SECONDARY EDUCATION

Social Studies Teaching Option

(See back for info on entrance, retention, and exit criteria)

I. GENERAL EDUCATION COMPONENTS
45 Cr.

(Select appropriate courses listed in the General Education Bulletin. Note that General Education courses may not be taken SA/UN.)

WRITING/SPEAKING (GWS) – 9 Cr.
- ENGL 015 GWS or 030 GWS [3]*
- ENGL 202A GWS or 202B GWS [3]*
- CAS 100A GWS [3]*

QUANTIFICATION (GQ) – 6 Cr.
- [3]*

NATURAL SCIENCES (GN) – 9 Cr.
- (met by GEOG 010 GN) [3]*
- [3]*

ARTS (GA) – 6 Cr.
- (met by GEOG 020 under the “3/6/9 option”) [3]*

HUMANITIES (GH) – 6 Cr.
- (met by HIST 020 GH;US) [3]*
- (met by LITERATURE GH) [3]*

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (GS) – 6 Cr.
- (met by PSYCH 100 GS) [3]*
- (met by PL SC 001 GS) [3]*

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (GHA) – 3 Cr.
- [3]*

II. FIRST YEAR SEMINAR (FYS)/ELECTIVES – 0-4 Cr.
- [3]*

Basic Skills Assessment (ETS’ CORE or PECT; PAPA)
- (R) [M] [W]

(or state-specifed SAT/ACT scores prior to PSU admission)

PRAXIS II Social Studies: Content Knowledge Test
#5081 [3]*

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR
45 Cr.

Prescribed Courses – 36 Cr.+
- PSYCH 100 GS [3]*
- EDPSY 014 [3]*
- C1295 [3]*
- C I 295 [3]*
- SPLED 400 [4]*
- SPLED 403B [3]*
- C I 495C (SA/UN) [3]*
- C I 495E [15]*

Additional Courses – 3 Cr.+
- PSYCH 412 (or HD FS 239 GS* [3]*

Supporting Courses & Related Areas – 6 Cr.+
- EDTHP 400-level selection (or EDTHP 115 US) [3]*
- Literature Selection GH
- See course list at http://www.ed.psu.edu/educ/under/acad/cps/cejay/suggested-course-listings/literature-selections

45 Cr.

Codes:
+ Must earn “C” or better (C 1495C offered SA/UN only).
+ See adviser for prerequisites and early application for field experiences.
* The following courses may satisfy General Education components:
9 credits of the Prescribed GS courses (Social & Behavioral Science, including GEOG 020 under the “3/6/9 option” for GA); 6 credits of the Prescribed GH courses (Humanities); 3 credits of the Prescribed GN courses (Science).

Supporting Courses & Related Areas – 21 Cr.+ (underlined courses plus 6 additional credits from Option requirements)
- SS ED 411 prerequisites: underlined courses plus 6 additional credits from Option requirements.

W Satisfies 3 credits of writing-intensive course requirement.
- Required for entrance to major/certification program.

Graduating SS ED students qualify for an academic minor in History.

The Civic & Government, Economics, Geography, or Social Sciences concentration can qualify for an additional minor from the associated department. Minors require 18 credits (including 6 at the 400 level). Information on academic minors in other departments is available at: http://handbook.psu.edu/content/minors

Remember to apply on eLion for all academic minors for which you qualify by the time you register your intent to graduate.

IV. OPTION REQUIREMENTS
57 Cr.

Prescribed Courses – 24 Cr.+
- ECON 104 GS [3]*
- GEOG 010 GN [3]*
- GEOG 020 GS;IL;US [3]*
- HIST 020 GH;US [3]*
- HIST 021 GH;US [3]*
- PL SC 001 GS [3]*
- SS ED 411 [3]*
- SS ED 412W [3]*
- SS ED 415 [3]*

Additional Courses – 12 Cr.+
- Select HIST 001 GH;IL or HIST 010 GH;IL [3]*
- Select HIST 002 GH;IL or HIST 011 GH;IL [3]*
- Select 3 credits from GEOG 030 GS, GEOG 040 GS;IL, or GEOG 160 GS [3]*
- Select 3 credits from ANTH 045 GS, ECON 102 GS, PL SC 003 GS, PL SC 014 GS, SOC 001 GS, or SS ED 200 US [3]*

Supporting Courses & Related Areas – 21 Cr.+
- HIST 400 level selection [3]*
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Select 15 credits in one concentration: (see descriptions on back of page)
- Citizenship Education (ECON, GEOG, PL SC, HIST, SS ED)
- Civics & Government (PL SC)
- Economics (ECON)
- Geography (GEOG)
- Social Sciences (ANTH, PSYCH, SOC)

Note: Courses completed for Prescribed, Additional, and Supporting requirements may not be also be used to fulfill concentration areas (different courses must be selected).

Questions? See the Academic Advising website:
http://www.ed.psu.edu/current-students/undergrad/academic-advising
SECONDARY EDUCATION – Social Studies Teaching Option: Entrance Criteria

Eligibility for entrance to the Social Studies teaching option in the Secondary Education (SECED) major is based on: (1) formal application, (2) completion of specified prerequisites, and (3) cumulative grade point average. (See Entrance to Major (ETM) information available from your adviser, or at http://www.ed.psu.edu/educ/current-students/undergrad/academic-programs-1/entrance-and-exit-criteria).

Students must participate in a formal Entrance to Major process in a designated selection pool typically during the fourth semester in the Spring. New students from other institutions and current Penn State students who wish to be considered for a change of major into SECED also participate in appropriate, designated selection pools.

General sequences and block scheduling patterns of certain required courses follow. (This is not a complete semester-by-semester schedule.) General Education Courses and Prescribed, Supporting, and Additional Courses should be completed prior to student teaching.

### Requirements for Consideration for Entrance to Major

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**ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRANCE TO MAJOR**

- (3) PL SC 003 GS;IL
- (3) PL SC 002 GS;IL
- (3) PL SC 001 GS;IL
- (3) PL SC 007, PL SC 110, PL SC 123, PL SC 125, or PL SC 130
- (3) 400-level PL SC
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*Should be met by end of Fall semester prior to the Entrance to Major process during the Spring.

### Prerequisites for 411 Methods Course

- underlined courses
- plus 6 cr. of other Option (IV.) requirements

### Prerequisites for 412W Methods Course and CI 495C

- SS ED 411
- PSYCH 412 or HD FS 239

### Prerequisites for CI 495C

- CI 495C (Sect. 004)

### Additional Courses Required for Student Teaching

- All remaining Prescribed Courses

### Retention and Exit Criteria

Candidates for the baccalaureate degree and a Pennsylvania teacher certificate must (1) maintain throughout the program of study the cumulative grade point average required for admission to the program, and complete (2) the academic program requirements, (3) any applicable tests and clearances required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

For complete info about ETM Criteria:

http://www.ed.psu.edu/educ/current-students/undergrad/academic-programs-1/entrance-and-exit-criteria

For info on concentrations, recommended courses, and minors:

http://ed.psu.edu/c-and-i/undergrad/secondary-education/social-studies-education/concentrations

### Concentrations (15 credits)

#### Citizenship Education

- (3) ECON 102 GS, ECON 302, ECON 304, ECON 315, ECON 323, ECON 333, or ECON 342
- (3) GEOG 030 GS, GEOG 040 GS:IL, GEOG 120 GS:US;IL, GEOG 122 GH;US, GEOG 123 GS:IL, GEOG 124 GS:IL, GEOG 126 GS:US;IL, GEOG 128 GS:IL, GEOG 130 GS, or GEOG 160 GS
- (3) PL SC 003 GS:IL, PL SC 007, PL SC 014 GS:IL, PL SC 110, PL SC 123, PL SC 125, or PL SC 130
- (3) 100-400 level HIST
- (3) SS ED 200 (or 100-400 level HIST)

- Completing this concentration qualifies for a minor from the Department of Political Science

#### Civics & Government

- (3) PL SC 003 GS:IL
- (3) PL SC 014 GS:IL
- (3) PL SC 007, PL SC 110, PL SC 123, PL SC 125, or PL SC 130
- (3) 400-level PL SC
- (3) 400-level PL SC

- Completing this concentration qualifies for a minor from the Department of Economics

#### Economics

- (3) ECON 102 GS
- (3) ECON 302
- (3) ECON 304
- (3) 400-level ECON
- (3) 400-level ECON

- Completing this concentration qualifies for a minor from the Department of Economics

#### Geography

- (3) GEOG 160 GS
- (3) GEOG 120 GS:US;IL, GEOG 122 GH;US, GEOG 123 GS:IL, GEOG 124 GS:IL, GEOG 126 GS:US;IL, GEOG 128 GS:IL, or GEOG 130 GS
- (3) GEOG 110 GN, GEOG 111 GN, or GEOG 113 GN
- (3) 400-level GEOG
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- Completing this concentration qualifies for a minor from the Department of Geography

#### Social Sciences

- (3) ANTH, PSYCH, or SOC below the 400 level
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- Completing this concentration may qualify for a minor from Department of Anthropology, Psychology, or Sociology (see information at the web link above)