

SOCIAL STUDIES GROUP MAJOR FOR SECONDARY CERTIFICATION

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The Social Studies Group major for secondary certification consists of **42 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. 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 MTTTC testing site; the courses below have been selected so that you will be well prepared for the test.

ECONOMICS – Required Courses (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 Required Courses (8 credits)

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

HISTORY (18 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		
Choose one of the following pairs to bring the total for this section to 18 credits.				
HIST 130 and HIST 208	Intro to Ancient Civilization World Civilizations since 1500	4 4		CH1 & CH2 (when taken w/ IDS 171, 172, 175 or 176)
OR				
HIST 131 and HIST 207	Intro to Modern European Civilization World Civilizations to 1500	4 4		CH2 & CH1 (when taken w/ IDS 171, 172, 175 or 176)

POLITICAL SCIENCE Required Courses (8 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
POL 100	Intro to American Institutions	4		
POL 221	State and Local Government	4		

A METHODS COURSE - REQUIRED (3 credits)

(The Social Studies methods course is considered pedagogy and will be counted toward your education courses for certification.)

COURSE	TITLE	CR. HRS.	SEMESTER	GRADE
EDUC 321	Teaching of Social Studies in the Secondary School (Fall Semester only)	2		
EDUC 322	Teaching of Social Studies in the Secondary School Field Placement (Fall Semester only)	1		

This MUST be completed prior to the student teaching semester!