

# 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
<b>Major in Social Studies Education 5-12 (B.A.)</b>		
ANT 200U	Introduction to Anthropology	3
ECO 202	Principles of Microeconomics	2
ECO 203	Principles of Macroeconomics	2
GEO 120	Introduction to Geography	3
HIS 290	Introduction to History	3
HIS 320K	History and the Human Environment	3
POS 100	American Politics and Government	3
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Choose one of the following courses:		3-4
GES 246	Humanities IV: Modern and Contemporary Western Culture <sup>2</sup>	
HIS 200L	History of the United States	
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		21
EDU 200	Introduction to Education	3
EDU 201	Introduction to Education Field Experience	1
EDU 203	School Health and Drugs	2
EDU 220	Introduction to Middle Level Education	3
EDU 240	Educational Psychology	3
EDU 241	Educational Psychology Field Experience	1
EDU 317GZ	Educational Equity	4
EDU 320	Pedagogy and the Young Adolescent Learner	1
EDU 321	Integrated Literacy in the Content Areas	1
EDU 418	Methods in Teaching 9-12 Social Studies	2
EDU 419	5-8 Social Studies Methods and Field Experience	2
EDU 490	Student Teaching Block <sup>1</sup>	14

Code	Title	Credits
Major		86-87
General Education		40-41
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>127</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> GES 145, GES 147, and GES 244 are prerequisites for this course.

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 GPA of 3.00. To be approved for student teaching in Social Studies 5-12, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.00, both overall and in their major coursework.

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

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