Social Studies Education, B.A.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with major in social studies education requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including a minimum of 39 s.h. in social studies professional education courses, 30-36 s.h. in social studies education content courses, and 15 s.h. in a social studies area outside of their designated major area of study. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.70 in professional education course requirements. They must also must complete the GE CLAS Core. The major requires admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP). Application information can be obtained through the Office of Student Services.

Students must earn one of these majors at the University of Iowa in order to earn the B.A. in social studies education: a B.A. in anthropology, a B.S. in anthropology, a B.A. in economics, a B.S. in economics, a B.A. in geography, a B.S. in geography, a B.A. in history, a B.A. in political science, a B.S. in political science, a B.A. in psychology, a B.S. in psychology, a B.A. in sociology, or a B.S. in sociology; both degrees may be earned at the same time. Separate application to each degree program is required. Graduates who have earned one of these degrees at another institution and wish to earn the B.A. in social studies education should consult the Department of Teaching and Learning; additional coursework may be required.

An Iowa secondary teaching license qualifies holders to teach in grades 5-12. Additional subject area endorsements can be completed in any 5-12 licensure program. For more information and an advisor, contact the Department of Teaching and Learning.

For initial licensure, student teaching must be an all-day, full-semester experience. Most students are placed in a district within a 60-mile radius of Iowa City. Placements outside this area require special approval and are considered on an individual basis. Special site programs provide experience in districts with diverse populations and students also may apply to student teach at international sites for the second half of the semester.

Additional information about options for student teaching and application procedures is available from the Office of Student Services. Applications for student teaching must be submitted during the calendar year before the student teaching semester. The deadline for student planning to student teach the following fall semester is November 15 and April 15 for the following spring semester.

The B.A. with a major in social studies education requires the following work.

Professional Education Course Requirements

Students complete 39 s.h. from the following.

Foundation Courses

Foundation courses may be completed before or after admission to the major.

Additional Licensure Courses

Student Teaching

Transfer students should consult their advisor since they must complete certain courses before they student teach.

Mathematics Course

Students complete a college-level math course. Most students complete this course as a part of their GE CLAS Core requirement in Quantitative or Formal Reasoning. For questions about how the math course can be applied to the licensure requirement, see Academic Advising on the College of Education website.
Social Studies Education Content Courses

Students complete 30-36 s.h. in an approved College of Liberal Arts and Sciences social studies major and an additional 15 s.h. in social studies coursework outside of their designated area of study.

Those interested in the all-social studies endorsement as a second area should consult their advisor.