

# Social Science

## Major

## Teaching Certification Option

	MAJOR	TEACHING CERT. OPTION
Hours required in Social Sciences:	60-61	63-64
Hours required in other fields:	6	45.5
<b>Total Hours Required:</b>	<b>66-67</b>	<b>108.5-109.5</b>

## Summary of Requirements for Major in Social Science

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- A major in Social Science requires a minimum of 66 hours; you cannot minor in Social Science.
- Completion of the Social Science major (Teaching Certification Option) is required for approved program teacher certification in secondary social studies.
- Only courses in which you earn a grade of C or better will count towards satisfaction of major requirements in the Social Science Teaching Certification Option.
- + indicates a variation in requirements for the Teaching Certification Option.

### 1. Introductory Level Courses: (36 hours)

#### Economics (6 hours)

ECON 201 Principles of Economics (Macro) (GEP Group D)  
or ECON 211 Honors: Principles of Macroeconomics (GEP Group D)  
ECON 202 Principles of Economics (Micro)  
or ECON 212 Honors: Principles of Microeconomics

#### Geography (6 hours)

GEOG 104 Human Geography (GEP Group D or F)  
or GEOG 114 Honors Human Geography (GEP Group D or F)  
or GEOG 110 World Regional Geography: Cultural Diversity (GEP Group D or F)  
GEOG 301 Geography of North America  
or GEOG 302 Geography of Maryland

#### History (6 hours)+

Select one of the following sequences:  
HIST 103, 104 History of the United States  
or HIST 113, 114 World History

#### Political Science (6 hours)

POSC 110 Introduction to American Politics (GEP Group D)  
or POSC 112 Honors Introduction to American Politics (GEP Group D)  
POSC 113 Introduction to World Politics (GEP Group D)  
or POSC 114 Honors Introduction to World Politics (GEP Group D)  
or POSC 131 Introduction to Comparative Politics (GEP Group D or F)

#### Psychology (6 hours)

PSYC 150 General Psychology (GEP Group D)  
or PSYC 151 Honors General Psychology (GEP Group D)  
and one from among:  
PSYC 210 Child Development  
PSYC 212 Adolescence and Adulthood  
PSYC 220 Psychology of Women (GEP Group F)

#### Sociology (6 hours)

SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology (GEP Group D)  
or SOCI 111 Honors Introduction to Sociology (GEP Group D)  
and 1 from among:  
SOCI 200 Social Problems  
SOCI 224 Cultural Anthropology (GEP Group F)  
SOCI 305 Racial and Cultural Minorities (GEP Group F)  
SOCI 306 Sociology of African Americans  
(NOTE: Students interested in pursuing secondary social studies certification at either the undergraduate or master's level should choose SOCI 224, SOCI 305, or SOCI 306.)

### 2. Tracks: (18 hours)

Select 2 of the following departmental patterns.

#### Economics (9 hours)

Select from:  
ECON 300 History of Economic Thought  
ECON 303 American Economic History

ECON 306 Money and Banking  
ECON 307 Government, Business and Public Policy  
ECON 309 Comparative Economic Systems  
ECON 351 Intermediate Macroeconomics  
ECON 352 Intermediate Microeconomics  
ECON 400 International Trade  
ECON 401 International Finance  
ECON 405 Economics of Developing Countries  
ECON 407 Business Cycles and Forecasting  
ECON 408 Urban and Regional Economics  
ECON 490 Special Topics in Economics

#### Geography (9 hours)

Select one course from each group:

- GEOG 300 Economic Geography  
or GEOG 407 Political Geography  
or GEOG 410 Locational Analysis  
or GEOG 425 Geography of Transportation  
or GEOG 427 Geography of Languages and Religion (GEP Group F)
- GEOG 320 Geography of Latin America  
or GEOG 401 Geography of Europe  
or GEOG 402 Geography of Russia & the Former Republics  
or GEOG 403 Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa
- GEOG 324 Urban Geography: Internal City Patterns  
or GEOG 325 Urban Geography: Metropolitan Systems

#### History (9 hours)+

Select from 300- or 400-level history courses.

#### Political Science (9 hours)

Select one course from each of the three groups:

- POSC 352 Interest Groups  
POSC 361 Public Opinion and Political Behavior  
POSC 362 Political Parties and Elections  
POSC 363 Media and Politics  
POSC 365 Women and Politics  
POSC 462 Personality and Politics
- POSC 330 Politics of Africa  
POSC 331 Politics of Latin America  
POSC 332 Politics of Middle East  
POSC 333 Politics of Europe  
POSC 341 International Organization  
POSC 342 Foreign Policy of the United States  
POSC 431 Russian Politics
- POSC 321 American State and Local Politics  
POSC 323 Public Administration  
POSC 324 Criminal Justice Systems  
POSC 421 American Legislative Politics  
POSC 422 American Constitutional Law I  
POSC 423 American Constitutional Law II  
POSC 427 The American Presidency

#### Psychology (9-10 hours)

Select one course each from three of the four groups:

- PSYC 210 Child Development  
or PSYC 212 Adolescence and Adulthood
- Selection may not duplicate introductory courses.

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- b. PSYC 213 Psychology of Adjustment  
or PSYC 301 Research Methods II  
or PSYC 303 Psychology of Marriage
- c. PSYC 418 Social Psychology
- d. PSYC 414 Theories of Personality  
or PSYC 417 Psychology of Abnormal Behavior

**Sociology (9 hours)**

Select one course from each of the three groups if either SOCI 305 or SOCI 224 is taken to satisfy Part I of requirements. If neither SOCI 305 nor SOCI 224 was taken to satisfy Part I of major requirements, choose either SOCI 305 *Racial and Cultural Minorities (GEP Group F)* or SOCI 224 *Cultural Anthropology (GEP Group F)* and select two additional courses, one each from two of the following groups. In either case, selections may not duplicate choices made to meet other major requirements.

**a. Social Institutions and Structures**

- SOCI 305 Racial and Cultural Minorities (GEP Group F)
- SOCI 362 Sociology of Religion
- SOCI 364 Marriage and Family Relationships
- SOCI 366 Social Inequality
- SOCI 367 Sociology of Medicine
- SOCI 436 Social Aspects of Mass Communication

**b. Social Behavior**

- SOCI 203 Sociology of Deviant Behavior
- SOCI 306 Sociology of African Americans
- SOCI 332 Collective Behavior
- SOCI 334 Gender and Social Life
- SOCI 340 Criminology

- SOCI 442 Juvenile Delinquency
- SOCI 468 Sociology of Later Life

**c. Community and Society**

- SOCI 224 Cultural Anthropology (GEP Group F)
- SOCI 322 Social Demography
- SOCI 325 Community Analysis
- SOCI 326 Sociology of Rural Life
- SOCI 328 Sociology of Urban Life

**3. Research Methods+ (3-4 hours)**

Choose one of the following from a department selected as a track above:

- ECON 450 Quantitative Economics
- GEOG 380 Geographic Research Methods and Field Techniques
- HIST 299 Writing and Research in History
- POSC 250 Research Methods
- PSYC 300 Research Methods I
- SOCI 311 Basic Research Methods

**4. Social Science Seminar (3 hours)**

- SOSC 490 Topics in Social Science (Capstone)

**5. Other required courses (6 hours)**

- CMST 102 Introduction to Human Communication\*
- COSC 100 Introduction to Computer Science\*+  
(Tech. Fluency)

\*Note: you must receive a grade of C or better for this course to count toward major.

## Summary of Requirements for Major in Social Science – Teaching Certification Option+

If you want to earn teaching certification in social studies, you must complete the Social Science major described above with the following variations in requirements (footnoted with a + in the major description):

**1. Introductory Level Courses: (42 hours)**

As above, except:

**History (12 hours)**

Both of the following sequences:

- HIST 103, 104 History of the United States
- HIST 113, 114 World History

**2. Tracks and 3. Research Methods: (18-19 hours)**

Select 2 of the departmental patterns. Include a research methods course as a substitute for any one course in one selected track. See the list of research methods courses in **3. Research Methods** in the description of the major above.

**History (9 hours)**

Three 300- or 400-level history courses. At least one of the courses must be non-western (e.g., Asian, African, Middle Eastern).

**3. Other required courses:**

- COSC 100 Introduction to Computer Science (Tech. Fluency)  
or EDUC 346, 447, 448 Education Technology Labs I-III (Tech. Fluency)

## Summary of Requirements for Teaching Certification Option in Social Studies

If you wish to complete a Maryland State approved program in teaching Social Studies, you must:

- Complete the BA/BS in Social Science - Teaching Certification Option.
- Meet the phase admissions requirements summarized in the Educational Professions section.
- Complete the professional education sequence described in Education: Secondary School Programs or
- Complete the M.A.T. - Secondary Education program described in the Graduate Catalog, following the completion of the bachelor's degree.

Students who plan to apply for the M.A.T. Secondary Program must complete both the United States (103-4) and World History (113-114) sequences and all other requirements in the Summary of requirements for major in social science.