

ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATION TEACHING MAJOR - SOCIAL STUDIES

Help young learners understand the social forces that shape our society. From the study of history to understanding how our government works, social studies curriculum is essential for young citizens.

This program will train you in the latest strategies for teaching students about the important cultural, economic, geographic, political and social dimensions of human society, with an emphasis on evidence-based lessons and creative projects that enhance learning.

A bachelor's degree in social studies with elementary teacher certification will prepare you to teach all subjects in grades K-5 with the option to become certified to teach social studies subjects in grades 6-8 upon meeting endorsement requirements. Plus, with successful completion of the program, you'll earn both a bachelor's degree and faculty recommendation for the Michigan Elementary Standard Certificate.

Major Requirements

A minimum of 36 semester hours from the following:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
EXPS 282	History & Civics Elem Schools	3
EXPS 283	Geography & Econ Elem Schools	3
HIST 101	The World to 1500 CE	3
HIST 103	The World Since 1500 CE	3
HIST 112	The American Past II	3
HIST 3601	Michigan History	3
POL 101	American Politics	3
POL 371	Problems in Intl Politics	3
or POL 471	American Foreign Policy I	
or POL 472	American Foreign Policy II	
URS 300	Urban and Regional Studies	3
Elective		3
300 Level GEOG Elective		
ECON 201	Prin: Macroeconomics	3
ECON 202	Prin: Microeconomics	3
Total Credit Hours		36

Major Notes:

- 12 semester hours required at UM-Dearborn.
- 9 semester hours at 300 level or above required.

Program Notes:

- Minimum GPA's are required for program completion: 2.75 cumulative, 2.75 in major, 2.75 in optional minor(s), and 2.75 in Professional Studies.
- Advising Policy: The student is responsible for complying with requirements described in the Undergraduate Catalog as well as on the Four Phase Checklist. Students are expected to meet with their College

of Education, Health, and Human Services advisor at least once per year and in the term prior to graduation.

- Courses taken on a PASS/FAIL basis will NOT be accepted toward program completion.
- The minimum number of semester hours required to graduate is 128.
- CEHHS recommends successful program completers for State of Michigan Certification, however, it is ultimately up to the State of Michigan to issue certificates. Certain offenses on a criminal record can keep individuals from obtaining teacher certification. Please refer to The Revised School Code, Act 451 of 1976, section 380.1539b.
- Students must meet Dearborn Discovery Core (<https://umdearborn.edu/academic-program-and-course-development/dearborn-discovery-core-general-education/>) requirements.

Professional Requirements

The professional sequence of education courses consists of a minimum of 43 semester hours of credit. This concentration of study represents the core of your professional preparation. At least one practicum is required prior to student teaching. The semester hours are distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Foundations		
EDA 340	Foundations of American Ed	3
or EDA 306	Foundations of Professionalism in Education	
Multicultural Education		
EXPS 410	Multicult in School and Soc	3
Not Required for Early Childhood Majors		
Psychology		
EDC 300	Educational Psychology	3
EDC 412	Social Devl/Pos Guidnce Techn (required for Early Childhood majors)	3
or EDC 417	Mgmt of Classroom Behavior	
EDC 460	Educating the Exceptional Chld	3
Not Required for Early Childhood Majors		
Methodologies (See Note #1 below)		
EDD 452	Methods of Teaching Math K-8	3
EDD 468	Teach Read/Lang Arts- Elem Grd ¹	3
EDD 467	Practicum in Reading Instruct ¹	1
EDD 471	Reading Instr. Models and Meth ¹	3
EDD 485	Teach Science in the Elem Grd	3
EDD 495	Elementary Social Studies Methods	3
Professional Semester (See Notes #3 & #5 below)		
EDD 435	Dir Teaching: Elementary Sch	10
EDD 437	Seminar: Teaching Elementary Grades	2
Total Credit Hours		43

¹ EDD 467 and EDD 471 are to be taken concurrently. Both require EDD 468 as a prerequisite.

Notes:

- Enrollment in all the required EDD courses is open only to those who are officially admitted to and in good academic standing in the Teacher

Certification Program at UM-Dearborn. See Four-Phase Checklist for more information.

- 2. Eligibility for directed teaching requires meeting all the requirements listed on the Four-Phase Checklist.*
- 3. Recommendations for teacher certification and additional endorsements require passing scores on the MTTC Elementary Education (#103) exam and other MTTC subject area tests.*
- 4. Minimum number of hours to graduate is 128 semester hours.*

Learning Goals

1. Candidates for certification will be capable in their content specialty areas (teaching major(s)and/or minor(s)).
2. Candidates for certification will be capable users of pedagogical knowledge.
3. Candidates for certification will be reflective about their practice.