2026-27 Academic Year

SOCIAL SCIENCES EDUCATION (MSE)

Curriculum and Instruction - Instructional Leadership

Advance your teaching practice while strengthening your content expertise with the MSE in Curriculum and Instruction – Social Sciences Education focus. Designed for licensed educators, this program combines instructional theory, curriculum development, and educational research with advanced study in the social sciences.. You'll customize your degree through graduate coursework in disciplines such as sociology, anthropology, geography, history, political science, psychology, and related fields. The program allows you to concentrate credits in one primary content area while exploring additional social science electives, supporting both depth and flexibility in your teaching specialization. Coursework emphasizes applied research, instructional innovation, and curriculum design for PK–12 and postsecondary learning environments. This program does not lead to initial teacher licensure, and licensure applicability may vary by state.

fast facts

Degree offered: Master of Science in Education (MSE) in Curriculum and Instruction – Instructional Leadership / Social Sciences Education

Credit hours: 36

Cost per credit hour: $404 total *(includes $261.90 tuition + $142.10 fees)*

Delivery method: Online

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Instructional and curriculum design
- Classroom assessment and data use
- Learning theory and instructional strategies
- Social sciences content integration
- Historical and social analysis
- Civic literacy and public policy concepts
- Interpretation of social and cultural data
- Differentiated and inclusive teaching practices
- Professional collaboration and practice
- Analysis of educational issues and trends

Possible Careers

- Social studies teacher (middle or high school)
- Government or civics teacher
- History teacher
- Geography teacher
- Economics teacher
- Curriculum specialist
- Instructional coordinator
- Sociology teacher

Types of Employers

- PK–12 school districts
- Middle and high schools
- Charter and alternative schools
- Private and parochial schools
- Educational service units (ESUs)
- Postsecondary institutions
- State and local education agencies
- Nonprofit education organizations
- Online learning providers

recognized for excellence

Our graduate programs are nationally recognized for their excellence, exceptional value, and flexible learning options — consistently earning top distinctions for affordability and quality.



Most Affordable Online Master's Degrees in the U.S.
Wayne State College was ranked among the Top 10 most affordable online master's degree programs in the nation by *Intelligent.com* for 2025.



College of Distinction
Wayne State College has been recognized as a College of Distinction, an honor that highlights institutions for engaged students, great teaching, a vibrant campus community, and successful outcomes.

Program courses

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Program requirements: 36 credit hours

Core courses (12 credit hours)

EDU 603 Introduction to Educational Research and Design 3
EDU 621 Education Program Orientation 0
EDU 652 Instructional Theory and Practice 3
EDU 658 Fundamentals of Curriculum Development PK-16 3
Select one of the following 3

- EDU 674 History and Philosophy of Education (3)
- MAT 645 Current Trends in Mathematics Curriculum and Teaching (3)

Social Sciences Education focus area (24 credit hours)

The graduate emphasis in the social sciences offers a wide range of disciplines for students to engage. It should have appeal for those interested in furthering their skills and foundation in teaching careers in secondary and post-secondary education, and for students without a teaching certificate but interested in graduate-level discipline-based coursework.

Electives from one Social Science content area 9
Electives from another Social Science content area. 6
Social Science electives by advisement 3
SSC 695 Independent Study 3

- *The project assigned in this course fulfills the final scholarly artifacts requirement for the MSE in Curriculum and Instruction-Instructional Leadership and the course prefix may be any Social Sciences content area.*

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