

ELECTIVE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER CERTIFICATION

College of Education and Social Work

Curriculum

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.

Students interested in teaching social studies education in secondary schools may pursue a Bachelor of Arts in History or Political Science or a Bachelor of Science in Geography while earning state certification in social studies education. West Chester University's program, is accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the National Council for the Social Studies, and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Candidates should meet with the Department of Secondary Education and K12 Health and Physical Education to discuss the program plan based on their major area (History, Political Science, or Geography). The courses listed here are required for teacher certification.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
EDF 300	Democracy and Education	3
EDP 280	Developmental and Psychological Perspectives in Education	3
EDA 103	Foundations of Special Education	3
EDA 303	Special Ed: Processes/Procedures for General Educators	2
EDR 347	Literacy Development and Secondary Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Classrooms	3
LAN/ENG 382	Teaching English Language Learners PK-12	3
ERM 355	Ethical and Effective Assessment for Learning 7-12	3
SED 100	An Exploration of Secondary Education	3
SED 200	Learning Environments and Field Experience in Secondary Schools	3
SED 300	Principles of Teaching and Technology in the Secondary Classroom	3
SED 331	Methods of Teaching Secondary Social Studies	3
SED 411	Student Teaching Sec - 1st Half	6
SED 412	Student Teaching Sec - 2nd Half	6
Total Minimum Credits Required		42