

SOCIAL STUDIES GROUP MAJOR FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHING

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The Social Studies Group major for Elementary Certification consists of 40 hours selected from four areas of emphasis: Economics, Geography, History, and Political Science. These four areas are congruent with a State of Michigan Social Studies Standards and the Michigan Curriculum Framework, and with the test objectives to qualify for final certification to teach in Michigan. Candidates for certification in HIST major must pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) in Social Studies (Test #84). You must demonstrate your knowledge in the following categories:

Subarea	Approximate % of Questions on Test
1. Historical Perspective	20%
2. Geographic Perspective	20%
3. Civic Perspective	20%
4. Economic Perspective	20%
5. Inquiry & Public Discourse & Decision Making	20%

You may access a study guide at the MTTC testing site; the courses below have been selected and designed so that you will be well prepared for the test.

In order to complete an Elementary Social Studies Group major:

You will need to take at least two courses in Economics (8 credits), two courses in Geography (6 credits), four courses in History (14 credits), and two courses in Political Science (8 credits). You will choose at least two more courses in an area of interest/emphasis to bring total to at least 40 credits.

ECONOMICS (8 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
ECON 211	Principles of Macroeconomics	4		
ECON 212	Principles of Microeconomics (Pre-requisite ECON 211)	4		

GEOGRAPHY (6 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
EDUC 305	Physical Geography	2		
EDUC 306	Cultural Geography	2		
POL 201	Political Geography	4		

HISTORY (14 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
Required Courses:				
HIST 160	U.S. History to 1877	4		
HIST 161	U.S. History Since 1877	4		
HIST 175	Michigan History	2		
Elective Courses: Choose One of the following four courses.				
HIST 130	Intro to Ancient Civilization	4		
HIST 131	Intro to Modern European Civilization	4		
HIST 207	World Civilizations to 1500	4		
HIST 208	World Civilizations since 1500	4		

POLITICAL SCIENCE (8 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
Required Course:				
POL 100	Intro to American Institutions	4		
Recommended Elective Courses:				
POL 221	State and Local Government	4		
POL 339	American Constitutional Law	4		
Other Electives:				
POL 212	Parties, Interest Groups & Elections	4		
POL 235	Public Administration and Policy	4		
POL 237	The Judicial Process	4		
POL 242	Scope and Methods	4		
POL 251	International Relations	4		
POL 262	Latin American Politics	4		
POL 272	Law and Society	4		
POL 295	African Politics	4		
POL 295	Global Poverty	4		
POL 295	Comparative European Politics	4		
POL 300	Global Feminisms	4		
POL 301	Religion and Politics	4		
POL 303	Asian Politics	4		
POL 310	Environmental Public Policy	4		
POL 332	Congress and The President	4		
POL 339	American Constitutional Law	4		
POL 341	Ancient and Medieval Political Thought	4		
POL 342	Modern Political Thought	4		
POL 343	20 th Century Political Philosophy	4		
POL 346	American Political Thought	4		
POL 349	Contemporary Topics in Political Thought	4		
POL 351	International Law, Organization, and Systems	4		
POL 352	Global Political Economy	4		
POL 365	Wilderness Politics	4		
POL 375	Philosophy of Law	4		
POL 378	American Foreign Policy	4		

ELECTIVES (4 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
Choose 4 more credits from the various areas of social studies – Economics, Geography, History, and Political Science				
ECONOMICS				
ECON 302	Monetary Economics	4		
ECON 304	Economic Growth and Development	4		
ECON 306	Econometrics	4		
ECON 310	Environmental Public Policy	4		
ECON 311	Intermediate Macro	4		
ECON 312	Intermediate Micro	4		
ECON 318	International Economics	4		
ECON 402	Industrial Organization	4		
ECON 403	Labor Economics	4		
HISTORY				
▶ NOTE: Students may not count more than two 2-credit hour HIST 200 courses toward the composite major. If HIST 130 or 131 are selected for the 12 hour History requirement above neither course can be counted toward the electives below.				
HIST 200	Historical Snapshots	2		
HIST 205	** British and Irish History to 1700	4		

HIST 206	* British and Irish History Since 1700	4		
HIST 207	** World Civilizations to 1500 or *** World Civilizations to 1500 (either one - but cannot be counted as "both")	4		
HIST 208	*** World Civilizations since 1500	4		
HIST 210	** The Greek World	4		
HIST 215	** The Roman World	4		
HIST 218	** The Middle Ages: Europe, Byzantium and Islam	4		
HIST 221	*** Colonial & Post-Colonial Africa: African Perspectives on Colonialism	4		
HIST 225	*** West African Economy & Society: Commerce, Colonialism & Christianity	4		
HIST 242	* Twentieth-Century Europe	4		
HIST 248	* Europe in the Age of the Reformation	4		
HIST 251	Revolutionary America: Visionaries, Rebels and Ruffians	4		
HIST 252	Civil War America: Disruption and Destiny	4		
HIST 255	World War I America: A Nation in Transition	4		
HIST 256	Recent America	4		
HIST 260	*** History of Latin America	4		
HIST 270	*** Modern China	4		
HIST 280	* Intro to Modern Imperialism: Colonizers & Colonized or *** Intro to Modern Imperialism: Colonizers & Colonized (either one - but cannot be counted as "both")	4		
HIST 285	** Women in Antiquity	4		
HIST 295	Studies in European, American or Non-Western History	4		
HIST 312	** Myth and Culture in Pre-colonial Africa or *** Myth and Culture in Pre-Colonial Africa (either one - but cannot be counted as "both")	4		
HIST 321	*** The Making of Modern Africa: Politics, Culture & Society	4		
HIST 341	* World War II: Collaboration & Resistance	4		
HIST 344	* Genocide in the Modern World	4		
HIST 351	Slavery & Race in American History/1619-Present	4		
HIST 352	U.S. Women and Social Change	4		
HIST 355	U.S. Foreign Policy, 1898-Present	4		
HIST 357	American Cultural History: Race, Class and Gender	4		
HIST 361	U.S. Military History: Rise of a Warrior Dem.	4		
HIST 362	U.S. Immigration History: Ethnicity & Div.	4		
HIST 370	*** Modern Middle East	4		
HIST 371	* Paris and Shanghai: A Tale of Two Cities	4		
POLITICAL SCIENCE – Any of the 200-400 level course electives listed above. POL 110 may NOT be counted as an elective.				

American History * European History Since 1500 ** History Before 1500 *** Non-Western Courses