

For additional program
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**Bachelor of Arts in
Social Studies**
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The Major in Social Studies is for Teachers

The interdisciplinary major is administered by the Department of History and is primarily intended for students seeking secondary licensure. It provides comprehensive training in History and related social-studies fields taught in Ohio secondary schools.

The primary mission of the Social Studies major is to provide students with the content competency to teach Social Studies in secondary schools. A Social Studies teacher is expected to teach students how to make informed and reasoned decisions as citizens in a culturally diverse, democratic society. The degree forms the content knowledge basis for students to pursue teaching professions and to provide the necessary critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and academic judgment skills upon which to embark on a lifetime of intellectual growth.

Students pursuing a degree in Social Studies must also fulfill a minor in secondary education, which is administered by the College of Education and Human Services.

Program Requirements

Students complete 60 hours of specific courses or thematic areas. Some courses may partially fulfill General Education Requirements. The curriculum for the Social Studies major consists of an integrated content core (33 credits) that emphasize content as well as skill development. Students must also take three sequences of 9 credit hours each, totaling 27 credit hours that provide majors with a deep and broad understanding of global history and world societies.

Social Studies majors will have an academic adviser in the History Department and an adviser in the College of Education and Human Services for their minor in Education.

The Double Major

Students may also earn a double major in History by taking an additional upper-level course in European history. Earning the double major will enhance the student's status and position on the job market.

