## B.A. in Political Science with Elective Social Studies Teacher Certification

### College of the Sciences and Mathematics

#### General Education Requirements

- Academic Foundations requirements, in addition to other writing requirements, for teacher certification: 12 credits
  - English Composition (6 credits)
    - MAT 103 Introduction to Mathematics (recommended, or other MAT 100-level course)
  - SPK 208 Public Speaking (recommended)
  or SPK 230 Business and Professional Speech Communication

- Science requirements 6 credits
  - Behavioral and Social Science requirements
    - PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology
    - SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology

- Humanities requirements 6 credits
  - HIST 101 History of Civilization I

- Select one LIT course

- Arts requirements 3 credits

- Diverse communities requirement: May simultaneously fulfill another degree requirement, so PSC diversity courses recommended, such as:
  - PSC 301 Women and Politics
  - PSC 323 Racial/Ethnic Politics
  - PSC 340 Latin American Culture and Politics
  - PSC 343 Culture and Politics of Asia

- Interdisciplinary requirement: An interdisciplinary requirement may not be used to fulfill a general education, diverse communities, or language culture cluster course requirement. Recommended PSC interdisciplinary courses:
  - PSC 304 Urban Politics
  - PSC 318 International Political Economy

- Additional Electives

- Writing Emphasis requirement 9 credits

- Language & Culture requirement
  - Demonstrating language proficiency through the intermediate level (202) or demonstrating language proficiency through the elementary II (102) level of a language and further acquiring a cultural foundation.
  - 3-15 credits

#### Major Requirements

- PSC 100 U.S. Government and Politics 3 credits
- PSC 200 Political Analysis 3 credits
- PSC 202 Elements of Public Administration 3 credits
  or PSC 240 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- PSC 213 International Relations 3 credits
- PSC 230 Introduction to Political Thought 3 credits
- PSC 401 Senior Project in Political Science 3 credits

- Select one of the following:
  - PSC 301 Women and Politics
  - PSC 324 U.S. Political Parties
  - PSC 322 Public Opinion, Media, and Politics
  or PSC 323 Racial/Ethnic Politics
  - PSC 325 Campaigns and Elections
  - PSC 329 Courts, Law, and Policy

#### Related/Cognate Requirements

- Select one of the following: 3-6 credits
  - ECO 111 Principles of Economics (Micro)
  & ECO 112 and Principles of Economics (Macro)
  - GEO 101 World Geography 3 credits
  or GEO 103 Human Geography 3 credits
  - HIS 151 History of the United States I 3 credits

#### Social Studies Teaching Certificate

- Other courses required to obtain the social studies teaching certificate:
  - HIST 102 History of Civilization II 3 credits
  - HIST 152 History of the United States II 3 credits

#### Education:

- EDA/EDR 341 Inclusion & Reading in the Content Area 3 credits
- EDF 300 Democracy and Education 3 credits
- EMD 300 Intro to Educational Technology Integr 3 credits
- EDP 250 Educational Psychology 3 credits
- EDP 351 Evaluation and Measurement 3 credits
- EDS 306 Teaching Principles and Field Experience in Secondary Schools 3 credits
- EDS 411 Student Teaching Sec - 1st Half 6 credits
- EDS 412 Student Teaching Sec - 2nd Half 6 credits
- SSC 331 Methods of Teaching Secondary Social Studies 3 credits

#### Additional Electives

- In order to complete the required 120 credits for graduation, additional free electives may be necessary

#### Total Minimum Credits Required

120

1. Research paper must focus on educational issue.

2. Electives should be chosen to reflect the themes from the social studies education standards. It is recommended that these courses simultaneously fulfill another degree requirement, such as the diverse communities or writing emphasis requirements.

3. Contact the Department of Political Science for additional information on course prerequisites and required sequences, timing of Praxis I and II exams, and any other updates in the certificate program.

For additional requirements for student teaching and certification, see the Political Science Policies tab (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/degrees-mathematics/political-science/policiestext) for more information, visit wcupa.edu/DegreeProgressReport.

### Sample Course Plan

To track their individual degree progress, students are advised to access their Degree Progress Report (DPR) via myWCU regularly. For more information, visit wcupa.edu/DegreeProgressReport.