Teaching Specialty - Social Sciences

Major Requirements

Major: Social Science Education

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.
Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):
HD&E 189 Skills for Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take HD&E 189.) 1

Communication (C):
ENGL 110 College Composition I 3
ENGL 120 College Composition II 3
HIST 390 Historical Research and Writing 3
COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking 3

Quantitative Reasoning (R): Select from current general education list 3

Science & Technology (S):
A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education list 10

Humanities & Fine Arts (A):
HIST 101 Western Civilization I 3
HIST 102 Western Civilization II 3

Social & Behavioral Sciences (B):
The 6 credits required in the Social & Behavioral Sciences category will be satisfied by completed the requirement for the teaching specialty. 6

Wellness (W): Select from current general education list 2
Cultural Diversity (D): Select from current general education list
Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list

Total Credits 40

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HIST 101 Western Civilization I (includes) 3
HIST 102 Western Civilization II (includes) 3
HIST 103 U.S. to 1877 3
HIST 104 U.S. Since 1877 3
HIST Non-US History (300-400 level) 6
HIST US History (300-400 level) 6
HIST History Elective 6

Select one of the following areas (A-C): 6-9
A. Anthropology (6 cr):
ANTH 111 Introduction to Anthropology
ANTH 300-400 Level

B. Sociology (6 cr):
SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 300-400 Level

C. Psychology (9 cr):
PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology
PSYC 300-400 Level

Select two of the following areas (D-F): 24
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#### D. Political Science (12 cr):
- **POLS 115**: American Government
- **POLS 420**: Political Behavior-Executive-Legislative Process
- **POLS 422**: State and Local Politics
- **POLS**: 200-400 Level (3 cr)

#### E. Geography (12 cr):
- **GEOG 262**: Geography of North America
- **GEOG**: Electives (9 cr)

#### F. Economics (12 cr):
- **ECON 201**: Principles of Microeconomics
- **ECON 202**: Principles of Macroeconomics
- **ECON**: Electives (6 cr)

### Professional Education Requirements

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**Degree Requirements: Potential of 3 credits to credits to reach 122**  
**Total Credits**: 122-125

### Degree Requirements and Notes

- A GPA of 2.75 or better in the teaching specialty is required for placement in student teaching and exit from the program.
- A grade of ‘C’ or better is required in all Professional Education Requirement courses.
- A GPA of 2.75 or better in professional education as well as passing the appropriate Praxis II exam are required to exit the program.
- 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.