

West Texas A&M University

Advising Services

Degree Checklist

2025-2026

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Name: _____ WT ID: _____ Date: _____

Social Studies (Grades 7-12) Certification (Social Sciences B.A./B.S.)	
Department of Education (OM-415) (651-2909)	
Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) May be either depending on option selected; see the "Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees" section of the Catalog.	
Major: Social Sciences	BS.SOC.STU/SCI.EDS
Major Codes: 848	
***** A grade of "C" or better and a 2.75 overall GPA (WT and transfer) is required. *****	
University Core Curriculum Requirements (42 hours)	Semester Credit Hours
Core 10 - Communication (3 hours from ENGL options) • ENGL 1301 or ENGL 1311	3
Core 10 - Communication (3 hours from COMM options) • COMM 1315; COMM 1318; or COMM 1321	3
Core 20 - Mathematics (3 hours) • MATH 1314; MATH 1316; MATH 1324; MATH 1325; MATH 1332**; MATH 1342**; MATH 1350**; MATH 2412; or MATH 2413 (4th hour from 4-hour course moves to Core 90.)	3
Core 30 - Life and Physical Sciences (6 hours) • ANSC 1319; BIOL 1308 or BIOL 1406; BIOL 1309 or BIOL 1407; BIOL 1411; BIOL 1413; CHEM 1305 or CHEM 1411; CHEM 1412; ENVR 1407; GEOL 1301 or GEOL 1403; GEOL 1302; GEOL 1404; PHYS 1311; PHYS 1312; PHYS 1371; PHYS 1401; PHYS 1402; PHYS 2425; PHYS 2426; PSES 1301 or PSES 1307 (Cannot receive University Core credit for both BIOL 1308 and BIOL 1406; or for both BIOL 1309 and BIOL 1407; or for both CHEM 1305 and CHEM 1411; or for both GEOL 1301 and GEOL 1403. CHEM 1305 does not count as a prerequisite for CHEM 1412.) (4th hour from 4-hour courses move to Core 90.)	3
Core 40 - Language, Philosophy and Culture (3 hours) • See Major-Specific University Core Requirements below	
Core 50 - Creative Arts (3 hours) • ARTS 1301; ARTS 1303; ARTS 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306; MUSI 1307; MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310	3
Core 60 - American History (3 of 6 hours) • HIST 1301; HIST 1302; HIST 2301 ; HIST 2381; or HIST 2382 (HIST 2301 satisfied in Major-Specific University Core Requirements below)	3
Core 70 - Government / Political Science (6 hours) • POSC 2305 and POSC 2306	3
Core 80 - Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours) • See Major-Specific University Core Requirements below	

<p>Core 90 - Component Area Option (3 of 6 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGRI 2300; BUSI 1301; BUSI 1304; CIDM 1105; CIDM 1301 or CIDM 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; EDUC 1300; ENGL 1101; ENGL 1102; ENGL 1302; ENGL 1312; ENGL 2311; HSCI 2300; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours); PHIL 2303; or SES 1120 <p>See Major-Specific University Core Requirements below for remaining 3 hours.</p> <p>(Cannot receive credit for both CIDM 1301 and CIDM 1315 for Core 90.) (ENGL 1101 and ENGL 1102 cannot count for English B.A. requirement.) (4th hours from 4-hour courses in Cores 20 and 30 may be used in this section.)</p>	3	
Social Sciences Major Requirements (90 hours)		
Major-Specific University Core Requirements (12 hours)		
The following courses are required for their specific Core areas <u>instead of</u> the courses listed above in the general University Core Curriculum. ***** C or better and 2.75 combined GPA for Major-Specific University Core and Teaching Field Requirements. *****		
<p>Core 40 - Language, Philosophy and Culture (3 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIST 2311 - Western Civilization or HIST 2323 - Eastern Civilization or HIST 2372 - World History and Cultures in Perspective 	3	
<p>Core 60 - American History (3 of 6 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIST 2301 - Texas History Survey 	3	
<p>Core 80 - Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECON 2301 - Principles of Macroeconomics 	3	
<p>Core 90 - Component Area Option (3 of 6 hours)</p> <p>Students are encouraged to take one of the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EDUC 1300 - Principles of Effective Learning or another University Core 90 equivalent 	3	
Professional Development Requirements (27 hours)		
***** C or better and 2.75 GPA in Professional Development Requirements. *****		
EPSY 3341 - Educational Psychology	3	
EPSY 3350 - Children with Special Needs	3	
EPSY 4341 - Educator Readiness and Performance	3	
EDRD 4386 - Secondary Reading in the Content Area	3	
EDPD 4330 - Educational Methodology and Diverse Learners	3	
EDPD 4340 - Classroom Management	3	
EDPD 4348 - Data-Informed Instruction and Assessment	3	
EDPD 4398 - Clinical Teaching - All Certificate Areas	3	
EDSE 4341 - Clinical Teaching - Secondary	3	
Social Studies Teaching Field Requirements (45 hours)		
***** C or better and 2.75 combined GPA for Major-Specific University Core and Teaching Field Requirements. *****		
History (12 hours)		
HIST 2302 - The Historian's Craft: Writing and Historiography	3	

Three hours (not taken in Core) from: HIST 2311 - Western Civilization HIST 2323 - Eastern Civilization HIST 2372 - World History and Cultures in Perspective HIST 3306 - History for Teachers HIST 3315 - Byzantium and Beyond: Europe from the Periphery HIST 3370 - The Classical World: Greco-Roman History to AD 300 HIST 3371 - Modern East Asia, 1600 to Present	3
History Electives - Six hours (not taken above) from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIST elective (3000-4000 level) • HIST elective (3000-4000 level) 	6
Economics (6 hours)	
ECON 2302 - Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON elective (3000-4000 level)	3
Geography, Psychology and Sociology (9 hours)	
GEOG 3302 - United States and Canada or GEOG 3308 - Environment and Man	3
PSYC elective (any level)	3
SOCI elective (any level)	3
Political Science (18 hours)	
POSC 2304 - Introduction to Political Science	3
POSC 4333 - American Constitutional Development or POSC 4335 - American Constitutional Limitations	3
Three hours from: POSC 3365 - Political Thought POSC 4367 - American Political Thought and Development POSC 4368 - Topics in Political Theory	3
Three hours from: POSC 3301 - The American Presidency POSC 3303 - US Congress POSC 3305 - Judicial Politics and Process POSC 3312 - Political Parties and Interest Groups POSC 4381 - Politics of North America	3
Three hours from: POSC 3311 - Public Opinion POSC 3313 - Campaigns and Elections POSC 3315 - Religion and Politics POSC 3317 - Women and Politics POSC 4370 - International Relations POSC 4371 - American Foreign Policy	3
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B.A./B.S. Requirements (6 hours)	
Complete the requirements for your specific degree.	
B.A. Degree In addition to the core curriculum, a minimum of 6 hours as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least six hours of foreign language, and or B.S. Degree In addition to the core curriculum, a minimum of 6 hours as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics, and natural sciences. 	6 or 6
Total hours required to complete degree: 120 hours Depending on transfer credits and other substitutions/waivers, student may need to take additional electives as needed to total a minimum of 120 hours or the minimum total hours required for this degree, of which at least 36 must be advanced (3000/4000 level) and earned at WTAMU.	
Prerequisites Some courses may require prerequisites. See the University Catalog for more information.	
** MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 While MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 will fulfill core math requirements, they will NOT prepare students for higher-level math courses such as Plane Trigonometry (MATH 1316) or Pre-Calculus (MATH 2412).	
Additional Information Credit for HIST 2301 with a grade of "C" or better is required for certification. Portfolio: All students majoring in social sciences must complete a portfolio consisting of essays and research papers written for the various disciplines of the program as well as a reflective essay. The portfolio of work is due to the Social Sciences program director before the completion of the final semester of study. A student must submit a portfolio to be cleared to graduate.	
Advising Notes	
NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. All undergraduate students must request an official degree plan from their academic dean's office by the time they have completed 30 credit hours. In addition, this document is used as an advising resource. For official information, please refer to the University Catalog.	