

History B.A./B.S. - Emphasis in Social Studies 4-8, Teaching Certification

Students seeking teacher certification in grades four through eight in social studies must take the courses required for this major. In addition they must take required support courses designed to broaden their content knowledge in order to help them team plan with middle school teachers in other disciplines.

The purpose of this bachelor's degree is for students to become trained in the discipline of history. The objectives of this program are to acquaint students with the human past; to provide insight into the nature of the historic process; and to teach students to analyze and think critically about historical works and issues, and express their judgments clearly in writing. At the conclusion of this program students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of historiography, that is, a familiarity with a range of historical methods, theories, and schools of interpretation. They will also be able to research and write thesis-driven papers on historical topics, using appropriate sources.

This particular emphasis is designed for students to become certified to teach middle school social studies, which includes the fields of history, government, geography, and economics.

Core Curriculum Courses

See the Core Curriculum Requirements (<http://coursecatalog.tamuc.edu/undergrad/core-curriculum-requirements/>) 42

Required courses in the major

HIST 303	GLB/Historical Geography	3
HIST 305	GLB/World History to 17th Century	3
HIST 306	GLB/The Modern World	3
HIST 400	Teaching and Learning in History and Social Studies	3
HIST 445	Advanced Studies in Texas History	3
HIST 492	Senior Research Seminar	3
Choose 3 sh from the following:		3
HIST 342	Colonial North America to 1763	
HIST 343	Revolutionary America, 1763-1789	
HIST 344	Early National United States, 1789-1850	
HIST 345	Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 346	Modern United States 1850-1920	
HIST 347	The Twentieth-Century United States	
Choose 3 sh from the following:		3
HIST 440	Modern Civil Rights Movements	
HIST 443	History of the American West	
HIST 450	African American History	
HIST 457	Themes in United States History	
HIST 479	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in United States History	
Choose 3 sh from the following:		3
HIST 332	Ancient and Medieval Europe	
HIST 337	Europe in the Age of Enlightenment and Revolution, 1648-1848	
HIST 338	Modern Europe, 1848-1991	
HIST 433	A Feudal Society	
HIST 434	The European Reformations	
HIST 436	Russia and the Soviet Union from Peter to Putin	
HIST 473	Women and Gender in European History	
Choose 3 sh from the following:		3
HIST 311	Modern East Asia	
HIST 316	Modern India	
HIST 317	Modern Middle East	
HIST 325	Colonial Latin America	
HIST 327	Latin America in the Modern Period	
HIST 408	GLB/Themes in World History	

HIST 412	Mapping Our World: An Introduction to Cartography	
HIST 413	GLB/Food in World History	
HIST 414	GLB/Global Enviro History	
HIST 417	History of the Ottoman Empire	
HIST 418	Themes in Asian or Middle East History	
HIST 428	History of Modern Mexico	
Political Science (choose 3 sh from the following)		3
PSCI 341	American Presidency	
PSCI 344	Amer Pol Par/Electoral Po	
PSCI 345	Public Opinion	
PSCI 346	Intro to Public Policy	
Required support courses		
PSY 300	Learning Processes and Development	3
RDG 380	Comprehension and Vocabulary in Middle and High Schools	3
RDG 450	Middle School Reading: Theory & Practice	3
MLED 314	Young Adolescent Development	3
MLED 435	Integrating Instruction: Science, Mathematics, and Technology	3
MLED 402	Best Practices in Pedagogy and Assessment	3
MLED 403	Organization, Motivation, and Management in Middle Level Classrooms	3
MLED 410	Fostering School, Family, and Community Relationships	3
MATH 1350	Mathematics for Teachers I	3
MATH 1351	Mathematics for Teachers II	3
SPED 346	Survey of Exceptionalities	3
ELED 452	Student Teaching in Field-Based Teacher Education Programs	6
Plus 3 sh from:		
ELED 300	Introduction To Teaching	3
or SED 300	Teaching Profession	
Plus 3 sh from:		
ELED 1301	GLB/Education in Global Societ	3
or SED 1301	GLB/Edu in a Global Society	

Total Hours **120**

Other Requirements

Any HIST 497 may be applied by the undergraduate advisor to the degree plan in the category according to the topic of the course.

A grade of "C" or higher must be earned in all History and Political Science courses required for this major. Fifteen semester hours of the major must be taken at Texas A&M University-Commerce.