

Certification Information

Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education

History

Introduction

Thanks for your interest in Valdosta State University for obtaining a teaching certificate. Admission requirements into a certification program are a bachelor's degree, an overall GPA of 2.5, and have passed or exempted the Praxis I tests. Exemptions for the Praxis I test are achieved by high scores on the SAT (1000), ACT (43) or GRE (1030).

At the completion of this program you will be eligible to teach social studies at the 7 – 12 grades levels. There are several courses in this program that are only offered during the day due to field experiences in the public schools. Many classes are offered at night BUT not all of them so this program cannot be completed just through evening classes.

Certification Evaluation: A review of all previous course work will be compared with the required courses as listed on the attached pages to determine an individualized certification plan leading to your secondary social studies certificate. Professional development, relevant work experiences, similar courses, or other activities may be used to satisfy some of the required courses. You are expected to provide all college transcripts and any other documentation needed to verify which course expectations have been met and which courses will be included in your plan. There is a \$35 fee for this plan, which will represent a contract that lists all requirements needed for you to obtain the secondary social studies certificate. You should indicate whether you wish to pursue a history or political science program of study. The plan is good for three years.

The writer of your certification plan will also serve as your advisor throughout completion of your program. After you receive the plan, you should review the courses to ensure that you have not completed similar courses or professional development activities. After your plan is finalized then you and your advisor can develop a tentative long-range schedule for completing the required courses.

Certification Test Requirements: The secondary social studies certificate requires successful completion of the two Praxis II tests as listed below:

Test	Test Code
Social Studies, Content Knowledge	10081
Social Studies, Interpretation of Materials	20083

These two tests should be taken as you complete the social studies content courses listed in your certification plan. Both tests must be passed to complete the requirements for a teaching certificate. Registration materials and information about these two tests are available in the Dean's Office or at the Georgia Professional Standards Commission's web site: www.gapsc.com

Questions?? Your advisor will be Dr. Charles J. Walsh at 333-5645 or cjwalsh@valdosta.edu

Student Name _____ Date _____

Secondary Social Studies Certification Course Requirements, History Program

History Courses (hrs)	Schedule	Notes	Grades
History of Georgia HIST 4210 3	Each Semester		
U.S. History 1912 – 1945 HIST 4205 3	Each Semester		
U.S. History, Comprehensive <u>Select One HIST:</u> 3 4240 American Social History 4100 US Constitutional History	Courses are offered on a rotating schedule each semester		____
U.S. History, Contemporary <u>Select One HIST:</u> 3 4206 United States Since 1945 4232 African-American History Since 1945	Courses are offered on a rotating schedule each semester		____
U.S. History, Eras <u>Select One HIST:</u> 3 4201 Colonial America to 1789 4202 United States, 1789-1850 4204 United States, 1877-1912 4207 United States Diplomacy to 1914 4208 United States Diplomacy Since 1914 4100 US Constitutional History 4404 History of the Vietnam War	Courses are offered on a rotating schedule each semester		____ ____ ____ ____ ____
European History <u>Select Two HIST:</u> 6 3201 Ancient Near East and Greece 3202 Hellenistic Greece and Rome 3203 Renaissance and Reformation 3205 Europe: Age of Louis XIV, 1648-1750 3206 Revolutionary Europe, 1750-1815 3207 Europe, 1815-1914 3208 Europe, 1914-1945 3209 Europe Since 1945 3303 English Constitutional History	Courses are offered on a rotating schedule each semester		____ ____ ____ ____ ____
Non European History <u>Select Two HIST:</u> 6 3402 The Soviet Union and Afterward 4401 East Asia 4402 Asia in the Modern World 4403 The Spanish Borderlands 4404 History of the Vietnam War 4500 History of the Middle East 4511 Precolonial Africa 4512 Modern Africa	Courses are offered on a rotating schedule each semester		____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____
Tutoring in History HIST 3990 1	Each semester (with approval)		
Elective 3000+ Level <u>Select Two:</u> GEOG, POLS, ANTH, SOCI, ECON, HIST 6	Each semester		____
READ 4550 Reading in Content 3	Each semester Day/night		____

37 hours total

Education Classes	Schedule	Prerequisites	Notes	Grades
MSED 2000 3 Survey of Ed.	Each term Day/night			
SPEC 2000 3 Serving Diverse Students	Each term Day/night			
ACED 2400 3 Comp. Technol.	Each term Day/night			
PSYC 3110 3 Ed. Psychology	Each term Day/night			
SEED 3000 3 Issues & Trends	Fall, spring Day/night			
SEED 3010 InTech - Sec Ed	Fall, spring			
SEED 4400 3 Methods for Teach. Soc. Stud.	Fall term night			
SEED 4620 3 Practicum - 4400	Fall term		Not needed if 4200 taken in internship	
SEED 4790 10 student teaching with 2 hour seminar, 4800 OR MSED 4780 (12) Internship	Fall and spring	The internship requires a teaching position in social studies.	Provisional teaching certificate required for 4780 which is done for two semesters.	

38 hours total but the 12 hours of internship can be done on the job

Test Requirements

Praxis I test completed - _____

Praxis II test completed - _____

Steps in the Certification Program

1. Review information in certification packet
2. Resolve questions or concerns regarding certification issues
3. Pay \$35 fee to get certification plan
4. After plan is completed, review with advisor and develop long schedule
5. Apply to VSU as second degree undergraduate student
6. Complete coursework as required in plan
7. Complete Praxis II tests after completion of social studies courses
8. Seek employment and provisional certification
9. Complete student teaching or internship (requires a teaching job in social studies)
10. Complete certification application for professional certificate in secondary social studies