

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

<u>PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR LICENSE</u>	<u>Course Credit</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Education 231: Understanding Substance Abuse	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Education 295: Foundations of Education (Fall)	1.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Education 330: Planning, Instruction and Assessment (Spring)	1.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Education 330: Lab (Spring)	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Education 340: Differentiating Instruction (Fall)	1.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Education 365: Teaching of Social Studies (Spring)	1.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Education 374: Reading in the Content Area (Fall)	0.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Education 381: Senior Seminar	0.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Education 382: Human Relations	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 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