ISU History/Social Sciences Teacher Licensure Requirements

Students seeking teacher licensure in History/Social Sciences at Iowa State University must complete a degree in History or Political Science and meet requirements for teacher licensure established by the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Human Sciences (see back for full licensure checklist).

Option I: History Major:
- Complete all requirements for a degree in History from ISU. See Department.
- 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 all requirements for a degree in Political Science from ISU. See Department.
- 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 (excluding 301 and 498): HIST 221 & 222 and 9 credits of US History at the 300-level or above. (Make sure to pay attention to the history major’s distribution requirements as you choose)

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


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, 384, 385, 402, 403, 405 406, 407, or 421.*
Take one from Non-Europe post-1500: 310, 311, 331, 336, 337, 338, 340, 341, 435, 441, 442, 362/471, 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 EDUC 380s and 480S

*Experimental (X) courses may count. Consult Dr. Bremer or Dr. Rutenberg.

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ISU History/Social Sciences Teacher Licensure Requirements Checklist:

All undergraduate and post-bachelor’s students seeking teacher licensure in History and the Social Sciences from ISU must fulfill the following program requirements regardless of major or endorsement fields:

Educator Preparation Program (EPP) General Education Checklist – May Be Taken at Any Time:

☐ English 150 (3 cr.)
☐ English 250 (3 cr.)
☐ Mathematics or Statistics (3 cr. minimum from approved LAS list)
☐ Natural Science (8 cr. minimum from approved LAS list)
☐ History 201 (3 cr.) – Introduction to Western Civilization I
☐ History 202 (3 cr.) – Introduction to Western Civilization II
☐ History 221 (3 cr.) – US History to the Civil War
☐ History 222 (3 cr.) – US History since the Civil War
☐ Political Science 111/215 (3 cr.) – Introduction to American Government
☐ World Politics (3 cr.) – POLS 125/241 (Introduction to Comparative Politics) or 121/251 (Introduction to International Politics)
☐ EDUC 395 (3 cr.) – Disciplinary Literacy
☐ EDUC 204 (3 cr.) – Social Foundations of Education in the United States
☐ SP ED 401 (3 cr.) – Teaching Secondary Students with Exceptionalities
☐ All other requirements for a history or political science major

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 CI 280L)
☐ EDUC 203 (1 cr.) – A Connected World: Technology for Learning, Creating, and Collaborating
☐ Two of the 200-level History courses listed above with a grade of B- or better
☐ One of the 100-level Political Science courses listed above with a grade of B- or better
☐ Minimum of 9 credit hours at ISU
☐ Minimum cumulative grade point average: 2.5
☐ A grade of C or above in all EDUC, SP ED, or HD FS courses
☐ A criminal background check (usually completed as part of EDUC 280L)
☐ Apply at least two semesters prior to student teaching, usually by early junior year.

Post-admission Educator Preparation Program Checklist:

☐ Maintain a 2.5 minimum cumulative grade point average
☐ Earn a grade of C or above in all EDUC, 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/380A (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
☐ Take and pass the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessment Exams and PPAT assessment.

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