

SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

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CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

"Critical Courses" are **italicized and bolded**. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

Education Courses- 47 Hours Required

A grade of 'C' or better is required in education courses, with the exception of ED280 which requires a grade of 'B' or better.

- ___ **ED280 Introduction to Education as a Profession (3)**
- ___ EF400 Student Teaching Seminar (1)
- ___ EX390 Psychology & Education of Children with Exceptionalities (3)
- ___ **PY222 Psychological Development in Adolescence (3)**
- ___ SE307 Content Literacy Methods for Middle & High School (3)
- ___ SE318 Techniques of Teaching Middle and Secondary Social Studies (3)
- ___ SE350 Pedagogy I: Principles of Effective Teaching in Middle & Secondary Schools (3)
- ___ SE355 Field Experience II (3)
- ___ SE365 Pedagogy 2: Secondary School (4)
- ___ SE380 Advanced Field Experience (3)
- ___ SE385 Pedagogy III: Advanced Methods of Middle & Secondary Teaching (3)
- ___ SE390 Instructional Interventions for Middle & High School Students with Special Literacy Needs (3)
- ___ SE465 Student Teaching (12)

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39 hour major – No minor required

(A grade of 'C' or better is required in all courses within the major.)

Required courses:

- ___ PS103 U.S. Political Systems (3)
- ___ PY101 Introduction to Psychology (3)
- ___ US105 American History I (3)
- ___ US107 American History II (3)

Choose 3 hours:

- ___ WH150 Ancient World Civilizations (3)
- ___ WH160 Modern World Civilizations (3)

Choose 3 hours of Behavioral Science:

- ___ AN181 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)
- ___ OS200 Survey of Social Sciences (3)
- ___ SO101 Introduction to Sociology (3)

Choose 3 hours of Economics:

- ___ EC101 Economic Problems and Policies (3)
- ___ EC215 Principles of Microeconomics (3)
- ___ EC225 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)

Choose 3 hours from Geography:

- ___ GG150 Peoples and Places of the World (3)
- ___ GG180 Cultural Geography (3)
- ___ UI308 Cultural & Physical Landscapes of the World (3)

Choose 6 hours of History – United States:

- ___ US302 Missouri History (3)
- ___ US350 Colonial America (3)
- ___ US352 New American Republic: 1789-1840 (3)
- ___ US356 Progressive America (3)
- ___ US360 Women in American History (3)
- ___ US380 Sport and American History (3)
- ___ US400 Topics in American History (3)
- ___ US420 African American Slavery (3)
- ___ US440 U.S. in World War II (3)
- ___ US446 The Civil Rights Movement (3)
- ___ US450 U.S. as a World Power (3)
- ___ US452 Cold War America (3)
- ___ US460 The 1960's in America (3)
- ___ US470 America in the 1970's (3)
- ___ US507 Civil War & Reconstruction (3)
- ___ US508 African Americans during the Era of Segregation and Jim Crow (3)
- ___ US509 American West (3)
- ___ US524 Rural American Society and Culture (3)
- ___ US525 American Urban History (3)
- ___ US530 The African American Experience (3)

Choose 6 hours from World History:

- ___ EH101 Early European Civilization (3)
- ___ EH103 Modern European Civilization (3)
- ___ EH115 Ancient Greece & Rome (3)
- ___ EH362 Medieval History (3)
- ___ EH364 Early Modern Europe (3)
- ___ EH368 19th Century Europe (3)
- ___ EH366 Age of the French Revolution and Napoleon: 1700-1815 (3)
- ___ EH370 Europe in the Twentieth Century, 1914-Present (3)
- ___ EH400 Topics in European History (3)
- ___ EH412 Age of Rome (3)
- ___ EH416 British History to 1688 (3)
- ___ EH418 Modern Britain (3)
- ___ EH440 The Holocaust (3)
- ___ EH516 History of Modern Germany (3)
- ___ EH518 History of Soviet Russia (3)
- ___ WH100 African Civilization (3)
- ___ WH110 Chinese Civilization (3)
- ___ WH125 Islamic Civilization (3)
- ___ WH130 Latin American Civilization (3)
- ___ WH150 Ancient World Civilizations (3)*
- ___ WH160 Modern World Civilizations (3)*
- ___ WH400 Topics in World History (3)
- ___ WH410 Age of Greece (3)
- ___ WH435 Rise and Fall of the British Empire (3)
- ___ WH440 Modern Middle East (3)
- ___ WH550 Atlantic World (3)

Choose 3 hours from Political Science:

- ___ PS104 Comparative Political Systems (3)
- ___ PS230 American Public Policy (3)
- ___ PS280 Introduction to Global Issues (3)
- ___ PS310 Government & Politics of the American States (3)
- ___ PS331 The American Executive (3)
- ___ PS335 American Foreign Policy (3)
- ___ PS343 Women and Politics (3)
- ___ PS357 Early American Political Thought (3)
- ___ PS361 Campaigns & Elections (3)
- ___ PS362 Political Parties & Interest Groups (3)
- ___ PS365 Legislative Process (3)
- ___ PS390 American Judicial System (3)
- ___ PS490 Constitutional Law (3)

Additional requirement:

- ___ SS200 Introduction to Teaching Social Studies in the Secondary Schools (3)

*if not already taken

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

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SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	PY101	3
	EN100	3	US107	3
	US105	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	4
	General Education	3		
	Total	16	Total	16

SECOND YEAR	ED280	3	PY222	3
	SS200	3	Behavioral Science elective	3
	WH150 or WH160	3	Economics elective	3
	General Education	3	World History elective	3
	General Education	3	Elective	2
	Total	15	Total	14

Milestone: Admission to the Teacher Preparation Program

THIRD YEAR	EX390	3	SE307	3
	PS103	3	SE355	3
	SE350	3	SE365	4
	Geography elective	3	Political Science elective	3
	World History elective	3	US History elective	3
	Total	15	Total	16

Milestone: Maintain a 3.0 GPA in content courses and in professional education courses.

FOURTH YEAR	SE318	3	EF400	1
	SE380	3	SE465	12
	SE385	3		
	SE390	3		
	US History elective	3		
	Total	15	Total	13

Milestone: Passing score on MO state assessment, passing score on MEES, 3.0 GPA in content courses and in professional education courses.

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

NOTE: This program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure and/or certification in Missouri. Please consult our State Authorization webpage, to determine information specific to your state: <https://app.semo.edu/gen/distancelearningcompliance/DistLearnComp.aspx>.



ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM

To be eligible for enrollment in the majority of courses offered by the Teacher Preparation Program and required for a teaching degree (BSE, BSFCSE, BME), students must be admitted to the Teacher Preparation Program (TPP). Applications can be found at <https://semo.edu/colleges-departments/education-health/educator-preparation/admission.html>. Students should apply for admission to the TPP upon having met the following entrance criteria:

- 42 hours of coursework completed.
- Have a GPA of 2.75 or higher.
 - Individual that are below a 2.75, they can meet with the Associate Dean to appeal for provisional admission to the Teacher Preparation Program.
 - If the individual is granted admission, they will have to:
 - Work with the Associate Dean on a plan to improve their GPA to meet the requirements for graduation/certification.
 - Will be provide a list of support services to help in the process of improving their GPA.

OR

Have a previous four-year degree from an accredited college/university or an associate degree from an accredited two-year college.

- The following course requirements met:
 - A minimum grade of 'C' in CF/PY120 The Child (Elementary, Early, and Exceptional) or PY222 Psychological Development in Adolescence (Middle and Secondary)
 - A minimum grade of 'B' in ED280 Introduction to Education as a Profession or ME222 Principles of Teaching Music.
- International students must also have a minimum IELTS score of 7.0, TOEFL score of 95, PTE score of 64, or Duolingo score of 125. This requirement is for non-United States citizens who are not native English speakers. Students from countries where English is known to be the official language of education are exempt from English proficiency verification.

RETENTION IN THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM

After admission, students must continue to meet the following requirements for retention in the TPP:

- Demonstrate continued eligibility for interaction with schoolchildren by completing an MSHF/FBI background check through the use of the MSHF/FBI background check system. (A current background check is required for participation in all field and clinical experiences.);
- Pass all professional education courses with a minimum grade of 'C'. A minimum grade of 'C' must be obtained in all prerequisite courses before a student can be enrolled in subsequent coursework. Students who, after two attempts, have still not earned a minimum grade of 'C' in a particular professional education course will be removed from the Teacher Preparation Program.
- Demonstrate behavior appropriate for teaching professionals. Appeals related to removal from the TPP can be found at <https://semo.edu/colleges-departments/education-health/educator-preparation/admission.html>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - A final 3.0 GPA in both pedagogy and content coursework is required for graduation.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Upon completion of Southeast's Teacher Preparation Program an individual is eligible to be recommended for a Missouri Teaching Certificate if the student has the following:

- A final 3.0 GPA in both pedagogy and content coursework;
- A passing score on the appropriate licensure exam(s) as required by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;
- A passing score on the Teacher Candidate Instrument of the Missouri Educator Evaluation System;
- MSHP/FBI background clearance from no earlier than one year prior to the date of the application for certification.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Regardless of printed program requirements, any changes or additions mandated by the State of Missouri will become effective on the date cited by the regulations. Students transferring into education programs should be aware of the need to be eligible for admission to the teacher preparation program immediately upon transfer. They should contact the Candidate Status and Certification Officer well in advance of the time of transfer. It is especially important that transfer students make arrangements for having ACT and/or MoGEA scores transferred to the University.

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