

# 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/faculty-staff/academic-program-and-course-development/dearborn-discovery-core-general-education/>) webpage or additional information.

### Foundational Studies

Written and Oral 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

Core courses are generally completed in the freshman and sophomore year.

Selections must be from courses numbered 100-200 unless otherwise stated.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
COMP 105	Writing & Rhetoric I	3
EXPS 220	Science in the Elem School	3
EXPS 282	History & Civics Elem Schools	3
EXPS 283	Geography & Econ Elem Schools	3

EXPS 298	Exp Writing-Comm Learn&Tch	3
EXPS 420	Science Capstone	3
Required for Early Childhood and Special Education Majors		
LING 280	Introduction to Linguistics	3
LIBR 465	Literature for Children	3
MATH 385	Math for Elemen Teachers I	3
MATH 386	Math for Elem Teachers II	3
MATH 387	Math for Elem Teachers III	3
NSCI 231	Inquiry: Physical Science <sup>1</sup>	3
NSCI 232	Inquiry:Earth/Planet Science <sup>1</sup>	3
NSCI 233	Inquiry: Life Science <sup>1</sup>	3
Total Credit Hours		42

<sup>1</sup> 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
EDA 419	Early Literacy/Language Devel	3
Required for Early Childhood and Special Education Majors only		
EDC 240	Psych of Child Development	3
EDC 241	Psych: Child Devel Practicum	1
EDF 450	Hlth, Nutr, & PE/Clstrm Tchrs	2
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
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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	

GEOG 206	World Regional Geography	3
Elective		3
300 Level GEOG Elective		
ECON 2001	Introductory Economics	3
ECON 201	Prin: Macroeconomics	3
or ECON 202	Prin: Microeconomics	
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. See <http://umdearborn.edu/696973/> for details