

**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES**

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Mission

The Department of Social and Cultural Studies offers graduate programs leading the Master of Science Degree in Secondary Education Social Studies concentration and the Specialist in Secondary Education Social Science concentration. The Department has a mission to prepare responsive educators to work with learners of all ages and diverse cultures. The major focus of the Social Science Program is providing students the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values needed to participate in the civic life of their local communities, nation and the world. Additionally, the program prepares curriculum developers and Ethnic Study Specialists ready to work in diverse fields.

Objectives

The following objectives are offered as major aims of the programs:

1. To train prospective social studies secondary teachers.
2. To provide a liberal education, enabling students to enter many fields of work, especially in urban centers, as contributing professionals.
3. To prepare students in ethnic studies, enabling them to become curriculum and instruction specialists.
4. To prepare in-service secondary teachers for renewal of their teaching certificates.
5. To expose students throughout the University to basic social skills and concepts.
6. To develop understanding and use of the basic technological processes and resources useful in information retrieval.
7. To serve as facilitators for the total process of growing and learning.
8. To locate, interpret and apply research pertinent to social, cultural, and educational problems.
9. To investigate and analyze the dynamic relationship between schooling, education, diverse cultures and societies with interpretive, normative, critical and comparative theory and methods.
10. To derive the greatest benefit from classroom experiences as prepared prospective teachers skilled in the techniques of instruction.

**Master of Science Degree in
Secondary Education
Social Studies Concentration**

Admission Requirements

Prospective students must satisfy the requirements for admission to the Division of Graduate Studies. The Department of Social and Cultural Studies requires the submission of a statement of purpose.

Students may apply for the Fall, Spring and Summer sessions. In order to apply for the Master's Program, students are required to have all of the following submitted according to the deadlines of the Division of Graduate Studies.

1. A bachelor's degree with cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Conditional admission is available for applicants with a grade point average between 2.50 and 2.99.
2. Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Scores, taken within the past five years.
3. Class A teaching certificate.
4. Three letters of recommendation.
5. Statement of purpose.

Transfer of Credit

A maximum of nine (9) semester hours with a grade of "B" or above may be transferred.

Degree Requirements

Core Courses

EDFL 511	History and Philosophy of Education	
	<i>or</i>	
PSY 566	Advanced Educational Psychology	3
EDFL 514	Elementary Statistics	3
EDFL 515	Methods of Educational Research	3
EDFL 568	Curriculum Methods	3
	<i>Hours</i>	12

Concentration Courses

SS 500	Philosophies of Social Studies	3
SS 591	Models of Teaching	3
	Cognate in one field: Geography, History, Sociology, Economics, Political Science, or Social Science	12
	<i>Hours</i>	18

Electives

Depending on degree option, (A, B, or C)	0-6
	36

Option A. Thirty (30) semester hours of coursework plus a thesis. Student must enroll in EDAD 590 for six (6) semester hours, or

Option B. Thirty-three (33) semester hours of coursework plus a project. Student must enroll in EDAD 590 for three (3) semester hours, or

Option C. Thirty six (36) semester hours of coursework selected in consultation with the student's advisor.

Examination

A comprehensive examination is required of all master's degree candidates.

