

EDUCATION MAJOR: SOCIAL STUDIES
ST. OLAF COLLEGE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
(For Students Entering St. Olaf Fall 2025 and After)

Social Studies Teacher Candidates Must:

1. Meet all Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) Pedagogy and Content Standards.
2. Have a major in Social Studies Education.

HISTORY

___ History 199: American History Since 1865 (**GHS, PAR**) (Spring)

Complete one from the following:

- ___ History 191: Colonialism and Europe 1492-Present (**GHS**) (Spring)
___ History 195: Global: 1500-Present (**GHS**) (Fall)
___ Quest 217 Enduring Questions: Explorers, Rationalists, Revolutionaries (**GHS, WAC**)
___ Quest 218 Enduring Questions: Critics, Dreamers, Radicals (**CRE, ERC**)

Complete one from the following:

___ Level II History Area Course on Africa, Asia, or Latin America

ECONOMICS (1 course)

___ Economics 121: Principles of Economics (**OCR, SCS**)

GEOGRAPHY (1 course)

___ ID 234: Human Geography (**GHS, SCS**) (Fall)

POLITICAL SCIENCE (1 course)

___ Political Science 111: American Politics (**PAR, SCS**)

PSYCHOLOGY (1 course)

___ Psychology 125: Principles of Psychology (**SCS**)

SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY (1 course)

Complete one from the following:

- ___ Sociology/Anthropology 128: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (**SCS**)
Open to first-year students only
___ Sociology/Anthropology 264: Race and Class in American Culture (**SCS, PAR**) (Fall)

EDUCATION (2 courses)

- ___ Education 295: Foundations of Education (Fall)
___ Education 365: Social Studies Methods (Spring)

CRITICAL GLOBAL/ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES ELECTIVE (1 course) One course exploring the physical environment and the ways in which humans interact with the natural world. New courses offered can meet these requirements. The student should meet with the Director of Social Studies Education for approval if the elective course is not on this list)

- ___ Biology 261: Ecological Principles (**NTS**)
___ BI/ES 226: Conservation Biology
___ BI/ES 228: Environmental Health
___ Chemistry 124: A Matter of Environment with Lab
___ Economics 242: Environmental Economics
___ English 276: Literature and the Environment
___ Environmental Studies 137: Introduction to Environmental Studies
___ Environmental Studies 232: Environmental Policy and Regulation (**SCS**)
___ Environmental Studies 233: Environmental Justice (**ERC, PAR**)
___ Environmental Studies 245: Global Climate Change
___ ES/PS 201: Topics in Global Environmental Politics
___ ES/PS 276: Environmental Politics (**SCS**)
___ Philosophy 257: Environmental Ethics (**ERC**)
___ Religion 234: Ecospirituality Learning from Place (**RFV, WAC**)
___ Religion 241: Ecology, Justice and the Christian Tradition (**CTD**)

RACE & ETHNIC STUDIES In alignment with Minnesota Ethnic Studies legislation, candidates for licensure will take two courses emphasizing the exploration of identity, resistance and ways of knowing/methodologies in the field of Ethnic Studies.

Complete one from the following: (New courses offered can meet these requirements if they meet the MN definition of ethnic studies: the interdisciplinary study of race, ethnicity, and indigeneity with a focus on the experiences and perspectives of people of color within and beyond the United States. Ethnic studies analyzes the ways in which race and racism have been and continue to be social, cultural, and political forces, and the connection of race to the stratification of other groups, including stratification based on protected class status. The student should meet with the Director of Social Studies Education for approval if the elective course is not on this list)

- ___ Africa and the Americas 231: The Diaspora Experience (**GHS, PAR**)
- ___ Economics 200: Economics of Race and Gender
- ___ Education 346: Ethics of Refugee and Immigrant Ed (**ERC**)
- ___ English 204: South Asian Literature
- ___ English 205: American Racial and Multicultural Literature (**PAR**)
- ___ Music 237: Local and Global Musicking (**CRE, GHS**)
- ___ Philosophy 255: Race and Social Justice (**ERC, PAR**)
- ___ Political Science 244: Race and American Politics (**PAR**)
- ___ Political Science 252: Politics and Development
- ___ Psychology 254: Culture and Place in Psychology *offered periodically*
- ___ Race 121: Introduction to Race and Ethnic Studies (**CRE, PAR**) (counts as elective for non-licensure students)
- ___ Race 250: Topical Seminar in Race and Ethnic Studies (**CRE, PAR**)
- ___ Religion 246: Islam-Religion and Community (**GHS, RFV**)
- ___ Religion 248: Judaism *check Class and Lab for availability*
- ___ Religion 256: Religions of China, Korea and Japan (**GHS, RFV**)
- ___ Religion 267: African American Religious Thought in the 20th Century (**CTD, PAR**)
- ___ Religion 289: Buddhism, Peace and Justice (**ERC**)
- ___ Social Work 221: Social Work and Social Welfare (**GHS, WAC**)
- ___ Sociology/Anthropology 236: A Sociology of the Arab World *check Class and Lab for availability*
- ___ Sociology/Anthropology 261: Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective (**PAR,SCS**)
- ___ Sociology/Anthropology 262: Global Interdependence (**GHS, SCS**)
- ___ Sociology/Anthropology 264: Race and Class in America (**PAR, SCS**) (if not taken for the SOAN requirement)
- ___ Race Matters Conversation Program (Race Matters 110: First-Year Seminar (**FYS**) & Race Matters 130: Writing and Rhetoric (**WRR**))

12 Courses required for major

Additional content requirement for Licensure (2 courses) 2.00

- ___ History 198: American History to 1865 (**GHS, PAR**) (Fall)
- ___ Race 121: Introduction to Race and Ethnic Studies (**CRE, PAR**)
Recommended first- or sophomore year

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR LICENSE

	Course Credit
___ Education 231: Understanding Substance Abuse	0.00
___ Education 295: Foundations of Education (Fall)	1.00
___ Education 330: Planning, Instruction and Assessment (Spring)	1.00
___ Education 330: Lab (Spring)	0.00
___ Education 340: Differentiating Instruction (Fall)	1.00
___ Education 365: Teaching of Social Studies (Spring)	1.00
___ Education 374: Reading in the Content Area	0.50
___ Education 381: Senior Seminar	0.50
___ Education 382: Human Relations	0.00
___ Education 389: Student Teaching	3.00

One J-Term Course 1.00

- ___ Education 378: Multicultural Education in Hawaii (offered in even years) (**OEP, PAR**)
- ___ Education 379: Urban Education Practicum and Seminar (**OEP, PAR**)

9 additional credits beyond the major required for social studies licensure