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Social Science Education & History or Political Major

This major encompasses the coursework requirements for Illinois teacher licensure in (5-8) and (9-12) broadfield social science. Completing this major will result in a double major in Social Science Education and either History or Political Science. Students should request academic advisors in both the Education and History or Political Science departments and work with their advisors to carefully plan their course sequence.

Students must apply and be formally admitted to the Teacher Education Program to enter upper-level coursework. All courses must be completed with a grade of C- (1.7) or higher. Students must maintain major and cumulative GPAs of 2.750 or higher to remain in the program and fulfill licensure requirements. Students also must pass the one of the State mandated content area tests prior to student teaching: Test #204 Middle Grades Social Science (5-8), Test #246 History (9-12), or Test #247 Political Science (9-12). The middle grades social science and 9-12 content test are required for licensure.

Social Science Education Major

At least half of the Social Science major courses, excluding SEC 100, 300, 450, and 457, must be completed at Elmhurst University. Students also must complete three full terms at Elmhurst prior to student teaching.

The following courses are required:

- EDU 104 Cultural Foundation of Education in the United States
- EDU/SEC 223 Education of PK-12 Learners with Exceptionalities
- EDU/SEC 311 Educational Psychology
- SEC 100 (.25) Introductory Seminar to Teaching as a Caring Profession (.25)
- SEC 300 Intermediate Seminar for Teaching in Diverse and Inclusive Schools (.25)
- SEC 310 Methods and Best Practices in Middle and Secondary Education
- TEL 317 (.75) Methods and Materials for Teaching English Language Learners
- SEC 360 The Middle School: History, Philosophy, Organizational Structures and Best Practices
- SEC 421 Theory and Practice for Building Academic Literacies in K-12
- SEC 425 Teaching Social Studies in Middle and Secondary Schools
- SEC 450 Advanced Seminar in Teacher Collaboration and Professional Practice
- SEC 455 Student Teaching in Secondary and Middle Schools (3.00); requires formal admission to student teaching

Broadfield Social Science Requirements

- GEO 111: Regional Study of the Modern World
- PSY 210: Introduction to Psychology
- SOC 211: Society and the Individual
- ECO 211: Introduction to Macroeconomics
- HIS 101: American History before 1865
- POL 201: American Federal Government

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Teacher candidates pursuing the Social Science Education major and licensure must complete a major in either History or Political Science. The designated concentration must include all of the major requirements (see below) for either a degree in History or a degree in Political Science. Students should be meeting with faculty in the either history or political science departments to ensure all the major requirements are met.

HISTORY CONCENTRATION

For a major in history, the following courses are required:

HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, HIS 116, HIS 451, HIS 452, HIS 4XX any 400-level elective (see list of courses in History section of the catalog).

POLITICAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION

For a major in political science, the following courses are required:

POL 201 and POL 445, 2 POL courses from American politics, 2 POL courses from world politics, 2 courses from political thought, 1 elective not taken in the core (see list of courses in Political Science section of catalog). For Social Science EDU students this elective course may be fulfilled by SEC 425.