

University of Wyoming Sample Four-Year Degree Plan
Catalog Year: 2018-19

Secondary Social Studies Education, BA with Concurrent Major in Political Science



This sample degree plan is a guide, to be used for planning in consultation with your academic advisor. Actual course sequence may vary by student. A ▲ symbol identifies courses that must be taken and passed during the suggested semester in order for a student to stay on track toward completing the degree program within four years.

Course Sequence	Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	Min Grade	Notes
			USP First-Year Seminar	3	C	FY
			USP Quantitative Reasoning	3	C	Q
			World Language	4	C	8 credits of a single language are required.
	POLS	1250	Introduction to Comparative Government	3	C	OR POLS 1200 (Non-Western Political Cultures)
	EDST	2450	Foundations of Development and Learning *	3	C	H
Credit hours subtotal:				16		

Freshman Spring Semester

			USP Physical & Natural World	3	C	PN - Recommended: ANTH 1300
			World Language	4	C	8 credits of a single language are required.
	ENGL	1010	College Composition and Rhetoric	3	C	C1
	ITEC	2360	Teaching with Technology *	3	C	Prerequisite: Minimum UIW GPA of 2.50.
	POLS	1000	American and Wyoming Government	3	C	V - Required for WY Substitute Teaching Permit.
Credit hours subtotal:				16		

Sophomore Fall Semester

	EDST	2480	Diversity and the Politics of Schooling	4	C	H - Must meet all prerequisites for Phase I. #
	GEOG	1020	Introduction to Human Geography	3	C	OR GEOG 1000 (World & Regional Geography)
	HIST	1211	US to 1865	3	C	Offered Fall semester only.
	POLS	2200	Politics of Europe & European Union	3	C	OR POLS 2310 (Intro to International Relations)
	POLS	2460	Introduction to Political Philosophy	3	C	OR POLS 3600 (American Political Thought)
Credit hours subtotal:				16		

Sophomore Spring Semester

	EDEX	2484	Introduction to Special Education	3	C	
	EDST	3550	Educational Assessment	2	C	Prerequisites: EDST 2480; USP Q; 2.75 UIW cumulative GPA.
	GEOG	1010	Introduction to Physical Geography	4	C	PN
	HIST	1221	US from 1865	3	C	Offered Spring semester only.
			Economics Elective	3	C	
			Political Science Elective	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:				18		

This is a guide for course work in the major; actual course sequence may vary by student. Please refer to the online student degree evaluation, and consult with an academic advisor. • Not all courses are offered every semester and some electives may have prerequisites. Students should review the course descriptions in the University Catalog and consult with their academic advisor to plan accordingly.

University of Wyoming requirements:

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate. • Students must complete 42 hours of upper division (3000-level or above) coursework, 30 of which must be from the University of Wyoming. • Courses must be taken for a letter grade unless offered only for S/U. • University Studies Program (USP) Human Culture (H) and Physical & Natural World (PN) courses must be taken outside of the major subject, but can be cross-listed with the major.

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Junior Fall Semester						
	HIST	1110	Western Civilization I	3	C	OR HIST 1320 World History to 1750. Offered Fall semester only.
	POLS	4100	Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers	3	C	Recommended when available; can substitute an upper-division POLS elective
			Political Science Elective	3	C	
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			Psychology Elective	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:				15		

Junior Spring Semester						
	EDST	3000	Teacher as Practitioner	6	C	C2 - Admission to Phase II required. #
	HIST	1120	Western Civilization II	3	C	Offered Spring semester only.
	POLS	4110	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Rights	3	C	Recommended when available; can substitute an upper-division POLS elective
			Upper-Division Political Science Elective	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:				15		

Senior Fall Semester						
▲	EDSE	3273	Methods I: Secondary Social Studies Education	3	C	Offered fall semester only. Admission to Phase IIIa of the program required. #
▲	EDSE	4273	Methods II: Secondary Social Studies Education	4	C	C3 - Offered fall semester only. Admission to Phase IIIa of the program required. #
	POLS	48XX	Political Science Seminar	3	C	
			Sociology or Anthropology Elective (if necessary)	3	C	Required if ANTH 1300 was not taken for the PN.
Credit hours subtotal:				13		

Senior Spring Semester						
▲	EDSE	4500	Residency in Teaching	15	S	Offered spring semester only. Admission to Phase IIIb of the program required. #
Credit hours subtotal:				15		

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 124

College of Education requirements:

The College of Education maintains rigorous admission standards to ensure the quality of preparation for future educators. This plan assumes students are able to start taking 1000-level courses the first semester of college. All professional education courses and all major content courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. A minimum 2.50 gpa is required in major content. Current UW students wishing to change their major, students seeking re-admission to UW, or those transferring to UW from another institution can learn more about the specific admission requirements for these groups at: <http://www.uwyo.edu/ste/teacher-preparation-and-advising-office/admission%20requirements.html>. All students must undergo and pass an initial criminal background check prior to full admission to the College of Education. Any costs associated with the background check are the responsibility of the student. A second background check is included as part of the state application process for the Wyoming Substitute Teaching Permit, which is required for admission to Phase II of UW's teacher education program. Criminal background checks are a standard for the profession.

Bachelors degrees in the College of Education operate in a series of phases: Phase I, Phase II, Phase IIIa, and Phase IIIb. Continuation in the program in any content area is dependent upon the successful completion of prerequisites for each phase. A minimum 2.75 cumulative UW gpa is required for Phase II, and Phases IIIa/IIIb of the program, and to meet College of Education graduation requirements. Specific information about these requirements can be found on the program sheets for each content area that are located at: <http://www.uwyo.edu/ste/teacher-preparation-and-advising-office/majors-and-program-sheets/>.

Concurrent Majors: All Secondary Education degree programs in the College of Education include a concurrent major in the student's content area.

Secondary Social Studies Education with Concurrent Major in Political Science Program notes:

* The course prerequisite of a 2.50 cumulative UW gpa is waived for new, incoming students who have declared education as their major for their first semester only.