

BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM LEADING TO CERTIFICATION IN SOCIAL STUDIES

SECONDARY EDUCATION

2025-2026 Degree Requirements

Name: _____

ID Number: _____

TOTAL CREDITS FOR DEGREE: 120

UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM: 42 credits

Required Fundamental Courses:

COMM 101	Oral Comm. & Pres.	3 credits	
ENGL 101	College Composition	3 credits	
UNIV 101	City-University Life	3 credits	
Senior Capstone	EDUC 432	3 credits	(Student Teaching Seminar)

Choose Thematic Core courses in the following:

Explore the World - Choice 1	HIST 201	3 credits	(West. Civilization to 16th Century)
Explore the World - Choice 2	HIST 202	3 credits	(West. Civilization since 16th Cent.)
Investigate Science		3 credits	
Investigate Mathematics	MATH 150	3 credits	(Mathematical Problem Solving)
* Interpret Creative Works		3 credits	
Understand People - Choice 1	EDUC 220	3 credits	(Family and Community Diversity)
Understand People - Choice 2	EDUC 228	3 credits	(Educational Psychology)
Succeed in Business	ECON 202	3 credits	(Principles of Microeconomics)
Appreciate & Apply the Arts		3 credits	
Discover Technology	EDUC 101	3 credits	(Technological Literacy)

*Interpret Creative Works class must be a literature course.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 78 cr.

MATH Math Elective (3)
POLS 102 American Natl Govt (3)
POLS 205 World Geography (3)
POLS 335 Amer Natl Foreign Policy **OR**
POLS 372 International Relations (3)
POLS 402 Constitutional Law (3)
ECON 201 Macroeconomics (3)
ECON 421 International Economics (3)
HIST 203 History of U.S. I (3)
HIST 204 History of U.S. II (3)
HIST 382 History of Pennsylvania (3)
PSYC 313 Social Psychology (3)
INES 175 Intro International Studies (3)
GCS 225 Anthropology of Belief **OR**
POLS 290 Human Rights (3)
EDUC 150 Intro to Teaching Profession (3)
EDUC 222 Assessment & Adaptation (3)
EDUC 250 Working w/ English Lang Learners (3)

EDUC 321 Lit & Learn in Mid/Sec (3)
EDUC 415 Teaching in Secondary (3)
EDUC 422 Data Driven Instruction (3)
EDUC 425 Student Teaching Pract (12)
SPED 180 Special Ed&Inclusive Prac (3)
SPED 280 Positive Behav Inter&Sup (3)
SPED 380 Diff Inst Pract Incl Clssrm (3)

TESTS FOR CERTIFICATION:

Check PDE Test Requirements:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/education/programs-and-services/educators/certification/certification-testing.html>

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this program, a student will be able to:

1. Utilize a variety of instructional strategies.
2. Develop instructional plans and set goals based on the content to be taught/learned, knowledge of assigned students, and the instructional process.
3. Establish and maintain purposeful and equitable classroom environments.
4. Demonstrate integrity, ethical behavior, and professional conduct as stated in the *Pennsylvania Code of Professional Practice and Conduct for Educators*.