

# ELECTIVE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER CERTIFICATION

## *College of Arts and Humanities*

The program of study is designed to assure that prospective social studies teachers possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions associated with the concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the disciplines that make up social studies education, and that they are able to create learning experiences which make these aspects of the subject matter meaningful for learners. The course of study emphasizes ten thematic strands:

- Culture and cultural diversity
- Time, continuity, and change
- People, places, and environment
- Individuals, groups, and institutions
- Power, authority, and government
- Production, distribution, and consumption
- Science, technology, and society
- Global connections
- Civic ideals and practices
- Individual development and identity

## Program of Study

Students interested in teaching social studies education in secondary schools may pursue a bachelor of arts in history while earning state certification in social studies education. West Chester University's program, which requires up to 132 credits, is accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the National Council for the Social Studies, and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

### Required Courses

EDA 103	Foundations of Special Education	3
EDA 304	Special Ed Processes/Procedures for Secondary Educators	3
SSC 331	Methods of Teaching Secondary Social Studies	3
HIS 444	History of American Education	3
EDM 349	Technology Tools to Transform Teaching and Learning	1
EDP 250	Educational Psychology	3
EDP 355	Assessment For Learning 7-12	3
EDR 347	Literacy Development and Secondary Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Classrooms	3
EDS 306	Teaching Principles and Field Experience in Secondary Schools	3
EDS 411	Student Teaching Sec - 1st Half	6
EDS 412	Student Teaching Sec - 2nd Half	6
LAN/ENG 382	Teaching English Language Learners PK-12	3
<b>Total Minimum Credits Required</b>		<b>40</b>