

Social Studies Education

Teacher Education Program American Government Emphasis 5-12

Student Name:

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This program of the University of Iowa College of Education is approved by the state of Iowa as preparation for teaching American government, plus one or more additional secondary school social studies subjects; and is intended for students who have or are completing a bachelor's degree with a major in political science, as defined by the University of Iowa, or the equivalent. Endorsement options include:

- 157 American Government 5-12
- 158 American History 5-12
- 159 Anthropology 5-12
- 160 Economics 5-12
- 161 Geography 5-12
- 163 Psychology 5-12
- 165 Sociology 5-12
- 166 World History 5-12
- 186 All Social Sciences 5-12
- 1861 Social Sciences – Basic 5-12

Social Studies Education also offers teacher preparation for students who have or are completing a major in other social sciences: anthropology, economics, geography, history, psychology, sociology, or the equivalent. For information about degree options with the program (BA, MAT, nondegree), [visit the Social Studies Education program web page](#).

Requirements

- [Admission to the Teacher Education Program](#).
- Completion of Social Sciences Content Course Requirements. See page 2.
- Completion of the TEP Professional Education Course Requirements and field

experiences. **Professional Education Course Requirements**

Complete all of the following in the first semester of enrollment.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
EDTL:3091	Secondary Orientation & Classroom Management	3 s.h.	
EDTL:3002	Teaching and Learning Technologies	2 s.h.	

Complete all of the following (may be completed prior to TEP admission).

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
EPLS:3000	Foundations of Education	3 s.h.	
EDTL:4900	Foundations of Special Education	3 s.h.	

PSQF:1075	Educational Psychology and Measurement	3 s.h.	
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Complete all of the following after TEP admission.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
EDTL:3095	Teaching Reading Secondary Content Areas	1 s.h.	
EPLS:4180	Human Relations for the Classroom Teacher	3 s.h.	
EDTL:4811	Introduction and Practicum: Secondary Social Studies	3 s.h.	
EDTL:4828	Curriculum and Teaching: Social Studies Education (new requirement Fall 2024)	3 s.h.	
EDTL:4870	Methods: Secondary Social Studies	3 s.h.	

College-level Mathematics (choose one course in consultation with advisor).

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute

Student Teaching (complete all of the following courses).

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
EDTL:4087	Seminar: Curriculum and Student Teaching	3 s.h.	
EDTL:4091	Observation and Lab Prac in Secondary School	6 s.h.	
EDTL:4092	Observation and Lab Prac in Secondary School	6 s.h.	

Social Sciences Content Course Requirements

Complete social sciences content course requirements: a major in political science or equivalent, 30 s.h. minimum, to include required courses in American government, plus an additional 15-27 s.h. in social science content courses for one or more teaching endorsements in addition to American government.

The recommended course distribution requires courses in American government (minimum 15 s.h. of the 30 s.h. in political science), American history (minimum 9 s.h.), and world history (minimum 9 s.h.). This recommended course distribution satisfies requirements of endorsement **157 American Government 5-12** and endorsement **1861 Social Sciences - Basic 5-12** (permits teaching American history, world history, and American government), with options for additional endorsements.

Other course distributions are possible with faculty approval.

American Government

Complete a major in political science to include a minimum of 15 s.h. in American government courses.

Complete the following or an approved substitute.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
POLI:1100	Introduction to American Politics	3 s.h.	

Complete one or more of the following or approved substitutes.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
POLI:1200	Introduction to Political Behavior	3 s.h.	
POLI:1300	Introduction to Political Thought and Action	3 s.h.	
POLI:1500	Introduction to International Relations	3 s.h.	
POLI:1501	Introduction to American Foreign Policy	3 s.h.	
POLI:1600	Introduction to Political Communication	3 s.h.	

Complete additional American government course(s) to include at least one numbered 3000 or above, selected with advisor.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
POLI:3101	American Constitutional Law and Politics	3 s.h.	
POLI:3102	The U.S. Congress	3 s.h.	
POLI:3110	Local Politics	3 s.h.	
POLI:3111	American Public Policy	3 s.h.	
POLI:3114	Women and Politics in the United States	3 s.h.	
POLI:3116	The Presidency	3 s.h.	

POLI:3121	The Judicial Process	3 s.h.	
POLI:3150	Problems in American Politics	3 s.h.	

American History

Complete a minimum 9 s.h. in American history. Completion of 15 s.h. or more satisfies requirements of endorsement 158 American History 5-12.

Complete one of the following that includes the historical period prior to the Civil War or an approved substitute.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
HIST:1261	American History to 1877	3 s.h.	
HIST:2267	African American History to 1877	3 s.h.	

Complete one of the following that includes the historical period after to the Civil War or an approved substitute.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
HIST:1262	American History 1877-Present	3 s.h.	
HIST:2268	African America History Since the Civil War	3 s.h.	

Complete additional American history courses.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute

World History

Complete a minimum 9 s.h. in world history. Completion of 15 s.h. or more satisfies requirements of endorsement 166 World History 5-12.

Complete courses to include an historical period prior to 1800, and to include history of at least two world regions (for example, Latin America, East Asia, Oceania, Europe, Africa, or other regions).

Complete courses or approved substitutes.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
HIST:1030	Introduction to Islamic Civilization	3 s.h.	
HIST:1101	The Modern World	3 s.h.	
HIST:1401	The West and the World: Ancient	3 s.h.	
HIST:1402	The West and the World: Medieval	3 s.h.	
HIST:1403	The West and the World: Modern	3 s.h.	
HIST:1601	Civilizations Asia: China from Origins to 17 th Century	3 s.h.	
HIST:1602	Civilizations Asia: China from 17 th Century to Present	3 s.h.	
HIST:1606	Civilizations Asia: South Asia	3-4 s.h.	
HIST:1708	Civilizations of Africa	3 s.h.	
HIST:2122	World History: Feudal Age to Nuclear Age	3 s.h.	
HIST:3515	Introduction to Modern Latin America	3 s.h.	
HIST:3810	History of the Modern Middle East	3 s.h.	

Optional Endorsements: Economics, Geography, Psychology, Sociology

With endorsement **1861 Social Sciences Basic 5-12**, requirements for endorsement in economics, geography, psychology, or sociology can be met with 6 s.h. in one of the subjects. Without endorsement 1861, endorsement in these subjects requires 15 s.h. in the subject.

Economics

Complete the following two courses or approved substitutes for endorsement 160 Economics 5-12.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
ECON:1100	Principles of Microeconomics	4 s.h.	
ECON:1200	Principles of Macroeconomics	4 s.h.	

Geography

Complete 6 s.h. of the following courses or approved substitutes for endorsement 161 Geography 5-12.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
GEOG:1020	The Global Environment	3 s.h.	
GEOG:1070	Contemporary Environmental Issues	3 s.h.	
GEOG:1090	Globalization and Geographic Diversity	3 s.h.	

Psychology

Complete PSY:1001 and one additional course, or approved substitutes for endorsement 163 Psychology 5-12.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
PSY:1001	Elementary Psychology	3 s.h.	
PSY:2301	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	3 s.h.	
PSY:2401	Intro to Developmental Science	3 s.h.	
PSY:2501	Intro to Social Psychology	3 s.h.	
PSY:2601	Intro to Cognitive Psychology	3 s.h.	
PSY:2701	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience	4 s.h.	

Sociology

Complete 6 s.h. of the following courses or approved substitutes for endorsement 165 Sociology 5-12.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
SOC:1010	Introduction to Sociology	3 s.h.	
SOC:1022	Social Justice and Social Welfare in the US States	3 s.h.	
SOC:1030	Contemporary Social Problems	3 s.h.	

Additional Optional Endorsements

186 All Social Sciences 5-12

Endorsement **186 All Social Sciences 5-12** is available as an optional added endorsement. An Iowa teaching license that includes endorsement **186 All Social Sciences** authorizes teaching of all history and social science subjects in Iowa in grades 5-12. Requirements of endorsement **186** include all of the courses for endorsement **1861 Social Sciences - Basic 5-12** (9 s.h. American history, 9 s.h. world history; and 9 s.h. American government), plus all of the courses for endorsement in these four subjects: economics (minimum 6 s.h.), geography (6 s.h.), psychology (6 s.h.), and sociology (6 s.h.).

159 Anthropology 5-12

Endorsement **159 Anthropology 5-12** can be earned with a minimum of 15 s.h. in anthropology when completed with one or more other additional grades 5-12 social studies endorsements.

Additional Information

This Program Guide is for planning and documentation of program completion. State requirements for licensure and endorsements are subject to change without notice. Check with your advisor or the Office of Education Services for updated requirements. Course transfer and substitution may require syllabi or other documentation in addition to transcript. Revised 2/15/24 version 4.3.

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