

West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2026-2027

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NAME: _____ **WT ID:** _____ **DATE:** _____

Social Studies (Grades 7-12) Certification
Department of Education
OM 415 (806) 651-2668

Bachelor of Science Degree
Major: Social Sciences (TExES Exams: 160 & 232)
BS.SOC.STU/SCI.EDS (848)

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS		HRS
Communication (Core 10)		
ENGL 1301 Intro. To Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
Mathematics (Core 20)		
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*, 1342*, 1350*, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Core 90)	3	
NOTE: While MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 will fulfill core math requirements, they will NOT prepare students for higher-level math courses such as MATH 1316 or MATH 2412.		
Life and Physical Sciences (Core 30)		
Take two courses from (extra lab hours move to Core 90): ♦ ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1308, 1407* or 1309*, 1411, 1413, 2401, 2402; CHEM 1305* or 1411*, 1412*; ENVR 1407*; GEOL 1301 or 1403, 1302, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1311, 1312, 1371, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307 - BIOL 1406, 1407, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1411, 1412; GEOL 1403, 1404; PHYS 1401, 1402, 2425, 2426: 4 th hr. moves to Core 90	6	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Core 40)		
See University Core Requirements below	(3)	
Creative Arts (Core 50)		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307 (for music majors), 1310; or THRE 1310	3	Choose 1
American History (Core 60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2304, 2381, 2382	3	Choose 1 of 2
Government/Political Science (Core 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)		
See University Core Requirements below	(3)	
Component Area Option (Core 90)		
Take six hours from: • EDUC 1300 (recommended for 3 of 6 hours); AGRI 2300; BUSI 1301, 1304; CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2344*; HNRS 2171; HSCI 2300; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours); PHIL 2303; SES 1120	6	
Also, extra 4 th -hour credits from Core 20 and Core 30 (MATH, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, PHYS)		
SOCIAL STUDIES (GRADES 7-12) TEACHING FIELD REQUIREMENTS: 54 HOURS A grade of "C" or better and a combined 2.75 GPA is required for this section.		
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 9 HOURS ♦		
CORE 40		
HIST 2311 Western Civilization HIST 2323 Eastern Civilization HIST 2372 World History and Cultures in Perspective	3	
CORE 60		
HIST 2301 Texas History	3	
CORE 80		
ECON 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics	3	
TEACHING FIELD REQUIREMENTS: 45 HOURS		
ECONOMICS		
ECON 2302 Principles of Microeconomics	3	
ADVANCED ECON ELECTIVE	3	
GEOGRAPHY, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY		
GEOG 3302 United States and Canada OR GEOG/GESC 3308 Environment and Man	3	
ANY-LEVEL PSYC ELECTIVES (two courses)	6	

HISTORY		HRS
HIST 2302 Historian's Craft: Writing and Historiography	3	
Take three hours (not taken in Core) from the following:		
HIST 2311 Western Civilization HIST 2323 Eastern Civilization HIST 2372 World History and Cultures in Perspective HIST 3306* History for Teachers HIST 3315 Byzantium & Beyond: Europe from the Periphery HIST 3370 Classical World: Greco-Roman History to AD 300 HIST 3371 Modern East Asia, 1600 to Present	3	
ADVANCED HIST ELECTIVES (two courses)	6	
POLITICAL SCIENCE		
POSC 2304 Introduction to Political Science	3	
Take three hours from the following:		
POSC 3301, 3303, 3305, 3312, or 4381*	3	
Take three hours from the following:		
POSC 3301 The American Presidency POSC 3303 US Congress POSC 3305 Judicial Politics and Process POSC 3311 Public Opinion POSC 3312 Political Parties and Interest Groups POSC 3313 Campaigns and Elections POSC 3315 Religion and Politics POSC 3317 Women and Politics POSC 4333 American Constitutional Development POSC 4335 American Constitutional Limitations POSC 4370 International Relations POSC 4371 American Foreign Policy POSC 4381* Politics of North America	3	
Take three hours from the following:		
POSC 3311, 3313, 3315, 3317, 4370, or 4371	3	
Take three hours from the following:		
POSC 3365 Political Thought POSC 4367 American Political Thought & Development POSC 4368* Topics in Political Theory	3	
Take three hours from the following:		
POSC 4333 or 4335	3	
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS: 27 HOURS A grade of "C" or better and a combined 2.75 GPA is required for this section.		
EPSY 3341* Educational Psychology	3	
EPSY 4341* Educator Readiness & Performance	3	
EPSY 3350 Children with Special Needs	3	
EDPD 4330* Educational Methodology & Diverse Learners	3	
EDPD 4340* Classroom Management	3	
EDPD 4348 Data-Informed Instruction & Assessment	3	
EDRD 4386 Secondary Reading in the Content Area	3	
EDSE 4341* Clinical Teaching – Secondary	3	
EDPD 4398* Clinical Teaching – All Certificate Areas	3	
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS OPTION		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics, and natural sciences.	6	
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE		120

* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.

** Or an equivalent course (second year, second semester) in a foreign language.

NOTE: Transfer and WT GPA combined must be 2.75.

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.

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Year 1: Fall		Year 1: Spring	
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	3	CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 60 (Amer. Hist.) – HIST 2301 Texas History Survey	3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – EDUC 1300	3	CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2306	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 2: Fall		Year 2: Spring	
CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – HIST 2311, 2323 or 2372	3	EPSY 3341 Educational Psychology ²	3
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305	3	ECON 2302 Principles of Microeconomics	3
CORE 80 (Soc. & Behav. Sci.) – ECON 2301 Princ. of Macroecon.	3	GEOG 3302 U.S. and Canada or GEOG 3308 Envir. & Man	3
CORE 90 (Comp. Area Opt.) – See checklist for options ¹	3	HIST 2311, 2323, 2372, 3306, 3315, 3370 or 3371	3
POSC 2304 Introduction to Political Science	3	PSYC Elective	3
B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Apply to EPP (Educator Preparation Program)	0		
Total:	18	Total:	18
Year 3: Fall		Year 3: Spring	
EDPD 4330 Educational Methodology & Diverse Learners	3	EDRD 4386 Secondary Reading in the Content Area	3
EPSY 3350 Children with Special Needs (summer also)	3	POSC 3301, 3303, 3305, 3312 or 4381	3
HIST 2302 Historian’s Craft: Writing & Historiography	3	POSC 3311, 3313, 3315, 3317, 4370 or 4371	3
Advanced History Elective (HIST 3306 preferred)	3	POSC 4333 or 4335	3
Advanced Economics Elective (3000- or 4000-level)	3	SOCI Elective	3
POSC 3365, 4367 or 4368	3		
Total:	18	Total:	15
Year 4: Fall		Year 4: Spring	
EDPD 4340 Classroom Management	3	EDPD 4398 Clinical Teaching – All Certificate Areas	3
EDPD 4348 Data-Informed Instr. & Assmt. (summer also)	3	EDSE 4341 Clinical Teaching – Secondary	3
EPSY 4341 Educator Readiness and Performance	3		
Advanced History Elective	3		
POSC course (not taken above) from: POSC 3301, 3303, 3305, 3311, 3312, 3313, 3315, 3317, 4333, 4335, 4370, 4371 or 4381	3		
Total:	15	Total:	6

¹ **CORE:** Social Studies 7-12 Certification majors are required to take specific courses for Core 40, Core 60, and Core 80. For all other categories, they may select from any available options (see degree checklist). Apart from the major-specific core requirements, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

² **Requirements to take EPSY 3341:** Apply to the Educator Preparation Program; application submitted to Office of Teacher Preparation (Old Main 415); 2.75 GPA in overall WT/transfer hours combined or last 60 hours taken; 2.75 GPA in content field(s)/teaching field(s).

Identified Marketable Skills	Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities
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Additional notes:

- The core curriculum must total exactly 42 hours; excess hours must be moved to the major as an elective or a major requirement and stay within the 120-hour requirement or approved total submitted to the Coordinating Board for degree requirements. Some majors specify particular courses to meet core curriculum requirements when options are available.
- At least 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (RELI) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.

DISCLAIMER: This curriculum guide should be used in conjunction with the corresponding degree checklist for general planning purposes only. The degree checklist (later a student’s official degree plan) should be referred to as the comprehensive list of all courses required for the degree. An official degree plan is required after completing 30 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.