

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.

Dearborn Discovery Core

Please see the Dearborn Discovery Core (General Education) (<https://umdearborn.edu/dearborn-discovery-core/>) webpage or additional information.

Foundational Studies

Writing and Communication (GEWO) – 6 Credits

Upper-Level Writing Intensive (GEWI) – 3 Credits

Quantitative Thinking and Problem Solving (GEQT) – 3 Credits

Critical and Creative Thinking (GECC) – 3 Credits

Areas of Inquiry

Natural Science (GENS) – 7 Credits

- Lecture/Lab Science Course
- Additional Science Course

Social and Behavioral Analysis (GESB) – 9 Credits

Humanities and the Arts (GEHA) – 6 Credits

Intersections (GEIN) – 6 Credits

Capstone

Capstone (GECE) – 3 Credits

Core Course Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Language Arts		
COMP 105	Writing & Rhetoric I	3
EXPS 298	Exploring Writing to Communicate, Learn, & Teach	3
LING 280	Introduction to Linguistics	3
LIBR 465	Literature for Children	3
or EDA 236	Literacy in Grades 3-9	
Social Studies		
EXPS 282	History & Civics Elem Schools	3
EXPS 283	Geography & Econ Elem Schools	3

or EDM 292	The world around us: Integrated world geography for upper elementary teachers	
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Mathematics

MATH 385	Math for Elemen Teachers I	3
MATH 386	Math for Elem Teachers II	3
MATH 387	Math for Elem Teachers III (Not required for the Early Childhood major.)	3

Science Studies

NSCI 231	Inquiry: Physical Science ¹	3
NSCI 232	Inquiry:Earth/Planet Science ¹	3
NSCI 233	Inquiry: Life Science ¹	3
EXPS 420	Science Capstone	3
Not required for the Early Childhood major.		

Total Credit Hours **39**

¹ Two of the three NSCI core courses may be transferred to UM-Dearborn. A) an introductory physical science will satisfy NSCI 231, B) an introductory earth/planetary science will satisfy NSCI 232, and C) an introductory life science course will satisfy NSCI 233. BIOL 240/BIOL 242 and NSCI 120/NSCI 121 cannot be used for science credit.

Pre-Professional Requirements

Pre-professional courses are generally completed in the freshman and sophomore year.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
EDA 205	Introduction to Education	3
or EDA 200	Social Justice & Community Based Education	
EDA 419	Early Literacy/Language Devel	3
or EDA 219	Early Literacy: PreKindergarten to Grade 3	
Required for Early Childhood and Special Education Majors only		
EDC 240	Psych of Child Development	3
EDF 450	Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Families	3
EDT 211	Design Tech-Based Learn Solutn	3
EXPS 250	Elem Ed Vis & Perf Arts	3
EXPS 407	Inquiry-based Math and Science	3
Required for Early Childhood Majors only		
Total Credit Hours		21

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:

1. 12 semester hours required at UM-Dearborn.
2. 9 semester hours at 300 level or above required.

Program Notes:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Courses taken on a PASS/FAIL basis will NOT be accepted toward program completion.
4. The minimum number of semester hours required to graduate is 128.
5. 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.
6. Students must meet Dearborn Discovery Core requirements (<https://umdearborn.edu/academic-program-and-course-development/dearborn-discovery-core-general-education/>).