



DIVISION OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

— FOUR-YEAR PLAN —

ABOUT

The Social Studies Education program at SNU prepares students for Oklahoma teacher certification for grades 5-12. Social Studies graduates most often go on to teach American History, but the program also prepares students to teach World History, American Government, Geography, Economics, Psychology, and Sociology. The Social Studies Education program provides students with the content knowledge they will need and the skills and dispositions necessary to be an effective teacher. Starting their first year at SNU, Social Studies majors complete observation hours and mentoring in local schools, spending time with current teachers and students in diverse classroom settings. In a student's final semester, they are immersed in our student teacher experience and will work alongside highly qualified teachers in both a middle school and a high school setting.



DEGREE PLAN

***The courses listed are for this specific program and are in addition to the general education courses required for all students. See the reverse side or go to snu.edu/gen-ed for more information on those courses.*

YEAR 1

US History I
US History II
Intro to Education Teaching Lab
Sociology

YEAR 2

World Civilizations I
Historical Methods
Foundations of Education
World Regional Geography
Introduction to Politics
Developmental Psychology

YEAR 3

Economics
Two History Electives
Educational Psychology
Oklahoma History
Middle School Curriculum and Design

YEAR 4

History Elective
Professional Decision Making
Methods of Teaching Social Studies
Survey of Exceptional Child
Characteristics of the Exceptional Child
Student Teaching - Middle School (5-8)
Student Teaching - High School (9-12)



GENERAL EDUCATION

General Education forms the foundation of every student's academic journey at SNU. As a Christian liberal arts university, we are committed to equipping students with the knowledge, values, and skills essential for their development as both thoughtful Christians and engaged community leaders. Our General Education curriculum is intentionally designed to be both comprehensive and flexible—allowing students to pursue their individual interests while ensuring they graduate prepared for lifelong learning, service, and growth.

The General Education program consists of approximately 51 credit hours that introduce and develop important skills such as the:

- Importance of thinking critically and solving problems
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Appreciation of human creativity
- Importance of science and technology in the 21st century
- Power of social responsibility in our community
- Awareness of global diversity
- Role of our Christian faith in daily life

Students take at least one foundational course and one upper-level windows course in each of these areas.

Central to SNU's mission is the engagement of students in transformational learning experiences designed to explore what it means to seek truth together with a Christ-centered community of scholars.

YEAR 1

- Composition I & Composition II
- Introduction to Speech
- A foundation course in Social Responsibility
- A foundation course in Science & Technology
- Christian Faith & Life

YEAR 2

- Modern World
- Aesthetics
- A foundation course in Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Old Testament or New Testament Literature & Life

YEAR 3

- A windows course in Social Responsibility
- A windows course in Effective Communication
- A windows course in Science & Technology
- A windows course in Critical Thinking & Problem Solving

YEAR 4

- A windows course in Global Perspectives
- A windows course in Artistic Expression
- Foundations of Christian Belief