

SOCIAL STUDIES *College of Humanities & Social Sciences*

Minnesota State University, Mankato offers a challenging program designed to prepare students for teaching secondary social studies. Students who graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in secondary social studies education will be eligible for a Minnesota license to teach social studies in middle junior high and senior high schools. Students are certified to teach all of the classes that fall within the arena of social studies. These include history, geography, economics, government, sociology, psychology, and anthropology.

DEGREES OFFERED:

- Social Studies Teaching, BS

SKILLS AND TALENTS:

- Communication skills
- Creativity
- Cultural sensitivity
- Flexibility
- Helping skills
- Instructional skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Listening skills
- Organizational skills
- Patience
- Positive attitude
- Resourcefulness

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES:

- Public Achievement program for engaging secondary students in civic action projects
- Multi-cultural pre-teaching experiences
- Conferences
- Teaching institutes
- Study abroad opportunities
- Geography Bee
- History Day
- Student teaching opportunities in Norway, Costa Rica, Alaska and Texas

EMPLOYERS

- Public and private schools
- Boards of education
- Business and industry
- Community education
- Libraries
- Non-profit organizations
- Museums and education centers
- State and local governments

CAREERS

- Curriculum development
- Curriculum specialist
- Debate coach
- Education policy
- Educational sales
- High school/middle school teacher
- Historic preservation
- Lawyer*
- Librarian*
- Museum curator*
- Professor*
- Program coordinator

*Advanced Education Preferred

TEACHER INSTITUTE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Social Studies Education majors have the opportunity to attend a variety of teacher institutes and professional development events. Minnesota State University, Mankato Social Studies Education students are the only college students in the United States allowed to attend these conferences and institutes.

Opportunities include: Colonial Williamsburg’s Teacher Institute, Belfer Conference at the U.S. Holocaust Museum, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Fort Ticonderoga Teacher Institute, LBJ Center Teachers’ Workshop, and the St. Louis Fed Summer AP Economics Workshop.

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SAMPLE CURRICULUM (SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHING, BS)

Required General Education	Major Common Core
ANTH 101 Introduction to Anthropology (4) GEOG 100 Elements of Geography (3) POL 111 United States Government (3) PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychological Science (4) (choose 4 credits) HIST 190 United States to 1877 (4) HIST 190W United States to 1877 (4) (choose 4 credits) HIST 191 United States Since 1877 (4) HIST 191W United States Since 1877 (4)	ECON 201 Principles of Macroeconomics (3) ECON 202 Principles of Microeconomics (3) GEOG 340 United States (3) HIST 302 World History: An Overview (4) POL 321 Democracy and Citizenship (3) SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3) SOST 200 Introduction to Social Studies Teaching (2) SOST 450 Teaching Social Studies Secondary School (4)
Major Restricted Electives	Major Emphasis Areas
(choose 3-4 credits) ETHN 410 Foundations of Oppression (3) GWS 220 Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4) GWS 220W Global Perspectives on Women and Change (4)	Anthropology (1.5) Economics (1.5) Geography (1.5) History (1.5) Political Science (1.5) Psychology (1.5) Sociology (1.5)
Other Graduation Requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Education (choose 30 credits) • See the SECONDARY EDUCATION section of the Undergraduate Catalog for admission requirements to Professional Education and a list of required professional education (KSP 200- KSP 499). • Alcohol & Drug Education (choose 1 credit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSYC 490 Workshop (1-3) 	

For additional information about course requirements, please visit hss.mnsu.edu/social-studies

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