

B.A. IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION 5-12

The B.A. in Social Studies Education 5–12 (<https://www.bethel.edu/undergrad/academics/history/majors-minors/social-studies>) prepares students for a career teaching history, government, and other social studies classes at the middle- or high-school level. It combines coursework in history and social sciences with pedagogical training from the Department of Education (<https://www.bethel.edu/undergrad/academics/education/>), concluding with a student teaching experience in an area school. Students often add a second major in history or one of the social sciences. Advanced study in a second language or a minor in gender studies are also good fits for students preparing to teach grades 5–12. If students would rather work with younger students, they can major in elementary education and add a licensure in social studies (5–8).

Code	Title	Credits
Major in Social Studies Education 5-12 (B.A.)		
ANT 200	Introduction to Anthropology	2
ECO 202	Principles of Microeconomics	2
ECO 203	Principles of Macroeconomics	2
GEO 120	Introduction to Geography	4
HIS 200L	History of the United States	4
HIS 290	Introduction to History	2
HIS 320K	History and the Human Environment	4
POS 100	American Politics and Government	4
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology I	2
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	4
Electives from 200 level or above, at least 12 credits of which must be 300-level or above, half from two or more of the eight disciplines listed above		20
EDU 200 & EDU 201	Introduction to Education and Introduction to Education Field Experience	4
EDU 203	School Health and Drugs	2
EDU 220	Introduction to Middle Level Education	3
EDU 276 & EDU 241	Educational Psychology and Educational Psychology Field Experience ²	5
EDU 317GZ	Educational Equity	4
EDU 320 & EDU 321	Pedagogy and the Young Adolescent Learner and Integrated Literacy in the Content Areas	3
EDU 418 & EDU 419	Methods in Teaching 9-12 Social Studies and 5-8 Social Studies Methods and Field Experience	4
EDU 492 & EDU 495	Student Teaching Grades K-12 and 5-12 and Student Teaching Seminar: K-12 and 5-12 Education Students ¹	14
Code	Title	Credits
Major		89
General Education *		36-44
Total Credits		125-133

¹ In order to meet requirements for endorsements and dual majors this number is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor.

² EDU 272 is a corequisite for these courses.

* Courses whose number is followed by a letter fulfill a General Education requirement.

For admittance to the education program with a major in Social Studies Education 5-12, students must have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.00. To continue in the program, students must maintain an overall grade point average of 3.00. To be approved for student teaching in Social Studies Education 5-12, students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.00, both overall and in their major coursework.

Students must earn a grade of a C or better in all education courses and each content area course (ANT, ECO, GEO, HIS, POS, PSY, and SOC) listed above in the major. Courses with grades of a C- or lower must be repeated.

Students with a 5-12 licensure in Social Studies Education may choose one or more Middle Level Endorsement. See endorsement area listing under Major in Elementary Education with Middle Level Endorsement in the Education section of this catalog.