Consistent with the overall mission of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, the Bachelor of Science degree in Social Studies Education includes a liberal arts core curriculum, much of which is taken during the first two years of study.

Employment Opportunities:

Teacher
School Administrator
College or University Professor
Public Relations Specialist
Grant Writer
Tutor
Research Analyst
Librarian
Consumer Specialist
Marketing Researcher
Publisher
Editor
Museum Curator
Fundraiser
Program Coordinator
Guidance Counselor
Social Security Director
Corporate Trainer
Map Surveyor
Travel Agent
Historian
Archivist

Social studies teachers help middle and/or high school students develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world. Social studies teachers coordinate interdisciplinary lessons on many topics, including anthropology, archaeology, economics, geography, history, law, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion, sociology, humanities, mathematics and natural sciences.

Social studies education majors at Pitt-Bradford take courses in history, political science, anthropology, geography, economics, psychology, sociology, child development, introduction to education, educational law, educational psychology and secondary methods to prepare them to lead their own classroom after graduation. Social studies education majors receive hands-on training by observing classrooms, hosting elementary schoolchildren at events on campus and student teaching.

Required Skills:

- Teaching
- Interdisciplinary Thinking
- Writing and Presenting
- Decision Making
- Organization
- Flexibility
- Problem Solving
- Creativity

Possible Employers:

- School System
- Consulting Firm
- Museum
- Non-Profit Organization
- Library
- College or University
- Government Agency
- Publishing Company

Professional Organizations:

- National Council for the Social Studies: [www.nctm.org](http://www.nctm.org)
- National Association for Multicultural Education: [www.nameorg.org](http://www.nameorg.org)
- Center for Teaching International Relations: [www.du.edu/ctir/](http://www.du.edu/ctir/)
- Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies: [www.pcssonline.org](http://www.pcssonline.org)

Find out more about careers in Social Studies Education at:

- ProTeacher: [www.ProTeacher.com](http://www.ProTeacher.com)
- Pitt-Bradford Teacher Education: [websites.pdesas.org/jar1/default.aspx](http://websites.pdesas.org/jar1/default.aspx)
- Occupational Outlook: [www.bls.gov/oco/ocos318.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos318.htm)
- Career Services: [www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx](http://www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx)
# Social Studies Education (BS) – Curriculum Guide

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

### COMPETENCIES

(Minimum grade of C- required in all competencies)

- **FS 0102 Freshman Seminar** (if transferring in fewer than 18 credits)
- **Writing**
  - ENG 0101 English Composition I
  - ENG 0102 English Composition II
- **Mathematics**
  - MATH 0110 Fundamentals of Math

### THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

- Students are required to complete two courses designated as “Global”

### ARTS & LETTERS (ONE course MUST be literature; ONE course MUST be a creative, fine or performing Arts course)

- Literature
- Arts
- Literature, Arts, Language

### BEHAVIORAL, ECONOMIC, & POLITICAL SCIENCES

(Two different categories must be represented))

- (see major)
- (see major)
- (see major)

### HISTORY, CULTURES, & PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY

(ONE course MUST be History, and ONE course must be Cultures or Philosophical Inquiry)

- (see major)
- (see major)
- (see major)

### PHYSICAL, LIFE, & COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES

(ONE course must be a Physical Science, ONE must be a Life Science and ONE must include a lab)

- Physical Science
- Life Science
- Physical, Life or Computational Science (see major)
- Lab

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- PEDC

## REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES (9 hours)

- HIST 0106 US History I GE
- HIST 0107 US History II GE
- HIST 1451 OR PS 1451 Capstone

### EUROPEAN HISTORY (6 hours)

(Take two of the following: HIST 0103, 0104, 0105, 0108 or 0109)

- HIST EUROPEAN GE
- HIST EUROPEAN GE

### POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES (12 hours)

(Choose ONE course in each area)

- American Government & Politics GE
- Comparative Government & Politics GE
- International Politics GE
- Political Theory GE

### REQUIRED ELECTIVES (12 hours) GE

- UP Level HIST
- UP Level PS
- UP Level HIST or PS
- MATH-(0139 suggested)

### COLLATERAL AREAS (24 hours)- GE

(Choose ONE course in each area)

- ANTH
- ECON
- GEOG
- PSY 0101 Introduction to Psychology
- SOC 0101 Introduction to Sociology
- UP Level ANTH, ECON, GEOG, PSY or SOC
- UP Level ANTH, ECON, GEOG, PSY or SOC

### EDUCATION REQUIRED COURSES (43 hours)

- EDUC 0204 Introduction to Education
- EDUC 0215 English Language Learners
- EDUC 0220 Special Education Law
- EDUC 0235 Instructional Design
- EDUC 0275 Adolescent Literature
- EDUC 1301 Instructional Technology
- EDUC 1307 Secondary Methods
- EDUC 1325 Development of Exceptional Children
- EDUC 1330 Educating Exceptional Children
- EDUC 1334 Literacies Across the Middle & Sec. Curriculum
- EDUC 1345 Educational Theories and Practices
- EDUC 1350 Educational Psychology & Measurements
- EDUC 1481 Student Teaching

## According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU upon successful completion of the current term:

You will have EARNED _________ credit hours

You NEED _________ for 120 credit hours required for graduation.

You will have earned _________ credit hours of Upper Level course work.

You NEED _________ for the 30 credit hours required for graduation.

NOTE: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion information can be found in MY.PITT.EDU. Contact your Faculty Advisor and/or the Registrar’s Office with questions or concerns.