

Bachelor of Science in Education in Secondary Social Studies

The B.S.E. in Secondary Social Studies degree prepares students with a wide range of content-specific courses in American and World history, American politics, World Geography, and social sciences for teaching social studies in grades 7-12. Social Studies majors also complete courses in the methods and practices of pedagogy and classroom management, which include classroom field experiences and teaching internships. WBU's Secondary Social Studies program is approved by the National Council for the Social Studies. Upon completion of this degree,

- Students will demonstrate content knowledge in the area of social studies education relevant to effective teaching in grades 7-12.
- Students will utilize effective pedagogical strategies to meet the needs of a diverse community of learners.
- Students will model effective management of student behavior and classroom procedures to establish a positive culture for learning.

General Education Requirements (44 hrs.)

The Biblical World (6 hrs.)

The Biblical Story	3 hrs.
The Christian Worldview	3 hrs.

The Cultural World (15 hrs.)

English Composition I and II	6 hrs.
World Literature I or II	3 hrs.
Speech Communication	3 hrs.
Humanities elective (choose one)	3 hrs.
<i>(Any appreciation course, philosophy, or speech communication)</i>	

The Social World (9 hrs.)

American Government	3 hrs.
World Geography and Culture	3 hrs.
General Psychology	3 hrs.

The Natural World (14 hrs.)

Health and Physical Education	4 hrs.
<i>(one hour must be physical activity)</i>	
Natural science and mathematics	10 hrs.
<i>(Must include at least one chemistry, biological science, or physical science course with a laboratory class, and one mathematics course MT1133 or higher; and excluding MT1123 Intermediate Algebra, MT 3133 Math for Teachers I, MT 4123 Math for Teachers II, GS 3213 Science for Teachers: K-6, and GS 3233 Science for Teachers: 4-8. MT 1123 Intermediate Algebra may be required if Math ACT score is less than 19. The mathematics requirement may be waived if Math ACT is 28 or higher.)</i>	

Pre-Professional Requirements (9 hrs.)

Introduction to Teaching	3 hrs.
Introduction to the Exceptional Child	3 hrs.
Educational Technology	3 hrs.

Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Electives (4 hrs.)

B.S.E. Social Studies majors are required to take at least 4 elective hours outside of the history department.

Specialization Requirements (39 hrs.*)

Arkansas History	3 hrs.
U. S. History I & II	6 hrs.
Western Civilization I & II	6 hrs.
Historical Research and Philosophy	3 hrs.
Macroeconomics or Microeconomics	3 hrs.
U.S. History Electives	9 hrs.
World History Electives	9 hrs.

Professional Requirements (9 hrs.**)

Study of the School (block course)	3 hrs.
Measurement and Evaluation (block course)	3 hrs.
Integrated Methods & Classroom Management	3 hrs.

Clinical Internship (15 hrs.)

Clinical Internship I	6 hrs.
Clinical Internship II	6 hrs.
Internship Seminar	3 hrs.

Total Required Hours: 120 hrs.

*At least 21 of these hours must be taken at WBU. Specialization courses to be transferred must be approved by the department chair. **A grade of C or better is required of all specialization courses.**

**For the admission requirements, retention procedures, dismissal procedures, and exit requirements of the Teacher Education Program, see Department of Education