

SECONDARY EDUCATION SOCIAL STUDIES, B.SOSC.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Harrisburg

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Social Science degree in Secondary Education Social Studies, a minimum of 122 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	3
Requirements for the Major	95

21 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 6 credits of GH courses; 6 credits of GQ courses; 3 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GS courses.

Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
BISC 3	Environmental Science	3
EDPSY 14	Learning and Instruction	3
EDUC 313	Secondary Education Field Experience	2
EDUC 314	Learning Theory and Instructional Procedures	3
EDUC 315Y	Social and Cultural Factors in Education	3
EDUC 385	Professional Development in Teaching	3
EDUC 400	Diversity and Cultural Awareness Practices in the K-12 Classroom	3
EDUC 415	Teaching Secondary Social Studies	3
EDUC 458	Behavior Management Strategies for Inclusive Classrooms	3
EDUC 459	Strategies for Effective Teaching in Inclusive Classrooms	3
EDUC 466N	Foundations of Teaching English as a Second Language	3
EDUC 490	Student Teaching	9
GEOG 40	World Regional Geography	3
GEOG 128	Geography of International Affairs	3
HDFS 239	Adolescent Development	3
HIST 20	American Civilization to 1877	3
HIST 21	American Civilization Since 1877	3
HIST 320	Contemporary World History and Issues	3
PLSC 1	American Politics: Principles, Processes and Powers	3
PSYCH 100	Introductory Psychology	3

SOC 1	Introductory Sociology	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
ECON 104 or ECON 14	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy Principles of Economics	3
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
HIST 1	Western Civilization I	
HIST 2	Western Civilization II	
HIST 10	World History to 1500	
HIST 11	World History since 1500	
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
MATH 21	College Algebra with Analytic Geometry with Applications I	
MATH 22	College Algebra With Analytic Geometry and Applications II	
MATH 26	Plane Trigonometry and Applications of Trigonometry	
MATH 30	Problem Solving	
MATH 35	General View of Mathematics	
MATH 36	Insights Into Mathematics	
MATH 37	Finite Mathematics	
MATH 38	Elementary Linear Algebra	
MATH 40	Algebra, Trigonometry, and Analytic Geometry	
MATH 200 or MATH 22	Problem Solving in Mathematics (Matrices)	
STAT 100	Statistical Concepts and Reasoning	
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	

Supporting Courses and Related Areas ¹

<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 3 credits of literature courses from approved department list		3
Select 3 credits of African American studies, American studies, history or minority studies from approved department list		3
Select 3 credits of anthropology from approved department list		3
Select 3 credits of political science		3
Select 3 credits of sociology (must be a 400-level course)		3

¹ 6 of these 15 credits must be at the 400-level, 3 of which must be in sociology. In addition, 3 of these must be US Cultures.

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or

within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.