		12
Category R: Quantitative Reasoning		3
Category S: Science and Technology		10
Category A: Humanities and Fine Arts		6
Category B: Social and Behavioral Sciences		6
Category W: Wellness		2
Category D: Cultural Diversity		
Category G: Global Perspectives		
Category L: Digital Literacy		
Total Credits		39

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Code	Title	Credits
Teaching Specialty Requirements		
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
Area Requirement - Select two of the following areas (A-C):		
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

Specialized History Requirements from the following areas (D-G):

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
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	
Professional Education Requirements		
EDUC 321	Introduction to Teaching	3
EDUC 322	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 451	Instructional Planning, Methods and Assessment	3
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
EDUC 489	Teaching Students of Diverse Backgrounds	3
Total Credits		91

* 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.