

The Pennsylvania State University  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**SECONDARY EDUCATION**  
**Social Studies Teaching Option**

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

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132 Credits Required  
**EFFECTIVE MAY 2012**  
<http://www.ed.psu.edu/>

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

PSU ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 15 GWS or 30 GWS** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- ENGL 202A GWS or 202B GWS \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- CAS 100A GWS \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**QUANTIFICATION (GQ) – 6 Cr.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**NATURAL SCIENCES (GN) – 9 Cr.**

- **(GEOG 010 GN)** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- [also recommend GEOG 110, 111 or 115] \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**ARTS (GA) – 6 Cr.**

- (GEOG 020 – 3/6/9) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**HUMANITIES (GH) – 6 Cr.**

- **(HIST 20 GH, US)** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- **(LITERATURE GH)** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (GS) – 6 Cr.**

- **(PSYCH 100 GS)** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- **(PL SC 1 GS)** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

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

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**PECT: PAPA**•(R)\_\_\_\_\_•(M)\_\_\_\_\_•(W)\_\_\_\_\_

Specialty Test(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**III. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR**  
45 Cr.

Prescribed Courses – 36Cr.+

- **PSYCH 100 GS** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)\*
- **EDPSY 14** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- **C I 295** \_\_\_\_\_ (2)°
- C I 280 \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- SPLD 400 \_\_\_\_\_ (4)
- SPLD 403B \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- <sup>P</sup>C I 495C (SA/UN) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)°
- <sup>P</sup>C I 495E \_\_\_\_\_ (15)°

Additional Courses – 3 Cr.+

- <sup>P</sup>PSYCH 412 (or HDFS 239 GS\*) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Supporting Courses & Related Areas - 6 Cr.+

- EDTHP 400 – level selection (or 115 US) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- **Literature Selection GH** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)\*

**CODES:**

- + Must earn “C” or better (C I 495C offered SA/UN only).
- ° See adviser for prerequisites and early application for clinical experiences.
- \* The following courses may satisfy General Education components: 9 credits of the Prescribed GS courses (Social & Behavioral Science including GEOG 20 as 3/6/9 petition for GA); 6 credits of the Prescribed GH courses (Humanities); 3 credits of the Prescribed GN courses (Science).
- # 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.

Questions? See Advising Handbook: [www.ed.psu.edu/edservices](http://www.ed.psu.edu/edservices)

**IV. OPTION REQUIREMENTS**  
57 Cr.

Prescribed Courses – 30 Cr.+

- **ECON 4 GS (104)** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- **GEOG 10 GN** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)\*
- GEOG 20 GS, IL, US \_\_\_\_\_ (3)\*
- HIST 1 GH, IL \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- HIST 2 GH, IL \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- **HIST 20 GH, US** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)\*
- **HIST 21 GH, US** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- **PL SC 1 GS** \_\_\_\_\_ (3)\*
- #<sup>P</sup>SS ED 411 \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- <sup>P</sup>SS ED 412W \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Additional Courses – 6 Cr. +

- Select 3 credits from GEOG 30 GS \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- or GEOG 160 GS \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- Select 3 credits from ANTH 45 GS; ECON 2 GS (102); PL SC 3 GS, PL SC 14 GS; SOC 1 GS \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- (or C I 405 with adviser’s approval)

Supporting Courses & Related Areas –21 Cr.+

- HIST 400 level selection \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
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Select 15 credits from one concentration area:  
(See list on back page)

- Citizenship Education (ECON, GEOG, PL SC & HIST)
- Civics & Government (PL SC)
- Economics (ECON)
- Geography (GEOG)
- Heritage Education (C I and SS ED)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

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

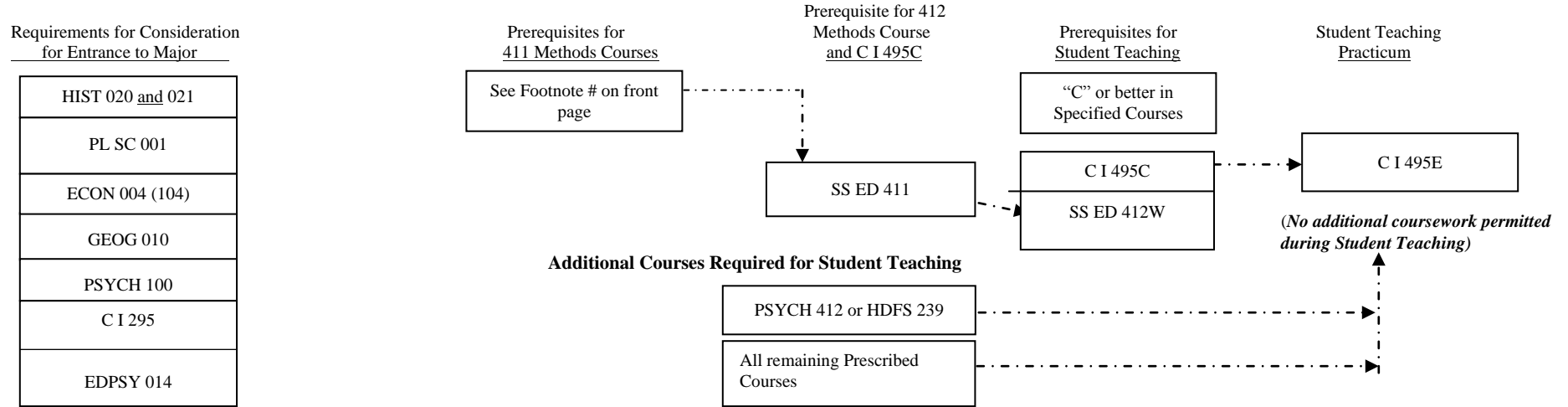
Contact specific departments to complete formal application for minor(s), which require 18 credits (including 6 credits at 400 level). All SS ED students automatically qualify for the History minor. Civics & Government, Economics, and Geography concentration areas also lead to minors.

## 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/undergraduate/ent-exit-crit>).

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.



- ENGL 15 or 30
- QUANTIFICATION (6cr. GQ)
- LITERATURE selection (3cr. GH)
- \*PECT: PAPA (Reading/Writing/Mathematics)
- \*80 HOURS WORK EXPERIENCE
- \*CUM GPA 3.00
- Major Preference confirmation via eLion
- \*Must be met by end of Fall semester prior to the Entrance to Major process during the Spring.

### 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/undergraduate/ent-exit-crit>

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For info on concentrations and recommended courses: <http://www.ed.psu.edu/educ/c-and-i/undergraduate-programs/seced-major/secondary-education-social-studies-teaching-option>

## Concentration Areas

Citizenship Education	Civics & Government	Economics	Geography	Heritage Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___(3) ECON 002 GS (102), ECON 302, ECON 304, ECON 315, ECON 323, ECON 333 or ECON 342</li> <li>___(3) GEOG 030 GS, GEOG 126 GS;US;IL, GEOG 130 GS, GEOG 160 GS</li> <li>___(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</li> <li>___(3) 100-400 level HIST</li> <li>___(3) 100-400 level HIST</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___(3) PL SC 003 GS;IL</li> <li>___(3) PL SC 014 GS;IL</li> <li>___(3) PL SC 007, PL SC 110, PL SC 123, PL SC 125 or PL SC 130</li> <li>___(3) 400-level PL SC</li> <li>___(3) 400-level PL SC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___(3) ECON 002 GS (102)</li> <li>___(3) ECON 302</li> <li>___(3) ECON 304</li> <li>___(3) 400-level ECON</li> <li>___(3) 400-level ECON</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___(3) GEOG 160 GS</li> <li>___(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</li> <li>___(3) GEOG 110 GN, GEOG 111 GN or GEOG 115 GN</li> <li>___(3) 400-level GEOG</li> <li>___(3) 400-level GEOG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___(3) C I 405 (see adviser)</li> <li>___(3) SS ED 470</li> <li>___(3) SS ED 470</li> <li>___(3) C I 400</li> <li>___(3) C I 495</li> </ul>