Information Sheet for Post-B.A/B.S. Students Seeking Secondary Social Studies Licensure

ISU offers an ad hoc option for students who already hold a B.A. or B.S. in a social science field. Students must complete all education requirements set by the state of Iowa for licensure and complete any requirements necessary for social studies endorsements.

Depending on the courses that students have taken for their Bachelor’s Degree, ISU’s requirements can usually be completed in 3-4 semesters, although this is contingent on the courses in students’ transcripts. If students have already completed individual courses and received the requisite grade, they will not have to repeat the course.

For students who have taken courses at institutions other than Iowa State, please note that our program can make certain substitutions for the requirements below based on your transcripts. If you have questions, please contact the program coordinator.

Educator Preparation Program (EPP) General Education Checklist – May Be Taken at Any Time:
- CI/EDUC 204 (3 cr.) – Social Foundations of Education in the United States
- SP ED 401 (3 cr.) – Teaching Secondary Students with Exceptionalities

Educator Preparation Program Admission Prerequisite Checklist:
- Psychology 230 (3 cr.) – Developmental Psychology
- EDUC 280L (0.5 cr.) – Pre-Student Teaching Experience
- EDUC 219 (1 cr.) – Orientation to Teacher Education (Must be taken in conjunction with EDUC 280L)
- EDUC 203 (1 cr.) – A Connected World: Technology for Learning, Creating, and Collaborating
- Minimum cumulative grade point average: 2.5
- Minimum content grade point average: 2.75
- A grade of C or above in all CI/EDUC, SP ED, or HD FS courses
- A grade of B- or above History/Social Science courses that will be used for licensure
- A criminal background check (usually completed as part of EDUC 280L)
- Passing Praxis CORE Exam scores (156 on Reading, 162 on Writing, and 150 on Math sections)

Post-admission Educator Preparation Program Checklist:
- Maintain a 2.5 minimum cumulative grade point average
- Earn a grade of C or above in all CI, SP ED, HD FS, or other professional courses
- Maintain a 2.75 minimum grade point average in content courses
- Earn a grade of B- or above in all History/Social Sciences content courses that will be used for licensure.
- EDUC 280A (2 cr.) – Pre-Student Teaching Experience
- EDUC 303 (1 cr.) – Introduction to Educational Technology (Prereq: EDUC 203)
- EDUC 403 (1 cr.) – Intermediate Educational Technology (Prereq: EDUC 303)
- EDUC 406 (3 cr.) – Social Justice Education and Teaching
- EDUC 426 (3 cr.) – Principles of Secondary Education
- PSYCH/EDUC 333 (3 cr) – Educational Psychology
- HIST/EDUC 498 (3 cr.) - Methods in Teaching Social Studies (Must be taken semester immediately before student teaching)
- EDUC 480A (2 cr.): – Practicum (Must be taken in conjunction with HIST/EDUC 498)
- EDUC 417A/417P (16 total cr.): Student Teaching – Prerequisite: Successful completion of all the above
- Complete three endorsements, listed below
- Take and pass the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessment Exams and PPAT assessment.

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Social Studies Endorsements

ISU requires its students to complete its programs with at least two endorsement areas in order to be marketable for a job. Most students complete three endorsement areas. Students entering with a degree in a major other than political science should do the “History” option listed below. Those entering with a political science major, may do the “Political Science” option. Courses taken at student’s previous institution that meet grade requirements may count.

Option I: History Major
- Complete EPP requirements for teacher licensure in History/Social Science (over)
- Complete endorsements in American History, World History, and a third field. See requirements below.
- Earn a minimum grade of B- in all content courses used for licensure and a minimum grade of C in all other required courses.

Option II: Political Science Major:
- Complete EPP requirements for teacher licensure in History/Social Science (over)
- Complete endorsements in American Government and American History or World History. See requirements below.
- Earn a minimum grade B- in all content courses used for licensure and a minimum grade of C in all other required courses.

Endorsement Fields and Requirements:


**American History:**

**Anthropology:** ANTHR 201 & 202; 306 or 309; 307 or 308; & 3 additional credits of Anthropology.*

**Economics:** ECON 101 & 102 and 9 credits from: 301, 302, 320, 321, 344, 353, 355, 376, 380, 385, 415, 418, or 455.*

**Psychology (excluding 230 & 333):** PSYCH 101, 301, and 9 additional credits of Psychology (PSYCH 440 is recommended).*

**Sociology:** SOC 134 & 12 additional credits of Sociology.*

**World History:**
Take HIST 201 & one pre-1500: 304, 316, 331, 374, 402, 403, 405 406, 407, or 421.*
Take one from Non-Europe post-1500: 311, 331, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 435, 441, 442, 363/471, 474, 479, or 496C.*

**“Coaching (optional addition to required History/Social Science fields):** PSYCH 230, BIOL 155, A TR 220, and KIN 315

**“ESL (optional addition to required History/Social Science fields):** ENGL/LING 219, 220, 322, 324, 325, 425 and CI 280s and 4805

*Experimental (X) courses and others from your BA/BS may count. Consult Dr. Bremer or Dr. Rutenberg.

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