

## SOCIAL SCIENCES EDUCATION (FIELD ENDORSEMENT TO TEACH GRADES 7-12)

Social sciences is a broad field that covers several subject areas – all important to a student’s education and development. This is the major you would choose to become a social studies teacher. Courses in the social sciences education degree program at Wayne State are designed to help you understand the history and nature of human beings in a social context, and to pass that knowledge and understanding on to the next generation. In the social sciences education degree program, you’ll study anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology to give you the foundation you need to successfully teach social sciences or social studies in a school setting.

*If you choose the social sciences field endorsement, you are not required to choose any other endorsements to receive your B.A. or B.S.*

### FAST FACTS

**Hours:**

66 hours for endorsement  
27-33 hours in education core classes  
30 hours in general education  
*At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College.*

**Degrees offered:** B.A. or B.S.

**Departments:** History, Politics, and Geography, Educational Foundations and Leadership

**Schools:** Natural and Social Sciences, Education and Counseling

**Clinical practice:** One semester of student teaching required

**Popular pairings:** English as a Second Language (ESL), Coaching (7-12)

## ..... focus on results .....

**Skills Learned**

- World cultures and civilizations
- American history, cultural groups, and government
- World regional geography
- Political processes of the national government
- General psychology, sociology, and anthropology
- Principles of microeconomics and macroeconomics
- Classroom management and curriculum development
- Public speaking and presentation
- Research and writing techniques
- Critical thinking

**Possible Careers**

- Social studies teacher
- Social sciences teacher
- History teacher
- Political science teacher
- Geography teacher
- Research specialist
- Tutor
- Archivist/curator
- Tour guide
- Public historian

**Types of Employers**

- Middle schools
- High schools
- Education and learning centers
- Museums and exhibitions
- Historical societies
- Conservation societies
- National parks
- Travel agencies
- Foreign service agencies
- Non-profit organizations

### outside the classroom



Visit [www.wsc.edu/clubs](http://www.wsc.edu/clubs) to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.

**Activities / Opportunities**

- Conferences and symposiums
- Constitution Day
- Multicultural events
- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)
- Research projects and presentations
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad
- Voter registration drive

**Clubs / Organizations**

- Active Minds
- Explorers Club
- Phi Alpha Theta (History Club)
- Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences Honorary)
- Political Science Club
- Psychology/Sociology Club
- Wayne Student Education Association of Nebraska (WSEAN)

# SAMPLE PROGRAM OF STUDY

*The listed sequence is only a suggestion. Final decisions rest with the student and the academic advisor(s) and will vary depending on the current course offerings, major/minor requirements, etc.*

Students should plan to complete some courses during summer school if they wish to complete graduation requirements in a four-year period.

Students seeking endorsements in education need to work closely with their advisors regarding the required coursework in the subject endorsements and in professional education.

Students are encouraged to consider taking a foreign language as part of their general education program. (See appropriate section of catalog.)

## FRESHMAN YEAR

CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies CAT 2) .....	3
EDU 150 Professional Education in a Diverse Society .....	3
ENG 102 English Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1) .....	3
GEO 120 World Regional Geography .....	3
HIS 180 American Experience I .....	3
HIS 181 American Experience II .....	3
MAT course by advisement (General Studies CAT 3) .....	3
POS 100 American National Government .....	3
General Studies by advisement .....	6

It is recommended that students satisfactorily complete the Core exam before completion of freshman year.

## SOPHOMORE YEAR

ECO 202 Principles of Macroeconomics .....	3
ECO 203 Principles of Microeconomics .....	3
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition .....	3
EDU 275 Introduction to PK-12 Instruction .....	3
HIS 170 World Civilizations I .....	3
HIS 171 World Civilizations II .....	3
SOC/ECO/GEO/POS/PSY by advisement .....	6
General Studies by advisement .....	12

**Advancement to Level 2:** Acceptance to Teacher Education Candidacy required before taking any 300/400 EDU/SPD level courses.

## JUNIOR YEAR

ECO/GEO/POS by advisement .....	3
EDU 310 Reading, Writing, and Assessment in the Content Area .....	2
EDU 406 Classroom Management .....	3
HIS 385 America: 1945 to the Present .....	3
SOC/ECO/GEO/POS/PSY course(s) by advisement .....	9
SPD 302 Inclusive Practice for General and Special Educators .....	3
Upper level U.S. history by advisement .....	9

## SENIOR YEAR

EDU 409 Social Science Content Methods/Assessment ( <i>fall only</i> ) ..	3
EDU 414 Content Area Clinical .....	1
SOC 490 Social Sciences Research Seminar ( <i>fall only</i> ) .....	3
SOC/ECO/GEO/POS/PSY by advisement .....	6
Upper level non-U.S. history by advisement .....	3

### Advancement to Level 3: Clinical Practice

EDU 456 Clinical Practice and Seminar Secondary School .....	12
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All persons seeking Nebraska certification are required to provide proof of a passing score on the Praxis II content test designated for the area(s) of endorsement. For information about the test requirements, please visit the Nebraska Department of Education website at [www.education.ne.gov](http://www.education.ne.gov).

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