

SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION MINOR

College: College of Social Sciences & Professional Studies

The Social Studies minor provides the necessary content knowledge for students seeking to teach Social Studies, Grades 4-12. Students will develop disciplinary knowledge in the core areas of Economics, Geography, Civics, and Behavioral Sciences. Students will also expand their breadth and depth of knowledge in history, including US and non-Western history.

This minor is only available to Secondary Education Majors.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. WI Educator Preparation: Teacher Standard 4: Content Knowledge. The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of each discipline he or she teaches. The teacher creates learning experiences that make the discipline accessible and meaningful for pupils to assure mastery of the content.
2. NCSS Standard 1 (Content Knowledge) Candidates demonstrate knowledge of social studies disciplines. Candidates are knowledgeable of disciplinary concepts, facts, and tools; structures of inquiry; and forms of representation.

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Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in all required courses for the Social Studies Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
PSYC 101 or SOCA 101	Introduction to Psychological Science Introduction to Sociology	3
ECON 101 or ECON 120 or ECON 121	The American Economy Principles of Microeconomics Principles of Macroeconomics	3
POLS 100 or POLS 103	American Politics Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 104 or POLS 105	Introduction to International Relations Introduction to Politics	3
GEOG 100	Physical Geography and the Environment	3
GEOG 105 or GEOG 108 or GEOG 110	Contemporary Human Geography Culture and Environmental Sustainability Introduction to Geography: World Regions	3
Specialization in History		
HIST 101 or HIST 102	The United States: Origins to Reconstruction The United States: Reconstruction to Recent Times	3
HIST 250	Sources and Methods in History	3
World History, select one course		3
HIST 118	Western Civilization I: From Antiquity to 1300	
HIST 119	Western Civilization II: The Middle Ages to 1815	
HIST 120	Western Civilization III: From 1815 to the Present	
HIST 126	World History I: From Antiquity to 1300	
HIST 127	World History II: From 1300 to 1800	
HIST 128	World History III: From 1800 to the Present	

Select one 300-400 level non-Western area e.g. Africa, Asia, Middle East HIST course		3
HIST 315	History of Modern Middle East	
HIST 318	History of Islam	
HIST 319	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
HIST 330	Evolution of Pre-Modern Russia	
HIST 331	History of Russia, 1917 to the Present	
Select two 300-400-level History courses		6
Total Credits		36

University Requirements for Minors

Course work in the minor must be completed with the minimum GPA as specified by the department or program under which the minor falls, usually a 2.00 on a 4.00 scale, but higher in some programs. Transfer students must attain the minimum specified GPA on a combination of transfer credits accepted toward the minor and credits attempted at UW-Parkside.

At least half of the course work required for a minor must be completed at UW-Parkside.