

Social Studies

College of Liberal Arts
Department of History
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B.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

Although this degree is available to any interested student, the social studies interdisciplinary B.A. degree was developed especially for students who plan to become social studies teachers in secondary schools (grades 7–12). It is strongly recommend that you work closely with an advisor in both your major field and the UAF School of Education (474-7341) in planning your undergraduate degree requirements.

Beginning spring 2006, all students who apply to the UAF School of Education post-baccalaureate secondary licensure program who wish to teach any of the social studies subject areas (Alaska Native studies, anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, sociology or social studies) will be required to have a broad background in a variety of social studies subjects in addition to the specific major they are pursuing. The social studies interdisciplinary major, or a double major in one of the above subject areas plus the social studies major, may be a good option for those students. With careful planning, you should find that you can complete a double major within, or close to, 120 credit hours.

MAJOR—B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 106. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete ANTH 100X/SOX 100X, HIST 100X and ECON/PS 100X. As part of the core curriculum requirements, the following courses are recommended: GEOG 205X, PS 300X or PHIL 322X or NRM 303X.).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 109).
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements.*
 - a. ANS/ANTH 242—Native Cultures of Alaska 3
 - b. Two courses in U.S. History (pre- and post-civil war and at least one at the upper division level) 6 **
 - c. History elective, non-U.S. (in addition to HIST 100X) 3**
 - d. HIST 461W—History of Alaska 3
 - e. GEOG 205—Elements of Physical Geography (requirement is waived if GEOG 205X is taken as part of the core) 3
 - f. GEOG 101—World Regional Geography 3
 - g. GEOG 339—Map and Landscape Analysis (preferred course) (3) 3 or 4
or GEOG 309—Cartography (4)
or GEOG 338/NRM 338—Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3)
or GEOG 427—Geography of Cold Lands (3)
or GEOG 302—Geography of Alaska 3 or 4
 - h. PSY 101—Introduction to Psychology 3
 - i. ED/PSY 245—Child Development (preferred) (3)
or PSY 240—Lifespan Developmental Psychology (3) 3
 - j. SOC/ED 345—Sociology of Education 3
 - k. SOC 350—Childhood and Society 3
 - l. PS 101—Introduction to American Government and Politics 3
 - m. ECON 200—Principles of Economics 4

- n. Complete at least one elective from each of the four categories listed below.**

Political Science elective (minimum 3 credits)

Comparative Politics or International Politics elective 3
See Political Science BA degree requirements for list of electives in these two areas. Note: Several of these electives also satisfy Global Connections elective or Civics Ideals and Practices elective.

Science, Technology and Society Elective (minimum 3 credits)

ANTH 428—Ecological Anthropology.....	3
ECON 434W—Environmental Economics	3
GEOG 401—Weather and Climate	4
GEOG/NRM 463—Wilderness Concepts.....	3
GEOG 402—Resources and Environment	3
HIST 306—Europe 1850–1900	3
HIST 401—Renaissance and Reformation Europe.....	3
NRM 303X—Environmental Ethics and Actions	3
NRM 304O—Perspectives in Natural Resources Management.....	3
PHIL 382—Science and Technological Limits	3
PS 456— Science, Technology and Politics.....	3
PS 415 - Contemporary Political Theory	3

Note: This elective is waived if NRM 303X is taken as part of the core.

Global Connections elective (minimum 3 credits)

ANTH 111—Ancient Civilizations	3
ANTH 215—Fundamentals of Social/Cultural Anthropology	3
ECON 463W—International Economics	3
ECON 439W—Energy Economics	3
HIST 316—Europe since 1945	3
HIST 364—History of the U.S. 1945 to present	3
HIST 451—History of U.S. Foreign Policy	3
GEOG 404W—Urban Geography	3
GEOG 405—Political Geography	3
NRM 304O—Perspectives in Natural Resources Management	3
PS 202—Democracy and Global Society	3
PS 321—International Politics	3
PS 322—International Law and Organization	3
PS 323—Issues of International Political Economy	3
PS 437—American Foreign Policy	3
PS 455—Political Economy of the Global Environment	3
PS 452—International Relations of the North	3
PS 454—International Law and the Environment	3
PS 455—Political Economy of the Global Environment	3
PS/ANS 450—Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies	3

Civic Ideals and Practices elective (minimum 3 credits)

ANTH 404—Social Organization II	3
ECON 350—Money and Banking	3
ECON 351—Public Finance	3
ECON 409W—Industrial Organization and Public Policies	3
ECON 420W—Labor Markets and Public Policy	3
ECON 439W—Energy Economics	3
HIST 361—Early American History	3
HIST 305—Europe 1789-1850	3
PS 315—American Political Thought	3
PS 302—Congress and Public Policy	3
PS 435W—Constitutional Law I: Institutions and Governmental Powers.....	3
PS 436W—Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.....	3
PS/ANS 425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives	3
PS412W—Modern Political Theory	3
PS 314W—Political Ideologies	3
PS 303—Politics and the Judicial Process	3
PS 403W—Public Policy	3

4. Additional major requirements*—**:

- a. Complete an area of at least 18 credits in one of the following subjects: Alaska Native studies, anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, or sociology (courses from all major requirements, electives, and the core may be included in the concentration. See UAF catalog for requirements for a minor if you wish to count these courses toward a minor). ***

- b. Complete a minimum of 6 credits for Capstone experience in the selected subject area (see list of choices below).

Alaska Native studies concentration:

ANS 401—Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders (3)
and upper division ANS elective (3) 6

Anthropology:

ANTH 215—Fundamentals of Social/Cultural Anthropology (3)
and ANTH 411O—Senior Seminar in Anthropology (3)
and ANTH 400-level elective (3) 9

Economics:

Econ 321—Intermediate Microeconomics (3)
and upper division Economics elective (3) 6

Geography:

GEOG 482W,O—Geography Seminar (3)
and GEOG 408—Quantitative Research Techniques (3) 6

History:

HIST 475W—Historiography (3)
and HIST476W,O—Senior Seminar in History (3) 6

Political Science:

PS 222—Political Science Research Methods (3)
and PS 492—Senior Seminar in Political Science (3) 6

Psychology:

PSY 275—Introduction to Social Science Research Methods (3)
or SOC/PSY 250—Introductory Statistics for Behavioral
Sciences 3
and at least one of the following:
PSY 485—Senior Seminar in Psychology (3)
or PSY 475—Research Design and Analysis in Psychology (3)
or PSY/SOC 480—Qualitative Social Science Research (3) 3

Sociology:

SOC/PSY 250—Introductory Statistics for Behavioral Sciences 3
and at least one of the following:
SOC 473W—Social Science Research Methods (3)
or SOC 402—Theories of Sociology (3)
or PSY/SOC 480—Qualitative Social Science Research (3) 3

5. Minimum credits required 120

Note: Courses for the major can also be used as Social Science electives for the BA degree requirements.

** Students must earn a C grade or better in each course in the major.*

*** Courses may be used to satisfy more than one requirement of the Social Studies major.*

**** Courses used for the Social Studies major may also be applied to a major(s) and/or a minor(s) in any of the following subject areas: Alaska Native Studies, Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology.*

Note: Page numbers refer to the UAF 2004-2005 academic catalog, which can be viewed online at www.uaf.edu/catalog/.

General University Requirements

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

COMMUNICATIONS (9)

Complete the following:

ENGL 111X (3) _____
ENGL 211X OR 213X (3) _____
COMM 131X OR 141X (3) _____

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SKILLS (0-1)

Complete the following:

LS 100X OR 101X (0-1) _____
OR Successful completion of library skills competency test.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete either the following six courses:

ANTH 100X OR SOC 100X (3) _____
ECON/PS 100X (3) _____
HIST 100X (3) _____
ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X OR ANS 202X (3) _____
ENGL/FL 200X (3) _____
PHIL 322X, NRM 303X, COMM 300X,
PS 300X OR JUST 300X (3) _____

OR Complete 12 cr from the above list PLUS two semester-length courses in a single non-English or Alaska Native language at the university level OR three semester-length courses (9 cr) in American Sign Language.

MATHEMATICS (3-4)

Complete 3-4 credits from the following:

MATH 107X (3) _____
OR MATH 131X (except for BBA) (3) _____
OR MATH 161X (3) _____
MATH 200X (4) _____
MATH 201X (4) _____
MATH 202X (4) _____
MATH 262X (4) _____
MATH 272X (3) _____

NOTE: Additional 3 cr of math needed for degree requirements.

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete 8 credits from the following:

ATM 101X (4) _____
BIOL 103X OR 104X (4) _____
BIOL 105X-106X (8) _____
BIOL 111X-112X (8) _____
CHEM 100X (4) _____
CHEM 103X-104X (8) _____
CHEM 105X-106X (8) _____
GEOG 205X (4) _____
GEOS 100X OR 120X OR 125X (4) _____
GEOS 101X-112X (8) _____
MSL 111X (4) _____
PHYS 102X OR 175X (4) _____
PHYS 103X-104X (8) _____
PHYS 211X-212X (8) _____
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